



## Mary Smith Mullaney

July 24, 2018

Mary Smith Mullaney died at home on 24 July 2018 after a short struggle with liver cancer. She is survived by her husband Thomas, her son Thomas of New York City, her daughter Lauren of West Hartford, her beloved grandson Maxwell and her daughter-in-law Lori, both of Riverdale, NY. She is also survived by her three sisters: Catherine (Casey) Shuff of Lake Forest, IL; Anne Stephan and her husband Donald of Wilmette, IL and Susan Trees and her husband Jay of Lake Forest, IL; and her sister-in-law, Harriet Mullaney of Denver. She was pre-deceased by her three brothers; Thomas, Richard and Martin and her youngest sister, Julie. Mary Catherine Smith was born in St Louis, the oldest of eight children of Martin Duddy and Katherine Heisser Smith. She was raised in Davenport, IA where her parents moved soon after her birth. Mary attended Rosary College in River Forest, IL before moving to San Francisco and then to Chicago where she worked for a local advertising agency. She met Thomas F. Mullaney, Jr. in 1968 and they were married in January 1969. In Chicago Mary was on the Multiple Sclerosis Junior Board and volunteered at the Saint Vincent orphanage. She also started and ran a summer camp for members' children at The Saddle & Cycle Club. They lived in Chicago until 1977 when they moved to West Hartford, CT. Mary was clothes designer, artist, faux painter, athlete, soccer coach and wonderful wife and mother but her favorite role was that of grandmother. Mary designed invitations for the Joselloff Gallery at the University of Hartford and for the Women's Committee of the Mark Twain House. She was a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum, member of its Women's Committee and board member at The Hartford Art School. Mary volunteered at The House of Bread where she tutored a young boy. She was a tennis and paddle tennis player at The Hartford Golf Club as a member of the women's teams. In 1994 she helped her husband start an investment advisory firm as its corporate secretary and office manager. She retired after twenty years.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held at The Hartford Golf Club at noon on Friday 3 August. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or The House of Bread in Hartford. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Events

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**AUG**   **Celebration of Life**                      12:00PM

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Hartford Golf Club

134 Norwood Rd, West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

# Comments

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“ Mary's vibrant personality lit up a room. Our heartfelt condolences to Tom and the family.  
George and Gesella Stephan

George Stephan - August 01, 2018 at 09:44 AM

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Fred - July 31, 2018 at 04:56 AM

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“ Dear Tommy:

I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen your mom, to have an involved conversation with her, since she was pregnant with you. While our paths did cross subsequently, never in as meaningful a way. But I will never forget her. She was strikingly beautiful, brilliant, witty, artistic and kind. I had such admiration for her. She had such a great personality. I wanted to be her! Our relationship was through the fact that I worked for your Dad. Your parents had kindly invited me and another young female colleague to their apartment for dinner. It was such a thrill for me to see them together. Your Dad clearly adored her, as she did him.

Please accept my condolences, loving and prayers. Please relay them to your entire family, but most particularly please relay them to your Dad.

Time goes by. But it's always too soon to lose a loved one, especially a mother.

Chris Carter Lynch

Christine Carter Lynch - July 29, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear Tom (as opposed to Tommy): Since I found this link through being friends with Tommy on Facebook (he connected with me to joke about the VW rabbit which served us all so well), I addressed my message to him. After I sent it, I realized this is the family site hosted via Taylor and Modeen. More appropriately, Tom, my note should have been addressed to you. You are in fact the only member of Mary's family I actually know. Moreover, it is only

because of you that I was blessed to know Mary. I feel as though I know you today as well as I did during our Chicago bank days even though we haven't seen each other in a very long time. Time passes so quickly. I am so, so sorry for your loss dear Tom. I am so very, very sorry and sad. But you and she had a beautiful life together. Certainly a lifetime together to be celebrated. Love and blessings to you and yours. Chris Carter

**Christine Carter Lynch** - July 29, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ To all the Mullaney family, our condolences....Marilyn and I grew up in the Quad Cities with Mary. She went to the Villa with my five sisters. At Rosary, she visited Notre Dame often with her classmates to visit many of their Fenwick grads from River Forest who were my good friends at ND. In the summers of high school and college, Mary was always a highlight of our many social capers...the Quads was a fantastic place to grow up in the 50's / 60's. Her obit heralds all the wonderful things Mary did with her life in loving her family and giving back to her communities. We will never forget Mary Smith, and her large family from Main St, Davenport, Iowa. Buzz and Marilyn Wurzer, Vero Beach, FL.

**Henry K "Buzz" Wurzer** - July 29, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ My mom always comments on Mary's impressive smarts and wit, but I also loved her elegant, artistic style and creativity. She defined COOL to me. What a special lady. Lauren, Tommy, and Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. We will always remember how much fun we had with Mary, and how she influenced our lives in so many beautiful ways. All our love, Steffie, John, and Charlie, and the whole Rogers family.

**Steffie Rogers** - July 27, 2018 at 08:35 AM

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“ Tom: my deepest condolences at the passing of your wife. Our prayers are with you.

Paul Pirrotta

**Paul Pirrotta** - July 27, 2018 at 04:55 AM