



Mary Alice Reynolds

May 26, 1924 - July 30, 2017

Mary Alice “Mimi” Reynolds died July 30, 2017. She was born on May 26, 1924 in Edergole, Cloone, County Leitrim, Ireland, the daughter of the late Francis and Alice Reynolds McGowan. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 41 years, John Francis Reynolds.

Mimi is survived by her daughter, Patricia Reynolds Pietrosimone, her son-in-law, Frank, her grandchildren, Brian Pietrosimone and his fiancée Laura Stanley, Kathryn Pietrosimone, and her husband Andrew Buckley, her nephew, John Fitzmaurice, and his wife, Christine, and her grandnephews, Patrick and Stephen.

Mary was a resident of West Haven for 50 years and Hamden for the last 11 years.

Mary was employed by the West Haven Board of Education for 30 years. She worked most of her years at West Haven High School as a hall monitor where she was affectionately known as the “Pink Lady”.

Mary was a communicant of St. Lawrence Church, West Haven, and St. Joan of Arc Church, Hamden. She was a member of the New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, Irish American Community Center, Pioneers of the Sacred Heart, West Haven Irish American Club and the St. Therese Guild of

St Lawrence Church.

Mary was predeceased by her sisters, Rose Fitzmaurice and Ellen Quinn, and her brother, Patrick McGowan.

The family would like to thank Hamden Health Care Center and Benchmark Senior Living, of Hamden, and all their employees for the loving care that they gave Mary when she resided with them. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations in her honor be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Friends are requested to go directly to St. Joan of Arc Church, 450 West Todd St., Hamden for a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 10:00AM. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Calling hours will be Sunday from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.
West Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Mary was one of a kind and was such an important person in the life of anyone who knew her. For the man-years she was part of my life at the high school and beyond, I was always awed by what a vibrant and powerful woman she was...thought I don't think she realized. I am so saddened that she has passed and my regards and condolences to her family. I hope it helps to know that she will remain alive and spunky in my memories and my heart!*

Mary Moninger-Elia

Mary Moninger Elia - September 08, 2017 at 04:43 PM

SR

“ *Shelly Recchia lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds*



Shelly Recchia - August 07, 2017 at 08:34 AM

LS

“ *Linda Soto-Cruet lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds*



Linda Soto-Cruet - August 06, 2017 at 03:53 AM



“ I remember walking through the hallways like a little dynamo. She had the girls running like they were on fire sometimes from the girls bathrooms. lol. She was a very sweet lady and had Frank as her sidekick to deal with the boys in their bathroom. Very sorry to her of her passing. Prayers to her family and friends. I bet she is moving around the halls of heaven chasing girls out of bathrooms there too.
John Straub, WHHS 1967-1971.

John Straub - August 05, 2017 at 07:59 PM

JA

“ Janelle and Amanda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Reynolds.



Janelle and Amanda - August 05, 2017 at 02:42 PM

DB

“ I fondly remember our "Pink Lady"! She was a spitfire! At 5 feet tall, she put the fear of God in all of the students that walked the halls of West Haven High School during her tenure! And for that reason, boy, did we respect her....tested her, but respected her. I believe that shows in all of the tributes that have popped up here, on Facebook, on the pages of the all Classes of 19**. She was a part of the student's day to day lives. To see the love being poured out for someone who was usually not on our side, you know she was a special lady, a special "Pink" Lady, that did her job well! God bless you, Mrs. Reynolds, and may you rest in eternal peace, while keeping all those up in heaven, in line!! My sincere condolences to the family!

Diane Bruno - August 05, 2017 at 12:28 PM

KK

Yep! She was one thought little Irish 🍀 lady for dealing with off the hook teens. R.I.P. Sweetie. Rock the heavens. Peace love and hugs to her entire family.

Kelly Kehoe/Foster - August 06, 2017 at 06:01 PM

AR

“ I got to know Aunt Mary when I married into the O’Brien family fifty-five years ago. We always enjoyed listening to my mother-in-law, Mae O’Brien, tell stories of the McGowan Girls, Mary and her sister Rose, when they would all meet at the end of the day when they first got to this country. When my sons went to WHHS, the “Pink Lady” was always around to check in on them. I considered her a good friend and always appreciated her moral support as I raised my youngest child after my husband passed. My deepest sympathies go out to the family on the loss of such a great lady. I will miss her.



