



## Maryann o'Leary

February 6, 1938 - June 6, 2021

Maryann O'Leary, 83, of Hamden, Connecticut departed this life on June 6, 2021 in New Haven, Connecticut. She was born in New Haven on February 6, 1938 to the late Eugene and Sarah (McGuire) McCarthy.

She is survived by her beloved husband of sixty years, Joseph O'Leary, two much loved daughters, Joanne O'Leary of Hamden and Megan Ruppenicker (Harry) of Westbrook, six grandchildren, James O'Leary, Joseph and Morgan Jones of Hamden, Harry, Sarah and Daniel Ruppenicker of Westbrook and her great granddaughter Alysia Seals of Hamden. She was predeceased by her beloved daughter Sheila.

Maryann taught in the North Haven Schools for thirty-five years, first as a fifth grade teacher at Temple Street School and then in the Integrated Day Program at Ridge Road School, particularly enjoying the opportunity to teach various grade levels in an inter disciplinary approach.

She received her bachelor's degree from St. Francis University, (Loretto, Pennsylvania) and her master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. Her love of St. Francis University led her to serve for the last forty plus years on the Alumni Board. She had the distinction of being elected as the first woman president of the National Alumni Association. Their joint commitment to St. Francis led Maryann and her husband to make the long trip to western Pennsylvania many times as well as traveling much of the northeast following their beloved Red Flash athletic teams, especially basketball. Despite her Irish roots, Maryann was a member of Diana Birger Jarl Lodge #3 Vasa Order of

America and a Past District Master of Connecticut District # 1 VOA.

A long-time member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, she found time to support the parish as a member of the Funeral Ministry and the Social Justice Committee.

Even though she could hardly carry a tune, Maryann shared Joe's love of music and supported his endeavors with the Apollo Singing Society of the American Union of Swedish Singers. In 2002 she was awarded the Erland Levine Award, which is given to a non-singer for her support and contributions to the American Union.

Maryann's favorite memories include family camping trips in the United States and Canada, trips with her beloved Joe, family and friends to Ireland, England, Sweden, and a month-long sabbatical to Belgium, The Gambia and Senegal. She enjoyed reading, cooking and time spent with extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Francis University, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940. Friends may call on Tuesday, June 15th from 4 to 7 pm at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Interment will be private. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Our family was very fortunate to have had Maryann as a teacher for the talented and gifted program at Ridge Rd School for our son. She was a wonderful individual who made a difference in so many children’s lives. Our sympathies to her family.  
*The Enslein family*

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**marianne enslein, pt** - June 19, 2021 at 10:53 PM

LS

“ Love, Carla, Alfred, Jason & Jackie Simpure purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maryann O’Leary.



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**Love, Carla, Alfred, Jason & Jackie Simpure** - June 18, 2021 at 11:14 AM

TS

“ I will always fondly remember a day off from work spent with Maryann, chaperoning a group of fifth graders around Times Square before seeing *Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway. She made the day a lot of fun for me and the kids, thank you Maryann, rest in peace.

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**Ted Stevens** - June 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM

MO

“ I first met Maryann 60 years ago at her husband Joe's home in Hollidaysburg, PA. Joe was the oldest cousin in our O'Leary family and we were all so delighted when he introduced us to lovely Maryann. They were both so in love yet still had the time to reach out to we little cousins. I was privileged to attend their wedding as a sort of companion to our grandmother who by then was almost 90 years old. Down through the years, we were lucky to see Maryann anytime there was Joe. She was kind, loving and carried her burdens in life with grace and honor. It was a privilege to know her. God bless her family in losing her. I am just so sorry I could not be there for the funeral.

Maureen Orr - June 15, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - June 15, 2021 at 08:32 AM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Donna - June 14, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CS

“ Dear Joe and family,  
Two of my children were lucky enough to have had Maryann as their teacher at Ridge Road School. She was an outstanding teacher and human being. We were all fortunate to have had her influence in our lives.  
My deepest sympathy to you during this very sad time. Carol Solomon

Carol Solomon - June 14, 2021 at 03:15 PM

EM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Erin McGivney - June 14, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - June 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM

RG

“ Dear Joe- Please accept our sincere condolences to you and your family. Maryann was such a classy lady. With love and prayers for her peaceful rest and to you and yours. Nettie Lees and Ron Gowac

Ronald Gowac - June 14, 2021 at 07:43 AM

BS

“ Dear Joe  
We are so sorry for you and your family loss of Joanne. She lived a great rewarding life and may God bless her and you. We will always remember her. Me and Lucy and the entire Spellman family will always keep her in our prayers.

Love  
Your Cousin  
Bob Spellman

Bob Spellman - June 12, 2021 at 03:03 PM

JL

“ DEAR JOE, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MARYANN'S PASSING. I KNOW SHE WAS SO VERY SPECIAL. YOU ARE BOTH IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY PRAYERS. GOD BLESS

JOANNE LAMBERT - June 11, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maryann O'Leary.



June 10, 2021 at 08:00 PM

DA

“ Dear Joe,

*I am so sorry to hear about Maryann. I absolutely loved her. She was one of my favorite cousins. She will be sadly missed. I wish we could have gotten together sooner, the last time I saw her was 2017 at my Mother's wake.*

*Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Donna Anderson*

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**Donna Anderson** - June 10, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maryann O'Leary.*



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June 10, 2021 at 10:46 AM