



Debra M. O'Leary

July 2, 1963 - February 18, 2026

On February 18th, Debra MacDonald O'Leary passed and suddenly the world is a colder place. Deb was born and raised in Hamden, graduating from Sacred Heart Academy and Stonehill College. Deb worked for the family business, The MacDonald Companies, for over 30 years before her illness.

Deb leaves behind her loving husband, Brian and her dog, Roscoe. She was loved by brothers Jay (Jeanne), Bob (Joanne), Kevin (Marilyn) and Billy, sisters Caryl (Michael) Reilly, Susan Gendron, Nancy (Rick) Leddy and Kathy (Marshall) Richards, 29 nieces and nephews and their spouses who blessed her with 50 great- nieces and nephews all of whom she loved dearly. She knew and acknowledged every birthday! Deb always put family first. She loved deeply and with intentionality. She loved the beach in Madison and the lake in Holland, MA where a lifetime of memories were made. Adventurous, smart and joyous, Deb never turned down an invitation for fun! We will miss her profoundly. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Complete Care Meriden, especially Liz, Taino, Monica and Corey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 - 7 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers, spend time with a loved one in Deb's honor. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave
PO Box 185066
Hamden, CT 06518

Funeral Mass

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Bob & Karen Skowronski purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



Bob & Karen Skowronski - February 25 at 12:52 PM

BS

“ Bob & Karen Skowronski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra M. O'Leary.

Bob & Karen Skowronski - February 25 at 12:52 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. She was truly lovely.

mary Ann consiglio - February 25 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ The Brassard Family purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



The Brassard Family - February 25 at 07:54 AM

AT

“ Andy Thalhuber purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



Andy Thalhuber - February 25 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



February 24 at 06:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra M. O'Leary.

February 24 at 06:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



February 24 at 03:50 PM

LM

“ Love, Uncle Marty, Maura & Mike purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Debra M. O'Leary.



Love, Uncle Marty, Maura & Mike - February 24 at 12:59 PM

LM

“ Love, Uncle Marty, Maura & Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra M. O'Leary.

Love, Uncle Marty, Maura & Mike - February 24 at 12:59 PM

LM

“ Brian, the world lost a beautiful soul. I know Deb will forever live on in your heart and the hearts of others.

Lizze McGarrity - February 23 at 05:09 PM

DB

“ Brian so sorry.

David Belowsky - February 23 at 04:17 AM

MO

“ Deb MacDonald O’Leary was a woman without guile or agenda. She was inclusive, loving and had a laugh we will never forget. Her love for others was completely genuine and you felt the warmth and caring. A pure soul who left this earth far to soon and we will miss her.

M.E. O’Leary - February 22 at 10:05 AM

SP

Couldn’t have said it better. ❤️

S. Paggioli - February 26 at 02:56 PM

TD

“ My sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to Deb’s family. I was fortunate to have met Deb at the very beginning of our time at Stonehill College. Many of my fondest and happiest memories from my years there include Debbie. In addition to being hilarious, she was beautiful both inside and out, always kind, thoughtful and a true & faithful friend. The great pride that Deb took in her family was evident as she shared many wonderful and often very funny stories about her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. I can vividly remember sitting in Deb’s dorm room talking while we listened to music or going on excursions into Boston, Connecticut or elsewhere in her much loved sky blue car. May Deb’s memory be a blessing to all who love her. Rest in peace and power, my dear friend. Until we meet again...
Terri (Murphy) Duffy

Terri Duffy - February 21 at 09:20 PM

JV

“ Jeanne MacDonald Verner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debra M. O’Leary.



Jeanne MacDonald Verner - February 21 at 07:08 PM

TZ

“ Our deepest sympathy in the unspeakable loss of your dear Deb. We will remember her bright smile and sweet manner as she would walk Roscoe past our condo and enjoy the flowers and Chipmunk Camp. Your love and devotion toward Deb was unmistakable and truly heartwarming to witness. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Jack and Terry Zolnik

Terry Zolnik - February 20 at 10:04 PM