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CATHERINE B. PERRY (Mrs. Perry) Catherine (Kay) Perry, 91, passed away peacefully on February 5th, 2015 at the Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Lawrence after her long battle with Alzheimer's. Kay, a lifelong resident of Lawrence, was the daughter of the late John and Margaret Bresnahan of Dorchester St. in So. Lawrence, and the darling wife of the late Warren J. Perry, Sr. Kay attended St. Patrick's Grammar/High School and was Valedictorian, Class of 1941. She was the recipient of a four year scholarship to Emmanuel College where she majored in Chemistry and minored in Physics. After graduation, she became a Chemist at the Oxford Paper Company, where she met her loving husband. Kay and Warren Sr. were married in 1950 at her home Parish of St Patrick's and together they settled in Lawrence to live and raise their family. When her youngest child went to school, Kay began her teaching career in the Lawrence area. She was offered a position as 4th grade teacher at St. Mary's Grammar School. After the devastating school's fire in February 1967, she took a position in St. Mary's High School as a science teacher. During her 23 years teaching at St. Mary's, Kay became the cherished teacher to thousands of young women. She was well known for so many enlightening lessons that included a large array of subjects over her 23 years. Some highlights were her notorious (Marriage and the Family) and her own developed elective of (Physiology/Embryology). During her children's youth, she was an active member of the Scouting Community, assisting her husband as a Den Mother and as the Cookie Chairman for the Girl Scouts. She became the moderator of endless functions and sports programs over her career at SMH. She was honored by her students with 3 year book dedications in her SMH career. At a very young age Kay found much comfort in her Catholic Faith, she continued this strong passion throughout her life and shared her religious teachings with her family and friends. Kay demonstrated her faith through her actions and became both a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at



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St. Mary's Church. But Kay's proudest accomplishment was when, with the sponsorship of her dear friend Sr. Mary Anderson, SND, she dedicated her life and faith to the organization designed for lay people, The Associates of the Sisters of Notre Dame. She was also very proud of being a first generation American and enjoyed two trips to Ireland with her family to explore her heritage. Later in her life she became an active member of Lawrence's LAOH Division 08, and was an active member for several years, holding the offices of Secretary and later President. In 2000 she was the recipient of the Hibernian's Woman of the Year Award. Kay was predeceased by her son Warren J. Perry Jr. and is survived by her son, John F. Perry of Lawrence, and her daughters, Christine A. Perry of Atlantic Beach, FL, Ellen M. Perry and Patricia A. Pizzillo of Centerville, MA., and Catherine Perry Sullivan and Clare P. Sullivan of Caldwell, NJ. Kay was the proud grandmother of Warren III, Frank Perry (Shelly) of Nashua, NH, Julie Allen (Jamie) of Salem, NH, Jennifer Perry of Manchester, NH and Joel Perry (Jocelyn) of Pelham, NH and 9 great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, February 16th, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. Her funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Mary's Church in Lawrence, MA and burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence, MA. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Alzheimer's Foundation, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA, 02472.



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PD

Patti (Barnes) Deroche posted:

To my friend Ellen and her family. I just heard about Mom. She was a classy lady in so many ways. She love life, she love you guys and showed it in so many ways. We where all her children. If you were A St. Mary's Girl, you were one of her girls. She taught us well both inside and outside of class. I can remember the hockey games she went to with Sr. Francis and Sr. Eleanor as we all cheered for Larry. We had some great times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Patti and Jim

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SJ

Susan M (Tabor) Jussaume posted:

Dear Family & Friends of Catherine Perry, Extending deepest sympathy at the passing of your beloved Catherine "Kay". Indeed Mrs. Perry, whom I was blessed to have as a teacher at SMHS, class of 1974, was a dedicated individual who gave lovingly to her students and colleagues. Mrs. Perry made a positive difference for all the students she taught & mentored. May warm memories which you hold in your hearts help you through this difficult time of loss. Keeping Mrs. Perry and each of you in our prayers. Susan & Allan Jussaume & Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dannny Sullivan posted:

Just in case my first one did not go through. I am very sorry about your loss. I will always remember going over to your mother and father's house on the holidays. It was very festive. Danny

March 7 at 8:00 PM

PD

Patti (Barnes) Deroche posted:

Ellen and her family: I was so sorry to her about your Mother. We had just talked about her at Marriane funeral. We had some good times both inside school and outside. She was a classy lady. I would have loved to have shared this moment with you but I just recently got out of the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please give Mom a Kiss for me. Patti and Jim

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DA

Danny posted:

I am sorry to hear about your loss. I will always remember going over to your Mother and Father's house during the holidays. It was pretty festive. Danny

