



Mary M. Savage

September 27, 1937 - May 19, 2026

Dr. Mary M. Savage, a deeply beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, educator, and mentor, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the age of 88. Mary lived a life defined by love, faith, generosity, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family, her students, and her community. She was a proud Irish-American woman whose warmth, intelligence, loyalty, and determination left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Mary was born on September 27, 1937, in Stamford to the late Timothy Savage of County Cork, Ireland, and Bridget Greene Savage of County Galway, Ireland. She carried tremendous pride in her Irish heritage throughout her life and embodied the resilience, compassion, humor, and fighting spirit that defined her family roots.

Mary attended Sacred Heart Academy and went on to earn her Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in Education from Fordham University. Education was not simply her profession — it was her calling. Over a remarkable career spanning more than 50 years within the Stamford Public Schools system, Mary served as a teacher, vice principal, and principal at Stark, Newfield, Springdale, Roxbury, and Rogers schools among others. She believed deeply in the potential of every child and dedicated her life to helping generations of students grow with confidence, discipline, and compassion. Mary led with both

strength and kindness and earned enormous respect from students, parents, teachers, and colleagues alike.

Mary's dedication to service extended far beyond the classroom. She proudly served on the Board of Representatives for the City of Stamford, where she worked tirelessly on behalf of her community. She believed strongly in giving back and approached every responsibility with integrity, intelligence, and care.

A devout and faithful Catholic, Mary was a lifelong and dedicated member of St. Mary's Parish. Her faith guided every aspect of her life and gave her tremendous strength through both joyful and difficult times. She quietly and consistently supported the church and many of its projects over the decades, always placing others before herself.

Above all else, Mary loved her family fiercely. She is survived by her devoted sister, Joan Savage Flanagan; her loving nephew, Tim Flanagan and his partner, Kelli Scott; niece Sheila Flanagan and partner, Rachel Alves; and her cherished grandnieces, Claire Flanagan and Adilenn Honaker. She also leaves behind a large and loving extended family of cousins and treasured lifelong friends, including Bonnie Belmont Ferro, Kathleen Connole, and Catherine Macchio. Mary was predeceased by her beloved uncle, Michael Greene, and her brother-in-law, William G. Flanagan.

Special gratitude goes out to family members Rachel and Lisa Alves for their constant care and attention during Mary's last several months of home hospice care for their extraordinary love, care, and compassion during Mary's final months of home hospice care.

Mary faced life's challenges with remarkable courage and grace. A two-time cancer survivor, she met every hardship with determination, faith, and an enduring Irish fighting spirit. Even during her final months, her strength, sharp

wit, loyalty, and deep love for those around her never faded.

Mary's life was one of purpose, dignity, service, and love. She leaves behind an extraordinary legacy in the countless students she inspired, the family she adored, the friendships she cherished, and the community she faithfully served. She will be profoundly missed and forever remembered with love, admiration, and immense pride.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 27th, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish, 566 Elm Street, Stamford, CT. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery, 25 Camp Avenue, Darien, CT.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery (Darien)

25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Mass

MAY 27. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Church (Stamford)
566 Elm Street
Stamford, CT 06902

Tribute Wall

HS

“ Had the privilege and joy to work with Dr Savage at Newfield School for several years. She was truly invested in the development of her students and staff. She was especially wonderful at wanting to know about your family and share happiness in that news. She had a life well lived.

Hedy Siegel - May 30 at 03:14 PM

CB

“ Dr Savage gave her all to our community and children. I was privileged to work with her at both Newfield and Stark. She was a strong woman with a sharp wit & sense of humor. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her and may she rest in peace eternally. God Bless her family and friends.

Celeste Maida Baranowski - May 27 at 09:15 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr Savage's passing, having just seen this notice. Dr Savage hired me for my first job at Stark in 1999. She was fiercely devoted to her job and role as an administrator and later to Stamford as a whole. She always spoke fondly of her family (her niece?). Through many years she continued to send me an annual Christmas Card! As a boss she was always adamant that our families came first.
Even today, I take many memories of my time with her and will be sure to “pray, reflect, and meditate” on her influence. Rest easy after a life full of service to others, Dr Savage.

laura lynam - May 27 at 07:50 AM

ZF

“ I was a Kindergartener during Dr. Savage final year as Principal at Julia A Stark School. She always cared for all the students and visited so much through my school life that she was always there for any special events.

