



Mary Jane O'Keefe

March 2, 1934 - March 5, 2015

Mary Jane Collins O'Keefe of Hamden passed away at Yale New Haven Hospital on March 5, 2015 with her family at her side. Born in Burlington Vermont on March 2, 1934. She was the daughter of the late William Collins and Dorothea (Limoge) Collins. Mary Jane was the beloved wife of the late William O'Keefe, Sr. for over 58 years. They raised their family in West Haven on Martin Street and never lost touch with the Martin Street gang. Mary Jane also leaves her best friend Ellen Burke.

While Mary Jane had no brothers and sisters of her own she was quickly accepted into the O'Keefe clan as just one more kid. She leaves her sister in laws Peggy (Merrill) Guerette, Joan O'Keefe, and Dottie O'Keefe as well as her two brothers in law Martin (Karen) O'Keefe and David (Betsey) O'Keefe. She was predeceased by her sister in law Catherine Flannery and her husband Tom. Mary Jane was also predeceased by her brother in laws James and John O'Keefe.

Mary Jane lived a full life filled with family and friends. She enjoyed socializing and loved her crafts. Each of her children and grandchildren have many handmade gifts from Grandma. For the last year of her life she was lucky enough to live at Benchmark of Hamden where she quickly made friends with all of her neighbors and the staff. Her family cannot thank them enough. It was a wonderful year for MJ. She served on many committees at Benchmark and was even President of the Resident Council.

Mary Jane's life will be celebrated by her whole family her three children Linda

O'Keefe (William) Dillon of Wallingford, William (Gail Masotta) O'Keefe of Hamden and Christopher O'Keefe (WHFD) and his ex-wife Angelique of West Haven. She is also survived by her seven beloved grandchildren Michael (Marianna) Dillon, Shannon Dillon (Rodrigo) Cornejo, William (Nina) O'Keefe, Diane O'Keefe, Timothy O'Keefe, and Christopher (CJ) O'Keefe. MJ also leaves three beautiful great grandchildren Nicholas and Anthony Dillon and Julio Cornejo. In addition to Benchmark Mary Jane's family would like to thank the staff of the MICU at Yale New Haven Hospital for their kindness and compassion and Dr. Lebson and Karen for all of their help.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joan of Arc Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 5 - 7 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to The Masotta Family Fund at Yale New Haven Hospital P.O. Box 1849 New Haven, CT 0508-1849. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc
450 W. Todd St.
Hamden, CT 06518

Tribute Wall



“ *my thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time, mj loved crafting and helping me with my knitting, she will be remembered and missed by me always. Camille delgobbo, my mom is at benchmark.*

camille delgobbo - March 09, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ *Bill- Sending our prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. While I never met your Mom, I know just from knowing you that she was truly a special woman. May her soul rest in peace, and may her angel watch over you and your family. God Bless and Deepest Condolences- Byron and Lorna Nelson- Your Chubb Family.*

Byron Nelson - March 09, 2015 at 10:20 AM

KJ

“ Our family wishes to express our sadness to all. We had the pleasure of meeting MJ at the Benchmark at Hamden facility where my mom is a resident. From the moment we met her we knew she was a special person. Always a smile, a kiss on the cheek and a welcoming conversation MJ made you feel happy in her presence.



She was a wonderful friend to our Mom and always helped see her through some of the tough moments adjusting. She listened, remembered your name and always asked how your life was going when you knew that hers was beginning to become more of a struggle each day.

Will always remember her zest for life, her wanting to do new things like take that belly dancing class we sat through and laughed through!

God bless her generous soul and help you all to go on with her spirit in your hearts. She will watch over you all, that was her nature as we experienced in the too short time we were honored to share with her.

God Bless. MJ will always be a wonderful memory.

The Crossley family.....Rose, Kathy, Nancy and Janet and families

Kathy Johnson - March 08, 2015 at 07:44 PM

TD

“ Billy, I send my Condolences to you and your entire family for the loss of your Mother.

Kindest regards,

Tom Donovan

Tom Donovan - March 07, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JM

“ *Jim and Sandy Miller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jane O'Keefe.*



Jim and Sandy Miller - March 07, 2015 at 06:34 AM