



## Jeanne Roche Whalen

August 30, 1933 - March 28, 2026

In Middletown March 28, 2026 Jeanne Roche Whalen 92, of Chester, formerly of New Haven. Wife of the late Francis Whalen. She is survived by a son Brian Vitelli and 3 grandchildren Sean, Kenneth and Brendan. She was predeceased by a daughter Diana O'Brien, a brother James Roche and a sister Juliette Ewart. Jeanne was born in New Haven August 30, 1933, daughter of the late James and Juliette Nutley Roche. Prior to her retirement she worked as a teacher for many years with the New Haven Public Schools and Gateway Community College. Funeral mass will be held on Friday April 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette Church, 385 Townsend Avenue, New Haven CT 06512. Burial will be private.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette Church  
385 Townsend Ave.  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ To the family. Today my heart is very sad because I just found out today that my good friend had passed away on March 28th, and I did not know until now. You have my deepest condolences. I worked with Jean for over 20 years at Gateway. She was one of the greatest A&P teacher that I have ever known. She was very close to me, my sister and family. She will truly be missed by all who knew her and she will always have a very special place in my heart.

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**Michelle Fraser** - June 06 at 09:57 PM

FR

“ Thank you Jeanne, you were the best teacher that I ever had, I don't understand why UNH and the University of Sacred Heart fired you, and why Gateway forced you into retirement, I didn't mind the drama and fights...it was fun and I learned alot...and wasn't your fault...I was getting F's in all my classes and you were the only one to give me an A , so I thank you and rest in peace and I am a nurse now and only had one incident and his death wasn't my fault and I will continue to praise Jesus and the fact that you are a a Franciscan,rest in peace and I hope that you will find your husband Frank in the afterlife and you can both have peace thank you for everything

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**Frank** - April 23 at 09:23 PM

SG

“ Jean was the best teacher I ever had... I am an older woman and Jean would always call on me in class, saying I was very smart and she enjoyed me being in her class to learn more...She taught me so much about many things and she had a heart of gold. May she rest in eternal peace...Condolences to her family.



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**Sharyn L. Grant** - April 10 at 04:57 PM

TS

“ The CT Irish American Historical Society purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeanne Roche Whalen.



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**The CT Irish American Historical Society** - April 07 at 06:06 PM