



## John "Sean" Scollan

July 20, 1925 - July 29, 2014

John "Sean" Scollan, son of Leitrim and beloved husband of the late Peggy Brady passed away at CT Hospice on July 29, 2014 at the age of 89.

Sean is survived by his six children: Connie Murphy and husband Daniel of Hamden, Margie Maher and husband Dick of County Meath, Ireland, Mo Scollan and husband Peter Dick of Austin TX, Sean Scollan and wife Eilish of Cheshire, Sheila Scollan of Winston-Salem, NC and Kevin Scollan and wife Nicole Keane of Boston, MA. Also, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Sean was born the 20th of July 1925 in the townland of Cornagun in the Parish of Fenagh, Co. Leitrim, Ireland.

Sean traveled to the USA in January 1948, as many young Irish did, to find a new life for his family. Sean landed his first two jobs with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and Winchester Repeating Arms. In later years he worked for the New Haven Board and Carton and then co-owned the Bishop Gate Bar and Grill.

Sean helped organize the New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club and was the first Vice-President in 1949. Sean served as President in '55, '56, '57 and '64. Again in '02, '03 and '04 and served as the club's permittee for four

years.

In 2004 the NHGF&H club honored Sean as “Irish Man of the Year” and in 2012 he was honored at the Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade Ball. Sean’s mother, the late Anna Gallogly Scollan of Drumrane Ireland, made all the original sashes for the New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 1956.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Burial in Ireland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the IACC Youth Football, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512 or Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford CT 06405.

For directions and online condolence book, please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *RIP Sean. We pray for you every day. Jane and Honoria*

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**Jane Beirne Mcguire** - July 23, 2020 at 09:40 AM

AR

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Scollan family. It was always a pleasure to meet Sean on his excursions to Leitrim, doing his house calls and catching up on how everyone was getting on. Ar dheis De go raibh a aham.*

*Anselm and Cerenna Reynolds, Foxfield.*

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**Anselm Reynolds** - July 31, 2014 at 05:52 PM

LT

“ *I am away and can't make it back, but when my sons played futbol at the club it was always a comfort and something to look forward to that Sean would be at the game, no matter where in the country the game was. He was a tough grader of futbol play but his support made a difference. He will be missed.*

*Lee Kennedy Tiernan*

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**Lee Kennedy Tiernan** - July 31, 2014 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Scollan family at this sad time. He will be missed by many and the club will seem empty without him there. Rest in Peace Sean.*

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**Catherine Mackey** - July 31, 2014 at 03:50 PM

NL

“*Connie Murphy and the entire Scollan Family- My sincere condolences on the passing of Sean. He was the quintessential Irish gentleman who could melt your heart with that smile. Many times when we went to the IACC, to sing or to an event, he would be there and we always hugged and shared a welcome. Connie, I have known your Father for over 15 years but never knew he was your Dad. He was so proud of his family, but the fact that you were his daughter never clicked with me. He was so like my Dad, strong yet gentle and proud. He will be missed. Take comfort in your memories and the honor of being his daughter. God Bless, Nettie Lees*

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**Nettie Lees** - July 31, 2014 at 09:37 AM

SS

“*I met Mr. Scollan at Lillian's wedding. He commented that he liked the country music she'd picked. I said to him, "Lilly sure does look beautiful today". He turned to me and with a huge smile on his face, said in a quiet voice, "She really does. It's a good day". It was nice to be next to someone who was experiencing real joy and happiness. Just drinking in the moment. Those words and his smile are what I will remember most about him.*

*We are thinking about you Mo and all your family. Folks down in Tejas will be with you tomorrow in spirit when your dads service happens. Just wanted you to know you are not alone. Love you.  
Sheila*

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**sheila stricker** - July 31, 2014 at 09:08 AM

MR

“*Although Peggy will be glad to have you home, your comforting presence and kindness to all will be sorely missed at the club. Until we meet again.*

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**Maureen Rynne** - July 30, 2014 at 02:23 PM

SC

“ A beautiful Life has come to an end, Sean died as he lived , everyone's friend.Fond memories of his time spent around Ballinamore Textiles. Cousin Al Blessing has lost another good friend. Had a nice meeting with them both in 1999, when the O'Neill School of Dancing visited U.S.A. Our thoughts and prayers are with The Scollan Family. Sarah F. Conefrey, and Family. Aughavas.

Sarah F Conefrey - July 30, 2014 at 07:39 AM

 Christine Mulligan

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathies to Sean's family. I was fortunate to get to know Sean at the Saturday evening masses at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I always enjoyed talking with him and he was always very kind to me. I will miss seeing him at mass.

Christine Mulligan

Christine Mulligan - July 30, 2014 at 07:14 AM

GB

“ So glad we had the chance to meet again and share some time very recently. Fond memories of watching him in his prime playing football in Gaelic Park, New York. He was a powerful footballer who must have been an inspiration to the young people whom he tutored. May he rest in peace. Brother in Law Sean Brady & wife Adrienne

Glenn Brady - July 30, 2014 at 07:11 AM



“ Rip Sean our deepest sympathy to all the family Andrew Geraldine O Rourke Ballinamore

Geraldine O Rourke - July 30, 2014 at 05:35 AM

GB

“ Deepest sympathies to all the Scollans. Sean will be fondly remembered. RIP. From his Nephew Glenn and Camille

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**Glenn Brady** - July 29, 2014 at 08:47 PM

PG

“ During this time of mourning the Gaffney's extend their fond memories of Sean to show their appreciation of his life lived. He has joined his bride and the boys of the New Haven Football and Hurling Club for many more dances and games.

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**patrick gaffney** - July 29, 2014 at 05:17 PM

MM

“ RIP Sean. Glad to have known him and shared many chats over the years. Sympathy to all of the family. Glad to have met with Margie and Mo recently. From Margaret and Philip McTeigue, Aughnasheelin.

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**Margaret McTeigue** - July 29, 2014 at 04:47 PM

BT

“ Sincerest sympathies to the entire Scollan family from Cross Creek Country Club in Mount Airy, NC. May everyone who is traveling far to celebrate Mr. Scollan's life receive a safe return home.

*Sincerely,*

*Cross Creek Country Club Staff*

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**Brian Tuttle** - July 29, 2014 at 03:21 PM

DG

“ Sincere sympathy to the Scollan family at this sad time. May his soul rest in peace, from Dan Gallogly and all in Drumrane.

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**Dan Gallogly** - July 29, 2014 at 03:17 PM

DB

“ God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come with me" With tearful eyes we watched you and saw u pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he takes... ONLY the best.

To the Scollan Family~

Sean's BIG heart, smile and pure devotion to the footballers on and off the field will be truly missed by all in the Irish and Gaelic Football communities.

May you now Rest in a Peace Sean.

~Enda & Liam Cox and Donna Borzillo

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**Donna Borzillo** - July 29, 2014 at 01:31 PM

MM

“ Our condolences to the Scollan family on this sad occassion. My late father Pakie worked with Sean on the railway and was the same age. I hope he is up there now with his old buddies and having the craic as they only knew how to.

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**Marie McGovern** - July 29, 2014 at 01:20 PM

MM

“ RIP

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**Marie McGovern** - July 29, 2014 at 01:17 PM

CO

“ *Rip Sean. From the coneFREYS, mahana*

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**coneFREYS** - July 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM

MS

*RIP Sean. May your gentle soul rest in piece, you were a true gentleman and we were privileged to know you. Seamus & Mary Mc Grath,*

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**Mc Grath Bearing Supplies** - July 31, 2014 at 04:46 PM