



## Mary A. Dillon

September 1, 1929 - October 5, 2020

In New Haven October 5, 2020 Mary A. Dillon 91, of Woodbridge passed away after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late John F. Dillon and loving mother of Jane Cerosky of Glastonbury and Patricia Dillon of Greenville, SC, sister of Robert M. Archer of Farmington. She was predeceased by a sister Patricia Bimonte. She will be fondly remembered by her son-in-law Gregg, her sister-in-law Clare Archer, many nieces and nephews as well as her neighborhood friends.

Mary was born in New Haven September 1, 1929 daughter of the late William M. and Clare Callahan Archer. Prior to her retirement she was a school teacher at Hamden High School and Amity Regional High School. She also was a real estate agent for the Beazley Co. and William Orange Co.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Rd. Orange. Burial will follow in Milford Side Burying Ground in Woodbridge. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory. Mary's family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers at Yale New Haven Hospital, North Pavilion Floor 19. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory either to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/cerosky> or the Arthritis Foundation at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org). Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)



# Previous Events

## Funeral service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Infant Church  
450 Racebrook Rd.  
Orange, CT

## Burial

OCT 13 (ET)

Milford Side Cemetery  
Racebrook Rd  
Woodbridge, CT

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Jane, Tricia and family

*Our deepest condolences on the passing of your mom, Mary Elizabeth. Our family, my mom, siblings and I were so sorry to learn of her death. We have many fond memories of the times we spent together at Thanksgiving at Aunt Catherine's house on Depew Street in Peekskill. I remember watching football games with the 'Archer cousins' on the 'color TV - a novelty in those days (even if the color settings made the turf look like a chartreuse carpet!).*

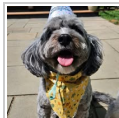
*I included a picture of an 'Archer family' get together at our house during a summer in the mid 70's (I think). The joy of family is a marvelous balm to sooth us during this time of loss.*

*Again, are sincere sympathy to you all on her passing. We pray that the memories of Mary Elizabeth bring a measure of solace to your hearts and a smile to your lips as you recall the many wonderful moments of her life.*

*God bless -  
The Comer's - Marilyn, Patti, Michael, Mel and Bill*

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**Michael Comer** - October 24, 2020 at 05:14 PM



*Thank you so much, Michael! Love the picture!*

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**Jane Dillon-Cerosky** - October 27, 2020 at 03:18 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Comer** - October 24, 2020 at 04:59 PM

RB

“ *Deepest condolences are sent to the Dillon family. May you be upheld by the fact that the life of the dearly departed was well-lived.*

*Love*

*Jack & Sengdao Bergmann*

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**Ray Bergmann** - October 15, 2020 at 08:13 AM

SH

“ *Dear Jane and Tricia, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My father remembered her from their days at Arnold College. My mother recalled she was the "girl next door" who married her brother John. It feels like the end of an era. May you find peace and happiness in your wonderful memories.*

*Susan Hinchey-Walls*

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**Susan Hinchey-Walls** - October 15, 2020 at 05:37 AM

DS

“ Love this family, love sharing many events together across many many years.....our thoughts are with you Jane and your entire family....Dave and Carol Swinkin

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**david swinkin** - October 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

RJ

“ Jane and Tricia I am so sorry for your loss,

*Growing up in the same neighborhood with Mary was like having a second mother and second family. Mary was my godmother and was always there for us. She is going to be greatly missed by many many people.*

*Richard Jordan, Jr.*

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**Richard Jordan** - October 12, 2020 at 10:32 PM

WA

“ William and Donna Archer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary A. Dillon.



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**William and Donna Archer** - October 11, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DA

“ I loved coming to her home for Thanksgiving dinner! She made it a true family event! And I loved her mashed potatoes and string bean casserole ... and our favorite, Chardonnay 🙌 You were a real character and I will miss you 🙏❤️

Love

Donna and William Archer

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donna archer - October 11, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.



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October 11, 2020 at 01:25 PM

MK

“ As a part of my life for one hour a week for 42 years, I think I can say Mary was one of my most beloved clients, friend, & other mom. I'll bet I know more about her family than they know about each other. As incorrigible as only she could be, I knew her to be kind, thoughtful, and always impeccably dressed. I could almost get her to see the grey areas on some of life's issues. Even though I left CT 5 years ago, I always made a point of calling her a couple of times a year & visited her last summer. I'm so glad I did. She will be missed profoundly, but it will never take away the fondest memories of our time spent together on this earth!

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Maida Karkoski-Giaino - October 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM

MK

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Maida Karkoski-Giaino - October 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.



October 10, 2020 at 09:26 AM

KC

“ Our condolences to the entire family but especially to Jane. I knew Mary from family holiday get togethers through the years, she was always warm and caring but with a touch of firm and steadfast. I am very sorry that she has passed. She will be missed but remembered by those she loved and was friends with.

Keith Cerosky - October 10, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.*



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October 08, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.*



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October 08, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.*



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October 08, 2020 at 09:56 AM

JC

“ I met Mary a few months after my son met her daughter in February 2002. It was a wonderful dinner with Mary, my husband Bob, and her daughter Jane, and my son Gregg. Jane and Gregg married a year later. Mary and I were fast friends and shared many common ideas. We have been good friends since Jane and Gregg married in the summer of 2003. Whenever we were together we enjoy each other's company and appreciated the fact that our birthdays, same year (1929) were four days apart. I enjoyed our times together and our regular phone conversations, I will greatly miss her. God Bless you Mary, you are a good soul.

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**Joan Cerosky** - October 07, 2020 at 06:44 PM

 Greg Dillon

“ Feisty yet kind, strong yet caring, independent yet supportive. Aunt Mary had a life-force about her that was undeniable. I am very sad to see her go.

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**Greg Dillon** - October 07, 2020 at 04:53 PM

LH

“ OhTricia, I just saw your precious Mom passed. I am so truly sorry for your loss. I remember so well our conversations at Talbots about our New England strong, independent Mom's.. She was a beautiful lady and you will forever miss her but have wonderful memories as well. Our genes are so like our Mom's in so many ways. I raise a glass of Chardonnay in her honor today and say 'well done, Mom, well done'. Take care of yourself, Tricia and please know my heartfelt prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time. Love, Lyn Hyll

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**Lyn Hyll** - October 07, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary A. Dillon.*



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October 07, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Mary was, and always will be, a second mom. Feisty, honest, caring, and straightforward in her approach to life. She made me think, made me laugh, and was always clear in her thoughts and convictions. I will miss her humor and her banter about the topics of the day. She cares about her daughters, her family, politics, the NY Giants and the world's well being, not necessarily in that order. She will be missed and I am thankful I was able to know her for a fulfilling 20 years. I know she's catching up with John and Patty in heaven. She had a life well lived.*



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**Gregg Cerosky** - October 07, 2020 at 09:52 AM