Anne O'Brien Russo

Anne O'Brien Russo - August 05, 2017 at 12:13 PM

JL

“ To the family of Mrs. Reynolds...please take great comfort in knowing that throughout her career at WHHS, the sheer number of lives she touched, and when memories of High School come back to us, she is often in the forefront of those memories, perhaps even moreso than some of the lessons taught or the teachers that taught them. She is forever ingrained in the fabric of so many lives...including mine. May she rest in eternal peace. I have no doubt the angels were there to guide her home.

Janice M. Lynn - August 05, 2017 at 04:22 AM

JT

“ Johnny Teague lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds



Johnny Teague - August 04, 2017 at 09:07 PM

MI

“ Sending lots of love to the family of Ms. Reynolds. She was a great person who kept everyone in line. She was sharp and funny and no nonsense! She is a true icon, and will always be a dear treasure to our community. God speed dearest Pink Lady. <3

Michele - August 04, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ Thank you for keeping myself and thousands of other children on the right track. You pointed your finger at us all the time and thats all it took for us to stay in line. It was a different kind of what most of know now as love and it was appreciated, Thank you again and may you rest in peace Pink Lady



Nicole Britton - August 04, 2017 at 04:51 PM

CH

“ Dear Patty and Family, My sincere condolences on the loss of your Mother. I hope your fond memories will fill your heart and ease the pain. May she RIP with the Good Lord.
Cheryl Hurst (from St. Joan)

Cheryl - August 04, 2017 at 03:04 PM

SM

“ Sherrie Melton lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds



Sherrie Melton - August 04, 2017 at 10:33 AM

SM

“ *"The Pink Lady"....I remember her from my high school years of over 40 years ago. She kept us in check....and you gave her respect. She was that unwavering authority. She never bothered with you as long as you were obeying the school rules. Over the years I had always thought of her as that grandmother figure forever present, encouraged you to stay on the right track. She was a good person, ultimately treated us as her children. May she RIP.*

Sherrie Melton - August 04, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *So many memories....and that oh so sweet Irish brogue. How blessed I am that I was able to see her again, and just hold hands and kisses on her cheek. The wonderful memories you have, will see you through these difficult days.*

Jane DuBois - August 04, 2017 at 07:10 AM

SC

“ Sandy C. lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds



Sandy C. - August 04, 2017 at 06:04 AM

CB

“ Thanks for keeping many many teens in line over the years at West Haven High school. Rest In Peace Mary Alice Reynolds (aka The Pink Lady).



christine (saldibar) bailey - August 04, 2017 at 04:59 AM

SD

“ I loved having talks with her back in the Day We talked about how she and my Grandfather went to the same School back in Ireland. She was such a Kind soul And will be Missed. So sorry for your Loss. (class of 1985)

suzanne DeLoughery - August 04, 2017 at 12:48 AM

MD

“ Great memories of the fastest and fairest lady in the world, may you rest in peace Mrs.Reynolds aka The Pink Lady!



Michele D - August 03, 2017 at 10:33 PM

PK

“ Mary will always be remembered by Westie alum as a caring soul with a big heart. As Class of 88 alum, my prayers and thoughts are with the family. May she have eternal rest and watch over us from the great halls of heaven.



Paul Kleinkauf - August 03, 2017 at 09:52 PM

CN

“ *Cherylann Natale lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds*



cherylann Natale - August 03, 2017 at 09:16 PM


Danielle Morrison

“ *Danielle Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds*



Danielle Morrison - August 03, 2017 at 09:01 PM


Danielle Morrison

“ *Dearest Pink Lady... Thank you for all the happy and fond memories you gave me in high school. You out ran all of us young kids and we never figured out how you did. Your Irish accent and stories and your care and devotion to keep us from skipping school...smoking in the bathroom..and all our antics...we all have stories and we all Loved you. RIP WHHS Class of 87. Someday when I see you again you have to tell me how you out ran all us kids because we were fast and you were older with white hair then. RIP Sweet Irish Lass
xo*

Danielle Morrison - August 03, 2017 at 09:00 PM

PH

“ *Paul Huwiler lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds*




Paul Huwiler - August 03, 2017 at 08:56 PM

C1

“ . *Some of my best memories of West Haven High School are of Mrs. Reynolds, The Pink Lady. Such a sweet woman.*

Christine Carr Lesnieski 1980 - August 03, 2017 at 08:54 PM

 Doreen Turcotte-Van Horn

“ *The Pink Lady will always be my best memory of High School. She was there for all of my siblings and loved by all 5 of us. Much love and prayers to the family.*

