



Mary Schneider Sayers

June 3, 1942 - June 12, 2016

Mary Schneider Sayers of North Haven passed away on June 12, 2016 at the Masonicare Hospice with her family at her side. She was born in Erie, PA to Francis and Carolyn Schneider. She was the wife of John Sayers. She is also survived by her daughter Beth (John) Van Slyke of Seattle, Washington, her son Mark (Kelly) Sayers of Stamford, and her grandson John Van Slyke IV. Also survived by brothers William (Claudia) Schneider of Erie, PA, Thomas (Patt) Schneider of Naples, FL and sister Doris Bednarski of Erie, PA and predeceased by brother, Jack Schneider. Mary was a graduate of Villa Maria College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health. After college she was employed as a Public Health Nurse in Pennsylvania and subsequent to her graduate degree she was on the nursing Faculty at Duquesne University and Villa Maria College. After marrying and moving to Connecticut she was the Director of the Discharge Planning Department at Yale-New Haven Hospital until the birth of her children. After a hiatus of several years, Mary finished her career as a Quality Control Coordinator at the Hospital of St. Raphael. In addition to being a devoted and loving wife and mother, Mary was a true friend to many, always available to provide a helping hand when needed. She will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave, Hamden at 11:30 am on Friday, June 17th. Calling hours will be Thursday, June 16th from 4 - 8 pm at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home

3105 Whitney Avenue Hamden. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial. Contributions may be made to the Neuromuscular Fund, Hospital for Special Care Foundation, 2150 Corbin Ave, New Britain, CT 06053. www.iskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

JUN 16. 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

JUN 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

HK

“ I was saddened to learn of Mary’s recent death and express my condolences to her family members. I can attest to Mary’s remarkable calm, caring and loving nature when we were both graduate students in our mid-twenties at the University of Pittsburgh, she in the School of Public Health (1965-67) and me in the Physics Department (1965-1970).

Mary’s facial expression and even her hair style in the obituary photograph were immediately recognizable even though I had not seen her in nearly 50 years. If not for the internet and a remarkable accidental coincidence during a Google search that lead to her obituary, I would not have learned a little bit of Mary’s life journey since 1968.

Sincerely,
Dr. Herbert F. Krause,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Herbert F. Krause - July 16, 2016 at 06:36 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.



June 16, 2016 at 02:43 PM

TL

“ *The DPH Golf League purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



The DPH Golf League - June 15, 2016 at 05:34 PM

JL

“ *John Maltese, Mary Fuller, and Sophie Lundigan purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



John Maltese, Mary Fuller, and Sophie Lundigan - June 15, 2016 at 02:20 PM

AU

“ *All of your friends in Legacy at UBS purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



All of your friends in Legacy at UBS - June 15, 2016 at 12:12 PM

SM

“ To the Sayers Family,
I was saddened to learn of the loss of Mary.

I worked with Mary in Patient Relations at St Raphael's Hospital. She was always so gentle and caring. She was was an example of a kind and personable human being....easy to be with. As a co-worker, she always gave 110% ,an employee for whom you were grateful to have on your team.

I will be thinking of all of you and I will keep you in prayer. As for Mary, I now will pray to her.

Sincerely,

Sister Ann Matthew

Sister Ann Matthew - June 15, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.



June 14, 2016 at 08:16 PM

BK

“ Bob and Peggy King purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.



Bob and Peggy King - June 14, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



June 14, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ *The Killgoar Family purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



The Killgoar Family - June 14, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *John, Beth and Mark. I echo the sentiments of Jacqui and Cindy words and can not express my sadness at the loss of a very dear and loved friend. Mary always seemed to be able to do and express the correct response to all situations. Her calm approach, support and kindness has helped many myself included. I have several gifts she has given to me over the years. One especially brought us both to tears as I confessed to her that although I watered the plant she gave me it did not grow and would probably not last. To my surprise she laughed so hard. When she finally stopped she asked me if I touched the flowers. I replied of course not my grandma always said no touch ! She then said. if you had you would know the plant was not real. She kindly told me it indeed looked real. It is still on my dresser and will always remain as my thoughts turn to her. God blessed you Mary. Smile down on us all and rest in peace*

Linda Pello Pello - June 14, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Schneider Sayers.*



June 14, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *John, Beth and Mark,
I will remember Mary as a mentor, friend and inspiration. And as Jacqui mentioned, our New York trips were always joyful. Our "foursome friendship" is so rare and special, that we could pick up where we left off year after year. Most years, we didnt realize we reached Grand Central as the time catching up on the train past so quickly.*

Mark and Beth--I feel like I know you as your mom would keep us posted on your journeys thorough college, grad school, first jobs in Boston and your weddings last year. She is so proud of you both!

*I will miss Mary's quiet strength and (at times, unexpected) humor.
I wish her peace, CIndy Pugliese*

Cindy Pugliese - June 13, 2016 at 02:23 PM

JR

“ Words cannot express how sadden I am by Mary's passing, she was a true friend and I will miss her terribly. She always when out of her way to make people feel special. When my son graduated high school, she gave ME a gift and in the card applauded me for a "job well done." We shared a lot of great times together over the years and even after her retirement she was she was still part of a foursome from the HSR QI Department who traveled to NYC every Christmas to see a Broadway show. It was always a highlight of my holiday season!

To John, Beth and Mark, I am so sorry for your loss and hope you can take comfort in remembering the wonderful person she was.

I will miss you Mary but, will hold all the fond memories. I feel truly blessed to have had you in my life.

With Love <3

Jacqui

Jacqueline Richo - June 13, 2016 at 12:47 PM