Zach Frattaroli - May 24 at 06:18 PM

RS

“ I was saddened by the news of Dr. Savage's (Mary) passing. My condolences to her family and friends. I've been a Stamford Public School educator for 32 years. Dr. Savage hired me to be a 5th grade teacher on my birthday. The greatest present you could ever get!! I worked under her for 8 wonderful years and learned so much about teaching and leadership from her! Her work ethic was second to none and inspirational. I remember thinking to myself when days were difficult, that maybe I should take a day off, and I thought about how she never missed a day! So I went to work! When I wasn't confident about where I was as a teacher, she would point out everything I did well. And when I did grow into what she envisioned I could become, she knew she could come to me for support. Pete Kinahan and I visited her in November. I hadn't seen her in many years. Let me say she was just unbelievable! Charming, intelligent, witty and feisty. We laughed and reminisced. We talked about education, and it was clear to me she truly loved being in our profession and loved children. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to get know you! Thank you Dr. Savage. God bless you!

Rick Savona

Rick Savona - May 23 at 06:27 PM

LS

“ I was saddened to learn of Dr. Savage’s passing. When my husband of nearly 50 years passed on I really wasn’t sure how to fill my days. I found myself at Stark Elementary School feeling welcomed and appreciated by Dr. Savage and the staff as I ventured into a volunteer opportunity. I spent a number of years volunteering five days a week up until Covid put an abrupt end to this most rewarding experience. I am forever grateful to Dr. Savage for her warm embrace and understanding.

*May she rest in eternal peace.
Mrs. Lorraine Stamas*

Lorraine Stamas - May 23 at 01:56 PM

RB

“ Sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. I met her many years ago through one of her neighbors. She had a wonderful career, helping so many. May she rest in peace
Sincerely condolences, Rosemarie Blosio

Rosemarie Blosio - May 22 at 06:38 PM

MS

“ As a past principal of Stillmeadow, I am thankful to have had the opportunity of working and collaborating with Mary. She cared about families and children, and lived a career to ensure their success. Mary lived a dignified life, and worked hard to ensure families and children lived the same. She brought grace to all she knew and encountered. She was the best of us.
May her memory be a blessing to all.
Michael Sanders

Michael J Sanders - May 22 at 11:44 AM

MR

“ Dearest Mary, I'm at such a loss for words. I have lost a dear friend and colleague. Those who knew you were blessed to have had you in their lives.

My deepest condolences to your family. May you be at peace now with the lord . I share treasure the many many memories of the good and not so good times.

Sincerely,

Marianne Vaccaro Robushi

Marianne Vaccaro Robushi - May 21 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ Dr. Savage, a tiny little woman, was a force to reckon with! Always well intended she gave her all. I am thankful to have met her and worked with her at Stark Elementary right up until her 50 year retirement. Her passionate dedication to the students, families, and faculty of Stark was evident every day. Her deep respect for our veterans was evidenced by the glorious assemblies and get togethers she facilitated within our school. May Dr. Savage rest in eternal peace. A life well lived. ❤️🇺🇸 Mary Brassman

Mary Brassman - May 21 at 11:58 AM

MF

Dr. Savage always held a special place in my life and my sons life. I was thankful to work with her at Stark Elementary School until she retired. Reason I say she held a special place in my heart and my sons Zachary's is because when my son was born she gave me a rabbit and a book for him. The book my son who is 22 he still has. Even after my son left Elementary School she would always ask how he was doing. Even when she retired and came to Stark for Veterans Day she would ask how my son was doing. I learned a lot working with Dr. Savage at Stark Elementary. She always believed that family was the most important thing.

May Dr. Savage rest in eternal peace. Love, Monica Frattaroli

Monica Frattaroli - May 21 at 07:11 PM

LC

“ *My deepest sympathy to cousins Sheila, Tim and family. Mary was an unforgettable presence in our family. Her strength and devotion brought us many blessings. Rest in peace Mary. Lyn Chatham*



Lyn Chatham - May 20 at 11:51 AM