



Mary DelloStritto

April 25, 1942 - December 18, 2014

Mary (Hartnett) DelloStritto of Windham, Maine, and a former 63 year resident of Connecticut, passed away peacefully at home with her family on December 18.

Mary was born on April 25, 1942 in Hamden, the daughter of the late Joseph and Rita Hartnett, and the sister of the late Robert Hartnett. She graduated from Hamden High School in 1960, received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Connecticut in 1964, and a master's degree in education from Southern Connecticut State University in 1985.

Mary married John DelloStritto fifty years ago on June 20, 1964. They lived in North Branford for 40 years before moving to Maine in 2005. John and Mary have three children, Kate (Mike) Schoenle of Plymouth, Michigan, Jill (Miguel) Velazquez of Yarmouth, Maine, and Paul DelloStritto of Milford, CT. Mary is survived by ten grandchildren.

Mary taught in the Cheshire School System for two years and in the North Branford School System for 25 years as a reading specialist and 4th grade teacher. She was much loved, very respected and admired by colleagues and students alike. Everyone who had the privilege of meeting Mary knew her as a beautiful, strong, kind-hearted woman who could see the good in everyone, and who put a smile on your face. As a wife, mother and grandmother, Mary was loving, affectionate, compassionate and supportive. She will be fondly remembered and missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary loved being surrounded by family and friends. Her favorite vacation

spots were Cape Cod, Old Saybrook, CT and Ogunquit, ME. Her most memorable trip was to Rome, Italy with John to celebrate her 60th birthday. Mary was an avid reader and enjoyed taking long walks, especially on the beach.

A wake will be held at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, from 4 - 8pm on Monday, December 22, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Monica's Church, 1331 Middletown Avenue, Northford at 10am on Tuesday, December 23. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery, 700 Middletown Aveue in North Haven.www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Mary DelloStritto.*



December 23, 2014 at 01:04 AM



“ *Dear John and family, What a beautiful woman has gone to Heaven. She was always upbeat, we had many good times at HHS as twirlers, Kappa sisters, and friends. All our days were happy go lucky!! We extend our deepest sympathy to you all. Class of 1960!! Love to you all, Paul & Rosemary Cole Sette*

Rosemary C Sette - December 22, 2014 at 01:27 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of Mary's family and friends. A true teacher, Mary set an example of how we all should live our lives; honorably and lovingly, with a gentle touch of humor. Mary blessed everyone with her presence.*

*Sincerely,
Tricia Raccio*



Tricia Raccio - December 22, 2014 at 01:15 PM

DA

“ Dear John, So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Remember our annual seafood dinner's in Maine - we had fun sharing stories of the year past. Mary was a great gal. MY deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Diane Avery

Diane Avery - December 22, 2014 at 05:52 AM

CG

“ Kate: I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. While a lot of years have gone by, I still remember your mom's great smile and your parents fun-loving approach to life. I told a coworker the other day about the scavenger hunt we did in high school and how your mom was able to help us with a special item - it gave me a little smile amid the sadness. I hope you find some comfort in the other great memories you have of time spent with your mom over the years. Please know while I can't be there in person, I'm thinking of you and your family. Cheri

Cheri Gailunas - December 21, 2014 at 10:09 PM

DM

“ Dear, John I was so sorry to hear about Mary Louise passing. My sympathy to you and your family.

God speed,
Dave Mitchell

Dave Mitchell - December 20, 2014 at 08:29 PM

LC

Mr D., Kate, Jill and Paul,

I am so very sorry for your loss. There are no words that can ever come close to providing comfort at a time like this, especially with the loss of such an amazing woman. However, I was able to find a bit of peace in the religious poem "Safely Home" when my dad passed - perhaps if you read it, it may do the same. While this is one wound that time can never heal, time will make you all stronger and better able to face the days with out Mrs. D/your mom. During this most difficult time, may all of God's many graces be yours.

With much love and sympathy,

Lynn Catapano (Lynn Chez)

Lynn Catapano - December 22, 2014 at 07:43 AM