Doreen Turcotte-Van Horn - August 03, 2017 at 08:19 PM

KE

“ *It was a pleasure to have been a student of whhs and know in Mrs Reynolds as a hall monitor may she R.IP*

Kevin - August 03, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MW

“ *Condolences and Prayers to the Reynolds Family.*

Mary Wendland - August 03, 2017 at 07:30 PM

W1

“ *Pink Lady....may you RIP. Lovingly remembered by the Westie Class of 1980.*

WHHS Class of 1980 - August 03, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ *I knew Mary from the New Haven Irish Club before working with her at West Haven High. At WHHS she was the famous "Pink Lady" who kept the kids (and some teachers too!) in line as our security person. The kids all knew she meant business but that she also had a big heart would often help kids get through some of their difficulties; she really cared about the kids. She was a wonderful person and my condolences to the family.*
Marty Taylor

Martin Taylor - August 03, 2017 at 06:55 PM

LP

“ *She had a lovely, Irish lilt to her voice...*

Lois Peccerillo - August 03, 2017 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ *RIP Mary , "PINK LADY" a memory I will always have of you is how the students loved you! But you always gave them a good run! You were one sweet little lady. After you retired I replaced you and became the red lady. (For a few years) May you rest in peace in your final destination your forever home, with our Lord Jesus. 🙏🌸*



Dolores Scalesse - August 03, 2017 at 06:23 PM

MM

“ I have so many good memories of such a lovely woman from West Haven High. She was almost like a magician...magically appearing from one side of the school to the other in a matter of minutes checking passes and bathrooms for smokers. For her pint-size height the girls feared her even though she was a kind soft-spoken Irish woman I know I did!!! Nobody wanted detention!!! I'm happy to have known her. May The Lord welcome her to his Kingdom.

Maryann Slavin Mariconde
West Haven High Class of 1974

West Haven, Ct

Maryann Slavin Mariconde - August 03, 2017 at 05:41 PM

LE

“ I was at the high when she was known as the pink lady... Wasn't a student that could out run her, I graduated in '94, may she rest in eternal peace... I am so very sorry to her family for their great loss, may god bless you!



Lenny - August 03, 2017 at 05:16 PM

TS

“ Mary was sharp as a whistle and a go getter. She was always there also when you needed help. I remember her fondly

theresa stellato - August 03, 2017 at 05:12 PM

Lisa
Clark

“ Patricia I can't tell you how much it hurt my heart to hear of your sweet mom's passing. I don't know if you remember but you were my 4th grade teacher at Pagels, and your mom had a special place in ALL of our hearts at WHHS. I was very find of her and she always had a smile and sweet conversation for me-- reminding me so much of my grandmother who came here from Ireland as well. I know she touched so many... hope your heart is comforted knowing she dances in your dad's arms again. All my love and prayers.

-Lisa Mikoliczyk Clark

Lisa Clark - August 03, 2017 at 04:54 PM

Bernie
Bee

“ Bernie Bee lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Reynolds



Bernie Bee - August 03, 2017 at 04:46 PM

ML

“ Sorry for your loss. I remember the Pink Lady at WHHS. She will not be forgotten

Mary-Lou Limauro - August 03, 2017 at 04:43 PM

DS

“ " May you Rest in Peace Pink Lady ,and may your family be Comforted " ! One of the nicest human beings ever was Mrs. Reynolds , I am happy to have known her !!!

David Sacco - August 03, 2017 at 04:42 PM

RP

“ I will always be grateful for the "Pink Lady's " compassion to me as a 10th grader at West Haven High who she found in the girl's room crying because my Dad had died, she told me to take all the time I needed and gave me such an understanding smile.....Thank you Mary, prayers for your family. Regina Holler Perry WHHS class of 1970

Regina Holler Perry - August 03, 2017 at 03:56 PM



Margaret Close

“ RIP Mrs Reynolds, Margaret Class of 1979!

Margaret Close - August 03, 2017 at 03:24 PM

BC

“ Our Sincere Sympathy Patricia and family. We have many wonderful memories of Mary, R.I.P. with my Mother, R.I.P. A lovely woman! R.I.P. Mary.

Betsy & Brendan Cox

Betsy Cox - August 03, 2017 at 03:02 PM

NS

“ To Mary's family: My sincerest sympathy on your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Mary at West Haven High School. She was a kind, loving and funny lady and I'm sure she'll be sorely missed by her family members and many friends. May she rest in peace.

Nancy Spreyer

Nancy Spreyer - August 03, 2017 at 03:01 PM