



Mary Eleanor LaCroix

June 5, 1937 - February 26, 2026

Mary Eleanor Conway La Croix, 88, of Hamden, Connecticut, formerly of Westville, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2026, surrounded by her loving

daughters, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mary was the queen of giving nicknames, having a few of her own; Mew, Buffy,

Ma, and Mimi. Each name carried a story behind it.

Mary was a woman of deep and unwavering Catholic faith. Her devotion shaped

every part of her life. She took great pride in being named after the Blessed Mother, and it felt fitting to those who loved her that she passed during the Holy

Hour. Mary was an active and devoted member of Saint Paul VI Parish in Hamden.

She was involved in her church community and prayer groups. Her faith was not

only something she practiced, but something she lived by. She was a true example

of what it meant to be one of God's children; selfless, gentle, and full of light.

In the week leading up to her passing, Mary was surrounded by a steady stream of

visitors. Friends, family, and loved ones came to sit with her, pray with her,

and

thank her. She was able to see and feel the love of the beautiful legacy she created.

She was deeply loved by all who knew her.

Mary was born on June 5, 1937, in New Haven, Connecticut, to John Howard Conway and Mary Catherine Malloy. She grew up alongside her siblings John, David, and Edward. In 1960, she married her husband Walter P. La Croix.

Together

they built a loving home, raising their four children on Woodbridge Avenue, where

so many cherished family memories were made.

Mary treasured simple joys. She loved playing cards, traveling, and nurturing lifelong friendships. She was always present, especially for her ten grandchildren.

Mew was known as a wonderful listener. You could talk to her about anything.

Her

calm presence, wisdom, and steady reassurance made her a safe place for many.

She served as a second mother not only to her nieces and nephews, whom she

loved as her own, but to many others throughout her life.

Professionally, Mary worked as a medical secretary for Dr. William Kaufman and

later for Dr. Khu. She also worked for the State of Israel Bonds before retiring.

When her husband became ill, she selflessly returned to work in the admitting office at Saint Raphael's Hospital for ten years to secure benefits and care for him.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, Walter P. La Croix, and her son,

Paul C. La Croix (Lynn La Croix), of Branford. She is survived by her younger brother Edward Conway (Betty Conway), of Florida; her children Michele La

Croix Early of Hamden, MaryBeth Smith (Daniel Smith), of West Haven, and Anne La Croix Cordero (Alfredo Cordero), of Branford.

She is also survived by her ten grandchildren: Brendan Early, Christian La Croix,

Julianna La Croix Anderson, Jacqueline Early, Elizabeth Early, Nicholas Cordero,

Thomas Smith, Matthew Cordero, Meghan Smith, and Jeremy La Croix; and by

her great-granddaughter, Lilliana.

Mew also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Mary will be dearly missed and we will forever be grateful for the gift of her life.

Calling hours are Monday, March 2nd, from 3 - 7 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Tuesday, March 3rd, at 10 a.m. at

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Hamden, CT, followed by a burial in Saint Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Little Sisters

of the Poor in Enfield, Connecticut

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.
West Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave
PO Box 185066
Hamden, CT 06518

Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JS

“ TO THE FAMILY OF MARY LA CROIX, I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I GREW UP CLOSE TO THE LA CROIX'S- MR & MRS LA CROIX WERE WONDERFUL NEIGHBORS , A GREAT FAMILY. MARY HAD SUCH A GREAT SPIRIT , GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR AND WARMTH. GOD BLESS MARY LA CROIX , HER FAMILY AND ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HER. REST IN PEACE. -

jd smith - March 02 at 11:52 AM

LP

“ my friend for 68 years. a beautiful kind person. now you are with God and baby Paul. leigh.

leta petrazzuolo - March 01 at 10:41 AM

MS

“ Mary was a blessing to all. She was warm and giving and her laugh made others feel happy. I join her family in praying for her eternal rest and in thanksgiving for her example of goodness.

Martha Smith - March 01 at 08:42 AM

RP

Hi Martha,

How are you?

Rick at rpreissel@gmail.com.

Rick Preissel - March 03 at 12:31 AM

RS

“ *Mary was a beautiful lady with a heart of gold. Always with a smile. She loved her family with a fierce pride, her friends and neighbors. Always willing to help when ever she could. Rest in peace Mary you will be missed* ☐ 🍀 ❤️
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Rita Manning Sheehan - February 28 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Eleanor LaCroix.*



February 28 at 02:56 PM

CD

“ *Caitlin Doyle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Eleanor LaCroix.*



Caitlin Doyle - February 28 at 02:24 PM

JD

“ Many very fond memories of a sweet, funny, wonderful friend....monthly card games with our group of 4.. when it was at Mary’s house. She always had her table set up so pretty and we could always count on a wonderful lunch!.. many days of playing pinochle at the senior center as well as the military whist parties at different church halls with her daughters... I remember so well one of the first times we played our team won first place..beautiful purses, and she was so thrilled with that!
Another memory..... On a trip to Vermont with me when I was housesitting for my son, who has two cats, Mary told me she was not fond of cats, but low and behold, one cat became attached to her, and she told me when we left that “they’re not so bad after all.” I loved sitting beside her at a party, luncheon, or meeting, as she would always utter comments to me sort of under her breath, and we would both have a good laugh. You always know where she stood regarding a situation or a person, and she wasn’t afraid to say it.! so many laughs we’ve had... I will miss our daily word game/comments/contact.....

Judith Danaher - February 28 at 01:53 PM

JM

“ Condolences to all family members and cousins 🙏!
Mue was the matriarch of the Malloy, Conway, and the Gallagher family’s! Many wonderful memories were had at 20 Winchester and Halmelton avenues,plus Lake Rayponda, and Hillside Terrace!
With loving memories from the West Coast to your hearts,
Jack and Dianne and family

John R. Malloy - February 28 at 01:36 PM

RP

“ A great neighbor and a fun person, we had great conversations over the years we lived 2 doors away during my school.years and after I joined the Army and got married. MaryBeth kept me up to date about her mother over the years. What a great mother and friend. God bless you, your family and keep you in his arms. RIP Mary.

Rick Preissel - February 28 at 11:41 AM

KP

“ Kathy Platzer purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Mary Eleanor LaCroix.



Kathy Platzer - February 27 at 09:39 PM

JE

“ We live at the Meadowbrook complex. We send our sincere
condolences to Mary's children and family. May Mary rest in eternal
peace.

William and Justine Early
Hamden CT

Justine Early - February 27 at 05:05 PM