



Kathleen M. O'Donovan

February 16, 1940 - November 21, 2024

Kathleen M. (Scott) O'Donovan, 84, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2024 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Kathleen was born in Killimor, Co. Galway, Ireland on February 16, 1940, daughter of the late Martin and Agnes Scott. She immigrated to Hartford, CT in 1967 and was employed by the Hartford Life Insurance Company. In 1971, Kathleen married the love of her life, John, which began a lifelong partnership and mutual devotion that everyone admired. Devoted Catholics, Kathleen and John settled in Hamden and dove headfirst into practicing the Gospel day in and day out. A calming, witty and kind presence in every situation, Kathleen was an active member of the Irish American Community Center and New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club. She was a longtime member of the Gaelic Players and graced the stage for many productions over the years. Kathleen was also a longtime member and past president of the Pioneers of the Sacred Heart. A faithful companion and leader in her own right, Kathleen always took the time to chat with friends over a cup of tea and a slice of bread. Her encouraging and peaceful words always hit the right tone. Kathleen is survived by her brother Noel and his wife Eileen of Galway, her sister-in-law Eileen Scott of California and by several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 52 years, John, and brothers Valentine and Joseph Scott.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 26 at 11 am at St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hamden.

Those unable to attend may watch a livestream of the Mass at www.hamdenatholic.org/live. There will be no calling hours and friends and family are asked to go directly to the church. Friends and family of Kathleen's would like to express their gratitude for the care, support and prayers generously provided during Kathleen's last few years of life. In lieu of flowers and if desired, please send donations to the IACC, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed talking to Kathleen. She was a kind person and devoted. I met her at Deacon wives events. Monica Sartor

Monica Sartor - December 08, 2024 at 09:33 PM

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“ In seventy-two years, I have never described a person "dearest" until Kathleen. It was simply the best description of who she was. While her husband John and I were in seminary thirty-four years ago, my wife was pregnant with who we hoped would be a son. Praying on the way to work one day, I received the name "Samuel" which was confirmation and a biblically appropriate name for anyone praying for one. Kathleen and the other wives of the seminarians believed in faith with us and, in accord with Kathleen's directive, they gave a shower for my wife. Everything was blue. (We elected not inquire about the baby's gender beforehand.) True to form, the Lord answered our prayer and He came through with him. Kathleen was a strong encourager to my wife whether it pertained to her book writing or her watercolors. She was a delight to converse with and my wife looked forward to Deacon Wife Luncheons where she could spend time with her. She was an outstanding wife to my late brother Deacon in every way. She was also a pillar of devotion and holiness as a parishioner of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church. She was a Church "ambassador" and a VIP.

Dcn Ron Gurr

Dcn Ron Gurr - November 24, 2024 at 02:39 PM

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“ *Kathleen, you will be missed so much. So witty and kind. Always a good word to all you met and you made the best Irish soda bread ever. RIP and be reunited with John.* ❤️

Donna Dumelin - November 24, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Kathleen had a great sense of humor and always had a smile on her face. God Bless hee. RIP*

Elizabeth Ann McCaffrey - November 23, 2024 at 04:48 PM