



## Frances Q. Grindell

October 30, 1938 - March 14, 2015

Frances Quinlan Grindell age 76, died at Arden Courts Manor Care Health Services on March 14, 2015. Frances passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends after a two year battle with the effects of advanced Alzheimer's and related stroke injury.

Born October 30, 1938 in New Haven, CT to Frank and Thelma Quinlan, she attended East Haven High School and graduated in 1956, Boston University graduating in 1960 with a BA in nursing and Southern Connecticut State University in 1993 with a Master . On May 6, 1961 she married Francis K. Grindell.

She resided in Hamden and worked at Yale New Haven Hospital until retiring in 2004. She returned to Yale working as an educator for the Nursing Education program conducting PCA training until her stroke in April of 2013. Frances will be especially remembered for her passion as an educator, caregiver, mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her.

Survivors include her son Mark (Joan) Grindell of Hamden, daughter Beth Ann (William) Spargo of Coventry and grandchildren Emily and Aleah Grindell of Hamden. Her sister, Mary Quinlan of East Haven.

Funeral Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Mount Carmel Congregational Church, 3284 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Burial to follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden.

Memorial contributions are welcome at Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter,

2075 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Thanks to Dr. Matthew Schrag of YNHH, staff at Arden Courts and the team from Hospice Care for their help and support. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbr others.com](http://www.siskbr others.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mount Carmel Congregational Church  
3284 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I am so sad to hear of Frans passing. Fran was in nursing education when i began my first job at the age of 21. She was the one I would call when I needed help with a procedure I was unfamiliar with. It was always a relief to see her kind face when she walked in the door. She had a way of just calming down a situation. I don't think I know anyone calmer or kinder. I know she has a special place in heaven

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**margaret ricciardi** - March 23, 2015 at 10:19 PM

MA

“ And when you stop and think about it  
You won't believe it's true.  
That all the love you've been giving  
Has all been meant for you.

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**Mark** - March 22, 2015 at 10:31 PM

BP

“ My colleague in Nursing Education - Fran always saw the best in everyone and wanted each and every student to succeed not only at work but in life. I will always smile at remembering how she could pull a document at a moments notice from the avalanche of papers in her office! Always caring and compassionate- she will be missed but more importantly remembered by many. Barbara Phelan

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**barbara phelan** - March 20, 2015 at 11:42 AM

RS

“ Rob Callahan (760 Hill St) lit a candle in memory of Frances Q. Grindell



Rob Callahan (760 Hill St) - March 20, 2015 at 05:39 AM

KG

“ Fran and I were office mates for many years when I was a fellow member of Nursing Education. She was was always gracious and kind. I still have on my bathroom door her gift to me when I moved to Maryland in 1987. The gift was a cross stitch that read "The Necessary". Fortunately, when I was in CT in 2013, I was able to spend some time with her at Arden House. Her passing is a loss to humanity.

*My condolences to her family.*

Kelsie Gatison-Mattox - March 19, 2015 at 08:59 PM

PP

“ Peter P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Frances Q. Grindell.



Peter P. - March 19, 2015 at 07:15 PM

PP

“ Peter Paris sent a virtual gift in memory of Frances Q. Grindell



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**Peter Paris** - March 19, 2015 at 06:06 PM

LK

“ Lois And Bud Kudzma lit a candle in memory of Frances Q. Grindell



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**Lois and Bud Kudzma** - March 19, 2015 at 03:43 PM

LF

“ Linda Francesconi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frances Q. Grindell.



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**Linda Francesconi** - March 19, 2015 at 06:49 AM

RM

“ I have fond memories of Fran. She was one of my Avon customers back in the day when I sold the products, But most recently, she welcomed me into the bereavement group at the Church of the Ascension five years ago after I lost my dear husband, and I would bring materials to the monthly meetings to be shared bu us all. As a neighbor on Hill Street, she will be missed.

Rose Mentone  
541 Hill Street  
Hamden

Rose Mentone - March 18, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Q. Grindell.



March 18, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..." was purchased for the family of Frances Q. Grindell.



March 18, 2015 at 01:03 PM

MP

“ *Frances, fondly known to me as Fran, What can I say. You will surely be missed. As I drink my daily cup of coffee I will think of you. That was one of our favorite things to do. I haven't know you as long as most, but the time we spent together will always be in my heart. For the Family, no one can prepare you for a loss, but take comfort in knowing that she is resting in the arms of our Lord. My deepest condolences to you all.*

*Much Love,  
Mabel Perry  
Arden Courts of Hamden*

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**Mabel Perry** - March 18, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Frances Q. Grindell.*



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March 17, 2015 at 10:28 PM

LW

“ *Laurie W lit a candle in memory of Frances Q. Grindell*



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**Laurie W** - March 17, 2015 at 05:16 PM

CB

“ Fran you were a great teacher who so full of wisdom and take the time explain anything you needed to know. I am so glad to have known you. You will be missed. My prayers I send out to the family Fran.

*Crystal Batson-Jones*

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**Crystal Batson-Jones** - March 17, 2015 at 04:46 PM

KP

“ Fran was a wonderful educator. She was a terrific teacher, a good sport, and a role model that taught all of us the value of each person. I will always remember Fran pounding away on the CPR mannequin. For a little lady, she packed a lot of power. Fran was a good, kind person. This world will miss her because there aren't a lot of them

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**Kirsten Pedersen** - March 17, 2015 at 03:54 PM

LR

“ The best neighbor anyone could ever have....porch light on....her door was always open for a wayward teenager,,sometimes even a window, but thats another story. Countless bicycle rides, hikes, birthday parties, singing carols to my grand parents, sledding on the golf course, and i mean sledding, more like ice racing,,, to picking me up hitchhiking in days of debauchery, and never spilling the beans on us, .....(Santas head in mailbox, frat meetings in screen house etc.) Mrs. Grindell was a giver.....I am very lucky to have crossed paths in my life with such a woman. Heres to Franny! A true Hill Person,,,,,,,,,,,,,they dont make em like this anymore.

*Buddy Robinson Jr.*

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**Leland Robinson** - March 17, 2015 at 08:52 AM

RoRi  
Gavoli

“ *Rich and I have many good memories of Fran and her sweet family. We will miss you lovely lady. Love always, Rich & Rosie*



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**RoRi Gavoli** - March 16, 2015 at 10:18 PM

DK

“ *Fran attended my yoga classes in Woodbridge for many years. I was always moved by her optimism and dedication to her work, her grandchildren, gardening, and to yoga! We had many wonderful conversations before or after class. In everything she did, she always tried to do her very best! I know she will be missed, and am so grateful to have known her and her caring spirit. I am sorry not to be able to attend the services on Friday. May you, her family, find peace in the memory of her loving life Diane King*

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**Diane King** - March 16, 2015 at 07:26 PM


LL

“ *My Frannie, My Saint - how fortunate I am to have had you in my life for so many years. I and so many have benefited by your goodness, kindness, loyalty and willingness to always help to make the world a better place. You will be missed but your legacy of being a saint lives on. Love you My Frannie! Lucy*



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**Lucy LaCava** - March 16, 2015 at 06:19 PM



RoRi  
Gavoli

“ *Fran I always enjoyed being in your company and I remember stitching embroidery with you at Orange picnics! I love you my always friend!*

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**RoRi Gavoli** - March 16, 2015 at 04:21 PM