



## Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway

September 22, 1941 - September 8, 2024

On September 8, 2024, Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway of Hamden, CT passed away peacefully surrounded by her three children. Hilly was the wife of the late David Conway, and loving mother of Kate (DiChello) Davies (Richard) of Fairfield, CT, Meg (DiChello) Manning of Hamden, and John DiChello, Jr., Esq. (Joanna Wapner) of Philadelphia, PA. She was the stepmother of David Conway, Jr. of Wakefield, RI, Peter Conway (Sarah) of Hamden, Christopher Conway (Cheryl) of Hamden, and Alicia Lachi (David) of Newport, RI, as well as sister to Anne Fleming of Branford, CT, Peter Fleming of Milwaukee, WI, and Deirdre Day of Prospect, CT. She also was survived by her cherished grandchildren, Michael, Jack, and Shannon Manning, Madison and Jake Davies, Tanner, Haley, Hunter, and Trevor Conway, and Liam and Dylan Lachi. Hilly was born in Bridgeport, CT on September 22, 1941 and was the daughter of the late Dr. John Troy Fleming and Hilda Murphy Shanley and stepdaughter of U.S. Rep. James A. Shanley. Hilly was a graduate of the Hopkins School and Dunbarton College of Holy Cross in Washington, D.C. She dedicated her life educating countless children and adults - first as an English teacher at St. Mary's High School in New Haven, CT as well as Syosset High School in Syosset, NY, then as Director of Sylvan Learning in Hamden, and up until her passing, as a teacher at West Woods School, where she was awarded the "Hamden Hero" honor in 2022 for her commitment and dedication to her work. She also provided private tutoring to a multitude of students of all ages over the course of decades. She was passionate about

helping others and inspired the love of learning in her many students. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10 a.m. at St. Rita Church in Hamden, CT, (friends are asked to go directly to Church) with a burial ceremony immediately following at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven, CT. Calling hours are Friday, September 13, 2024 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, located at 3105 Whitney Avenue in Hamden. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com).

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.  
North Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Peter and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.

**Peter and Sarah** - September 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Louis A. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



**Louis A.** - September 11, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ Louis A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.

**Louis A.** - September 11, 2024 at 09:36 PM

TF

“ With our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mom. I have fond memories of Hilly when the girls played softball. I always think of her when I pass the house on Shepard. May she rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord.



The Russo Family - September 11, 2024 at 07:36 PM

SF

“ Kate, it is with great sadness that I send my condolences to you and your family. Your mom was one terrific lady. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Susan Fineman - September 11, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 11, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LI

“ Love Susie, Austin, Chase, Isabella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.

Love Susie, Austin, Chase, Isabella - September 11, 2024 at 12:46 PM

YC

“ Your brother in Christ, Orlando Castro purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



Your brother in Christ, Orlando Castro - September 11, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 10, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PR

“ Such a great lady! She will be missed ❤️

Paula Robinson - September 10, 2024 at 04:43 PM

EC

“ Edward and Betty Conway purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



Edward and Betty Conway - September 10, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SM

“ I had met Hilly when I worked at west woods elementary school and when I heard she was tutoring I quickly asked if she would tutor my son Ryan . She tutored Ryan through his elementary and middle school years and they quickly bonded . She always made her self available when there was a test to study or a huge assignment with Ryan’s busy schedule and hers she always made it work even if it was on a weekend . She was one of the warmest , kindest, nurturing women we had ever met . Ryan and I always loved and adored her . She will forever have a place in our heart .  
Sandy , Gary and Ryan Murphy

sandy murphy - September 10, 2024 at 02:36 PM

PR

“ I had the good fortune to have known Hilly and Dave for many years. Very sorry to hear of her passing.

Paul Raffile - September 10, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 10, 2024 at 01:28 PM

BG

“ Bill & Megan Giaquinto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.

Bill & Megan Giaquinto - September 10, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 10, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.



September 10, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ With Love, Lynn La Croix & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hildegarde "Hilly" Conway.

With Love, Lynn La Croix & Family - September 10, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ My condolences to the Conway Family! I will miss my dear friend Hilly I have many great memories. RIP my friend love you 💙

Carol Twohill - September 09, 2024 at 05:40 PM

SD

“ I was so honored to get know your mom. She was vibrant, strong, and carried such a positive zest for life. You all can find comfort in all the beautiful memories shared with her in this life and carry her beautiful attributes within each of you forever. May you find peace and comfort knowing she will always be with you❤️

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**Susan DeGregory** - September 09, 2024 at 04:54 PM