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MG

Mary Lou Goujon posted:

To the Perry family I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom Kay. She was a wonderful woman we knew from St Mary's. We had a nice group of people at Bible study at St. Mary that my mother-in-law Sarah and I use to attend. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mary Lou Goujon

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DK

Donna Krupa posted:

So sorry for your loss of such a beautiful soul. Catherine Perry will remain in my prayers. Donna Krupa

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LK

Leslie Kennedy posted:

So sad to hear of Mrs. Perry's passing. I remember her fondly and enjoyed her science classes at St. Mary's. My thoughts and prayers to her family. Leslie (Burdin) Kennedy, Class of '85

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RA

Rob And Colleen Aboud posted:

To all of the Perry Family, our deepest sympathy for your loss. I will always remember Mrs. Perry's smile and her laugh. The Perry household was always a very energized place to hang around in our High School years thanks to Mr. and Mrs. P. May God Bless and Comfort all of the Perry Family. Rob and Colleen Aboud

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VT

Vince Del Tatto posted:

so sorry for your loss, wish I had met her; hearing sooo many good things about her! sending prayers to you

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GP

Gail Barnes Pickles posted:

To the Perry Family. I am so very sorry to hear about your tremendous loss. She was a great lady, and I am sure you will certainly miss her. I also had her while at St. Marys, and of course knew her outside of the class room. Ellen you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jean Campaiola posted:

Cathy & Ellen, A generation of St. Mary's girls can't even think of high school without fond memories of Mrs. Perry. How sorry we are to learn she is gone. She was the heart and soul of our school ~ homeroom teacher, basketball, student council ~ she was everywhere it mattered. Her physiology/embryology course was the toughest and best class. I'm sure she started many students on the road to health care with that one. Hers was a life well lived. I'm so grateful I knew her. May she rest in peace. Jean Campaiola '80

March 7 at 8:00 PM

AR

Alyce Beal Risteen posted:

Cathy, Ellen and the Perry Family please accept my condolences, your Mother was such a bright spot and her smile lit up the whole school at St. Mary's ...many fond memories both in school and at basketball games ! Sincerely, Alyce

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MT

Meredith Tibbetts posted:

Cathy, Clare, and Ellen: Sending you love and strength. Mrs.P was quite a pistol, and anyone who knew her, loved her. That's the kind of woman she was. Goodness, how she made everyone laugh. I was thinking how great I will be to see you and so many old friends at her services. She is giving and spreading joy, even still.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MB

Marge Benedict posted:

I'm sorry for your loss. Mrs. Perry was an awesome lady! She was greatly loved and admired at St. Mary. May she join Sr. Mary and they both be happy in God's hands.

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BK

Barbara-Jean Kubik posted:

sincere sympathy to all of Kay's family. She was much loved at Saint Mary High School. In prayer, Sr. Barbara-Jean Kubik, SND

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AH

Anne Howard posted:

Cathy, Ellen and all of the Perry clan: it was an honor to have met your mother and your family many years ago. My thoughts are with you during this time. Kay was very accepting and welcoming to me and my memories are fond. Best to all of you and I am sorry for your physical loss of her. Anne Howard

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KB

Kathy Sheehy Jim Burgess posted:

John, We're very sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and your family. May you find peace and comfort in your cherished memories. God Bless.

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TB

Tony Burgess posted:

Ellen and family, my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Your mother was a woman of strong faith, and she is now at home in the loving arms of our Lord. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tony & John

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EP

Ellie Moran Pelletier posted:

RIP Mrs. Perry!

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CP

Carrie Petzy posted:

Dear Ellen and Cathy, I never really knew Ma Perry, but all your St Mary's friends loved her. May her memory be eternal. Peace, Carrie

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RS

Rose Mary Supino Cyr posted:

Dear Ellen, Cathy & family: Mrs. Perry's legacy will forever live in the hearts of all of us that were so fortunate to know her at SMH. I can't imagine thinking of our years at St. Mary's without thinking of Mrs. Perry. She was a cornerstone of the school. May she rest in peace and may you gain comfort in the memories you have of your beloved mother. Love, Rosie Supino Cyr

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DB

Danielle Barrett posted:

RIP Mrs. Perry, I still remember her smile and laugh. The strong science foundation she gave me in high school helped make me successful in pharmacy school. She is a teacher I will always remember. My condolences to the Perry family. Sincerely, Danielle (Bourassa) Barrett SMHS Class of 1987

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CH

Corrine Crisa-Hasbany posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Perry. She was a wonderful teacher and I have happy memories of my days in her classes at SMH. Thank you Mrs. Perry and may you rest in peace.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Catherine B. (Bresnahan) by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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