



Mary Martin

August 29, 1929 - April 6, 2023

HAMPTON, NH – Mary A. (Brennan) Martin came to the end of her life's journey on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

She was the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Walsh) Brennan, both of County Mayo, Ireland. She was born in New York City on August 29, 1929.

After her father's accidental death in December 1929, Mary moved to Manchester, NH with her mother. After losing her mother a few years later, she and her brother were raised by her stepfather, Patrick Bresnahan, and close relatives. She was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School for Girls in 1947. Mary married her husband, James J. Martin who preceded her in death in 1980 after 32 years of marriage. She and her husband raised five children.

She was also preceded in death by two of her children, James J. Martin Jr. of Manchester NH, and Maura Martin Wheeler, of Epsom, NH as well as her brother Rev. Thomas Bresnahan of Londonderry, NH. Mary is survived by her three daughters: Brenda and her husband, Dan Riley of Houston TX, Trisha and her husband, Ron Plante of Hampton NH, and Shauna and her husband, Joe Sarette of Merrimac MA. Mary loved her ten grandchildren: Marty and T Riley, Genevieve (Martin) Hoffmann and James J. Martin III, Katy and Marty Plante, Jacky Sarette, Nathan, Patrick, and Joseph Wheeler, as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Mary took great pride in never forgetting a family birthday or anniversary.

As she was the first generation born in the United States, Mary traveled to Ireland many times in her lifetime and took great pleasure in researching her Irish ancestry. She was able to trace her Irish ancestry back to Grace O'Malley, the County Mayo Pirate Queen.

With her strong religious faith, Mary was a devout Catholic and served as parish secretary at St. Michael's Parish in Exeter, NH for over ten years. She was also a lector at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish and a member of the former Catholic Women's Club of Hampton, NH.

Mary traveled extensively during her lifetime, and she wintered many years with her brother, Fr. Tom, in Vero Beach, FL.

Mary loved her family and her many friends dearly and was always surrounded by them, which is where she felt most comfortable and loved. She leaves nothing behind but beautiful memories and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Ise Matriarch Marbh.

The family would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the nurses, doctors, and staff at Rockingham County Nursing Center in Brentwood, NH for all their care and support over the last several months.

There will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bedford, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her

memory to the Manchester Firefighters Relief Association.

Please click on the link below to watch the livestream of the Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

<https://olmmparish.org/home/live-streaming/>

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

448 Donald Street
Bedford, NH 03110

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Cemetery

APR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Cemetery
448 Donald Street
Bedford, NH 03110

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I admired her. She was a great mom, grandmother, just a wonderful person. My sister was married to her son. Even though the marriage ended, she was always kind to me.

Marielle Murphy - December 17, 2024 at 09:43 PM

DG

“ Many good memories spending time with Mary and her family when I was younger. She was always very nice to me and treated me like one of the family. My deepest sympathy to Shauna, Trisha and Brenda, your Mom was one of a kind! Love to you all! David Gamlin

David Gamlin - April 13, 2023 at 11:50 AM

SS

Thank you!

Shauna Sarette - August 29, 2023 at 04:14 PM

JG

“ Lovely memories of her ,when she came here to Kerry Ireland,to visit my mom with her brother and father my moms uncle Patrick,may her soul rest in peace, 🙏

Julia Been ,her father Patrick was my gr - April 13, 2023 at 09:13 AM

CB

“ *Lovely memories of Mary coming to Kerry, she was amazing kind lady. Myself and Mom came on a holiday to visit Mary & Father Tom many years ago and the welcome we got was amazing & all fun. Always remembered by your Irish cousins. Love Catriona Brosnan & family Rest in peace Mary 🙏*



Catriona Brosnan - April 13, 2023 at 03:56 AM

DL

“ *Denise Laflamme lit a candle in memory of Mary Martin*



Denise Laflamme - April 12, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DL

“ *Mary was a special lady and a cherished friend. During the years in which I lived in Hampton, we spent much time together. Whether we went out for lobster rolls and iced coffee or stayed inside for afternoon tea and cookies, conversation flowed easily. We had a mutual fondness for lighthouses, the ocean, and British films. She shared many stories about her family and her Irish heritage. Whenever I needed an emotional lift, she always found the right words, and she hugged me often. She taught me much about faith, and I wish that I possessed the peace of mind which shone in her eyes and voice.*

I am thankful that the good Lord brought this remarkable woman into my life. Her kindness, generosity, and wisdom will never be forgotten.

Denise Laflamme - April 12, 2023 at 05:11 PM

ED

“ Dear Trisha, So sorry for the loss of your Dear Mom. She was a lovely lady.
Sincerely,
Ellen Wilbur DeCosta



Ellen Wilbur DeCosta - April 12, 2023 at 04:18 PM

MR

“ Martin B Riley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Martin.



Martin B Riley - April 11, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Martin.



April 11, 2023 at 11:15 AM

JV

“ Mary was a very special lady and became a great friend and part of the Veilleux family in Lewiston, Maine, loved. She was friendly, courteous, and always willing to help out at the many get togethers we had over many years. She d with me and whenever I make them, it reminds me of all the good times we had. She was also a gracious host whenever we visited in Hampton. She loved talking about her kids and grandkids and was very proud of all of them. She will live on in our hearts forever. May she rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Jack I e and Paul Veilleux - April 11, 2023 at 07:58 AM

GB

“ Mother Mary, I will miss our humor in conversations and in cards, I will miss running into you at various places. You certainly lived life to the fullest and raised a great and caring family. Rest now you deserve it.

Ginny Bridle - April 10, 2023 at 06:35 PM

EB

“ In the song, “Brennan on the Moor”, Brennan was described as “bold, brave, and undaunted”, which certainly described Mary, my dear cousin. I love and admire her, her strength and ability to enjoy life and deeply care for those she loved. Many thanks to her children and grandchildren who took such good care of her.

Eileen Brady - April 10, 2023 at 01:48 PM