



## Mary Anne LaRoche

May 2, 1950 - May 23, 2019

WESTHAMPTON, MA – Mary Anne “Mimi” LaRoche passed away on May, 23, 2019 at Baystate Medical Center, in Springfield, MA. Born on May 2, 1950 in Stamford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Alex LaRoche and Margaret Christiano.

She was predeceased by her parents and a brother Allan.

Mimi is survived by her loving husband Michel Merle, of Westhampton, MA; a brother Ron LaRoche (his wife Diane) of Stamford, CT; a sister in law, Stephanie LaRoche of Chester, MA; a stepdaughter, Noelle Merle and stepson, Noah Merle of MA; and by a grandson Crosby. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews whom meant the world to her, as well as by many wonderful friends.

She was a Nurse Educator and Director of Compliance for Wingate Healthcare for many years, prior to becoming a consultant for the Poet Seat Nursing Home in Greenfield, MA, where she worked with many wonderful staff members and residents.

Our Mimi was the “go to” person in the family. She was always there for anyone who needed help regardless of the issue or circumstance. Her heart was huge and she shared it with everyone. She was a true professional in the

nursing world. She was a loving, kind, compassionate woman who knew how to live her life to the fullest. She had a great passion and care for animals and made her home a sanctuary for all her beloved pets of which she held dear to her heart. Mimi left this world a better place for being here. Her faith, family, friends and home were her world. Mimi's passing leaves a huge void in our hearts.

A Mass to celebrate Mimi's life will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 11:30AM, at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Ave., in Stamford, CT. Her burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the: Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, 627 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for the family visit the family guestbook on [bosakfuneralhome.com](http://bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 1. 11:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
37 Schuyler Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 324-9544  
sacredparish@optonline.net  
<http://stamfordsacredheart.org/>

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ *My deepest condolences the Michel and the family. May she go to the place which she dreamt of and spoke and whose map is discovered in the Bible with words of eternal life with her maker.*

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**sam lalos** - June 01, 2019 at 01:54 PM

DE

“ *She was beautiful inside and out and will be greatly missed by everyone. I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Debbie Esposito-Alonzi*

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**Debbie Esposito-Alonzi** - May 31, 2019 at 04:23 PM

GN

“ *As Director for Professional Development at Wingate, I worked with Mimi for several years, Her passion was quality care for the residents and the development of professional nurses. Her face always lit up when she talked about her family and it was an honor to be at her wedding. She will always be remembered lovingly by others.*

*Keep smiling down on us Mimi!*

*Ginger Newell-Stokes*

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**Ginger Newell-Stokes** - May 30, 2019 at 03:30 PM

JE

“ I started working at poet seat health care center 4 years ago when I meet Mimi.. my first impression was how in the world does she walk in those heels..

Mimi was always a person I could come to with any problems I had.. she was always a great listener and friend. She was there throughout my pregnancy with my daughter and after. I brought her in a couple times to meet everyone and Mimi was always in aw. I will dearly miss her smile her laugh and most of all her kindness and hopefulness. She will be missed by so many. Rest In Peace Mimi

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**jennie emery** - May 29, 2019 at 08:35 PM

KS

“ At times Mimi would drive us crazy but she was a great person who had a great passion for long term care. I will value all that she taught me. Rest in peace.

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**Kathleen Stewart** - May 29, 2019 at 11:50 AM

DA

“ I met Mimi last August when I returned to long term care after a five year absence. Mimi's encouragement and knowledge helped me through some of my hardest weeks of my nursing career. We miss her guidance and support.

Rest easy Mimi ❤️



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**Donna Ardine** - May 29, 2019 at 08:56 AM

YM

“ Although, I didn't get to know you long.. you were an amazing woman to get to know!

We joked around about your shoes being too big very often but bonded and became friends this way!

You were always helpful, kind, loving, and oh so understanding!

Everyone's heart you touched will surely miss you

I hope you're enjoying your next journey in life as I know you lived this one to the fullest.

You were so bright and vibrant and knew how to always be fancy.

May you rest peacefully now just remember you were loved by many people!

Take care Mimi ❤️

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yasmine merced - May 29, 2019 at 08:19 AM