



Suzanne Mary O'Leary

September 24, 1949 - February 18, 2021

Suzanne Mary (Foley) O'Leary of Rocky Hill died peacefully on February 18, 2021. She was born on September 24, 1949. The daughter of the late Arline (Poliquin/Foley) Scarborough and the late Joseph Foley, the stepdaughter of the late James Scarborough. She lived in Hartford her whole life, moving to Rocky Hill in 1998. She attended Hartford Schools and graduated from A.I. Price in 1967. She was employed by the Hartford Board of Ed and was a secretary at Naylor School for 23 years. She worked at Hartford Adult Ed. for 3 years and retired from Hartford after 26 years with the Board of Education. She retired on a Friday and on Monday began her new career with the Rocky Hill Board of Education as a secretary at the High School. She retired from Rocky Hill in 2014 after ten years.

At the age of 50 she got a tattoo, her motorcycle license, took up tap dancing and keyboard lessons. She was an avid reader and loved doing crossword puzzles. She loved the beach and exercising daily. She was willing to try new things and found many adventures in her full life. She was a Bushnell Volunteer and a member of the "Blazing Bonnets"-Red Hat Society.

She could often be seen riding "On a Wing and a Prayer" the '06 Goldwing Trike that she rode with her love Evan. Suzanne loved her family and will be greatly missed by all of them. She leaves her daughter Trina and her husband David Pettengill, her son John and his wife Debra O'Leary.

She was "GiGi" to her 4 grandchildren whom she adored; Leah Pettengill (and boyfriend Nick Barnier) and Casey Pettengill (and fiancé Sam Harvey), Jack O'Leary and Sean O'Leary. She also leaves her 3 brothers and their wives: John and Nancy Foley of Wethersfield, Henry and Debbie Foley of Suffield, Rob and Ellen Foley of Wethersfield and brother-in-law Richard Rousseau of Windsor. She was predeceased by her best friend and sweetheart Evan Jones of Orange, CT, her first husband John O'Leary and her sister June Rousseau. She leaves a host of nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. The family would lastly like to extend our gratitude to Suzanne's neighbors Barry and Jan Wolfgang for everything they did for her.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by Rose Hill Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the American

Cancer Society at <http://donate3.cancer.org/> .

Comments



“ Trina, John, and Family,

When I think of your mom I just think of how happy she always was and how happy she made everyone around her. The picture you shared of her is exactly how I'll always remember her: with a huge smile!

She lit up the room with her energy always! My mom adored her and loved working beside her.

I'm so sad and deeply sorry for your loss. I'm thinking of all of you.

Michelle and Kyle Hair



Michelle Hair - February 25 at 07:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Suzanne's passing. I met her when she brought Jeannine and a bunch of other other Rocky Hill ladies to take the tap dance class I taught in Cromwell. She was a light in that class, always smiling and bringing her positive and sassy energy. I adored her. When she could no longer take class she still came to visit, and we would could talk the night away. Please know you are all in my thoughts, and that she brought such joy to my life.

With sincere condolences,
Janet Orde

Janet Orde - February 24 at 01:40 PM



“ I was lucky to have met Suzanne in our tap class in Cromwell. Such a lively energetic woman, always with a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Donna Hewett - February 26 at 10:03 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Sue, I am deeply saddened to learn of Sue's Passing. I will always remember Sue as a warm, kind, and personable girl with a big smile. My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you all. May The Good Lord grant you comfort and peace at this time of sorrow. God Bless. Your friend, Stanley Gutt

Stanley Gutt - February 22 at 05:48 PM



“ Trina, John and Family
We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Whether it was working together at Sorrento or socializing, there were always so many laughs and stories being told. We will miss that. She will be present in the minds of so many forever. May she RIP.
Love
Bruno and Linda Cerati

Bruno Cerati - February 22 at 08:45 AM



“ Trina and John,
I was so sad to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was one of the strongest women I knew! She was always the life of the party and lived each and every day to it 's fullest! I will remember her most for her love for both of you, your spouses and your children, as well as her decades long friendship with my Mom. She will truly be missed, but lives on in all of you. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

With Love, Ellen Horan Cercone

Ellen Horan Cercone - February 21 at 09:45 AM



“ Trina, John and Family,

It breaks my heart to know my good friend is no longer with us. I will never forget the wonderful times we shared over the years raising you kids, working together at Naylor School. The many cruises we took together and our F.T T.E. lunches we shared after we retired. She always made me laugh. I am so lucky to have had her for a friend for 50 years.

My deepest sympathy to all of you! I think of you as family. Love, Linda and Gerald

Linda Horan - February 21 at 01:21 PM



“ Trina, John and Family I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was like a second mom to me growing up. So many sleepovers, trips to the beach, parades with Hannon Hatch, birthdays, graduations and so much more. I will always have fond memories of the times we shared. Love to you all.

Karen Renaldi



Karen Renaldi - February 21 at 09:13 AM



“ Trina, John and families,
I was so sad to hear of the loss of your mom. I will always remember her sense of humor and boundless energy! Vacations with her were always a laugh a minute! I will Also remember her as hard working with the strongest love for her children and grandchildren and for her years long friendship with my mother. She was one of the strongest women I knew! Love to you all during such a sad time. She lives on in all of you!
With Love,

Ellen Horan Cercone

Ellen Horan Cercone - February 21 at 09:38 AM



“ Trina, John and family,
I am so sad to hear of your Mom's passing. She has been my friend for 20 Years and my neighbor the 7 years when I lived next door. She was a fighter and never complained. I will miss picking her up with "Fred" in tow for our monthly Red Hat gatherings. I pray she is at peace and reunited with Evan on the back of his motor cycle with the wind blowing through her hair. Sending prayers to you all.

Shirley Jackson

Shirley Jackson - February 21 at 10:34 AM



“ Trina, John, and family,
We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one. I was blessed to know Suzanne. We met in our exercise classes at the Rocky Hill Senior Center. We shared wonderful conversations and had many laughs. We used to see her riding on the back of Evan's bike and spent time getting to know them. She was a very special, beautiful person. I will miss her unique sense of humor.

May you find comfort in knowing that she touched many lives with wonderful manner.

Blessings,

Chuck & Barbara (Barbie) Robison

Barbara Robison - February 22 at 08:06 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family.. Suzie was a wonderful person. Always with a smile. I would see her at the gym. Then at a family gathering she was there...she was a cousin of my cousins. What a small world. May she rest in peace.

Donna Pardo - February 22 at 08:23 PM