



Mrs. Mary Daily Neylon

December 11, 1928 - November 11, 2022

MARY DAILY NEYLON

Loving Mother, Grandmother,
And Great Grandmother

Mary Daily Neylon, a long-time resident of Lowell, who had a long career as an educator in both Lowell and Waltham and was a church volunteer at her local parish died on Friday November 11, 2022. Mary was 93 years old and died surrounded by her loving family, after a short period of declining health. She was the beloved wife of the late Tom Neylon.

Mary was born in Medford MA on December 11, 1928 and grew up in Arlington MA, daughter of the late Francis F. Daily and the late Helen (Lynch) Daily. She was educated at Arlington High School, graduated Regis College in 1950 before earning a masters degree from Boston College in 1952.

Upon graduation, Mary taught English and Latin at Waltham High School, where she met and later married her husband, Tom Neylon. After taking a few years off to raise her children, Mary re-entered the workforce as a teacher in Waltham and Lowell. She had a reputation as an outstanding teacher who challenged her students to work hard to reach their full potential. Her favorite saying was that “students rise to the level of your expectations”.

Mary was a devout Catholic and a communicant at St Margaret Church in Lowell, where she served as a Lector, taught both CCD and Pre-Cana and served on the parish council. In 2011, the Boston Archdiocese awarded her with the prestigious Bishop Cheverus Award in recognition of her significant contributions. She was also proud of her roles as the Secretary of class notes at Regis College and her 25+ year volunteer role at Saints Memorial Hospital. Mary was also a strong supporter of The Jimmy Fund/ Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Mary greatly valued her strong relationships with her large extended family. She had great memories of growing up with her Daily and Lynch relatives, with whom she remained very close throughout her entire life, in both Maine and the Arlington/ Belmont area. These memories included joyful recollections of her childhood summers in Hampton Beach and her summer job at Donovan & Fallon. She loved Lowell, and despite still considering herself a “63 year blow in”, she formed an extremely strong relationship with her Lowell extended family. She deeply loved the McCabe, Durkin, Gorman, Kirwin and Phelps families, and relied on their friendship and support. She could always count on her brother and sister in-laws, nieces and nephews throughout her life. Mary also enjoyed special relationships with her cousin Father Vincent Daily and her parish priest Father Ray Benoit.

Mary will be greatly missed, and remembered for her love of a good conversation, black coffee, dinners at the 99 restaurant, lunches with “the girls”, reading books and traveling in Europe during her younger years.

She is survived by her children Lainey Martin of Lowell, Catherine and Mark O'Malley of Lowell, Tom and Jennifer (Guido) Neylon of Manhasset NY, Frank and Kathy (Galvin) Neylon of Chelmsford, Maureen Neylon and Ted McNamara of Chicago, IL ; 12 grandchildren, Peter (Andrea) Martin, Kara

(Jason) Koch , Jim Martin, Rob (Britt) Martin, Caitlin (Mike) Gudewich, Courtney (Ben) Ratty, Kellen and Tierney McNamara, Joe and Meghan Neylon, Ava and Thomas Neylon ; and 10 great grandchildren Hazel, Oliver, and Wyatt Koch, Jack and Ben Martin, Rory and Harry Martin, Avery and Riley Gudewich and Emma Ratty. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Rose Daily.

Mary was predeceased by her loving husband Tom, her daughter Anne, her son Joe, her sister Helen, her brother Frank and her son-in-law Peter Martin, with whom she had a great relationship. Her family loved her deeply, will greatly miss her and is incredibly proud of the strongest woman we ever knew.

Family and Friends may call at THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STRRET, LOWELL, on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, 2022, from 3 until 8 PM. Mary's FUNERAL will begin on THURSDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her FUNERAL MASS at 10 o'clock at ST. MARGARET CHURCH, 374 STEVENS STREET, LOWELL. Burial will follow in ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY.

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Mary's memory to The Jimmy Fund / Dana Farber Cancer Institute (www.Dana-Farber.org) or to The Bridge Club of Greater Lowell, (www.bridgeclubofgreaterlowell.org) phone 978-454-6191.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
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Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret's Church
374 Stevens St.
Lowell, MA 01851

Burial

NOV 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Daily Neylon*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Neylon was my inspiration to have my hip replacement surgery. She had such drive and perseverance to move forward in life. A zest for life!*

Rest in Peace

*Sincerely,
Kathleen Pender-Phanuef*

Kathleen Pender-Phaneuf - November 19, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *It's been awhile but I was Mary and Tom's letter carrier for 22 years at the homestead at 69 Viola St. they couldn't have been any nicer. Tom was great. We would talk a lot as their house was where I parked. He was a knowledgeable man and gave me commentary and advice on many occasions. Mary was a lovely lady, personable too. She talked about school and her beloved family. I think the people I met over my 30 years was the best part of my job.*

Mary and Tom were some of the best.

*Sincerely
Doug Anderson*

Doug Andero - November 16, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MP

“ *Mrs. Neylon touched so many people, spiritually and academically. A lot of memories hanging out with her boys, Tom and Frank. Rest in peace.*

Mike Pender - November 14, 2022 at 07:56 AM

MA

“ *Cathy, Lainey and Family....sending most sincere condolences for your loss !!Surely with time, your memories will make you smile. May your mother be resting in peace, Rob & Maryann Abcunas*

maryann abcunas - November 13, 2022 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Daily Neylon*



Sean & Erin Rourke - November 13, 2022 at 03:24 PM