



## Mary Dwyer Williams

June 11, 1951 - June 15, 2019

Ulster Park – Mary Dwyer Williams died suddenly on Saturday June 15, 2019 at HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston. She was 68 years old.

Born June 11, 1951 in Albany she was the daughter of the late Francis Dwyer and Helen Hogan Dwyer. She married Rich Williams on June 26, 1971. The self stylized matriarch of the family and always at the helm of the command center in Ulster Park. Family was the foundation of her life and she wore her Irish heritage on her sleeve. A proud alumni of St. Ursula's Academy and John A. Coleman High School, she had a deep adoration for her community and its history and was the creator of two Facebook pages devoted to that cause, "Ulster County Past and Present" and "Our Memories of Kingston, NY"

Following High School, she briefly worked for the NY Telephone Co. and then joined her father at Frank T. Dwyer Accounting Services beginning what became her life long career. An avid reader and collector of books she opened Ye Olde Bookshop on Broadway in Kingston where she was affectionately known as the Mayor of Midtown and was a fixture during the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Her store window was elaborately decorated for every holiday and occasion and she personally maintained the city Christmas decorations along Broadway.

Mary enjoyed crafting of every kind, crocheting, ceramics, painting and much

more. She was admired for her home made gifts and often had her creations on public display. Formerly a league bowler, attending concerts such as Neil Diamond, Air Supply, Billy Joel and Meatloaf with family and friends was a particular enjoyment for her. She was a lover of animals and over the years raised many Shetland sheep dogs.

In addition to her husband, survivors include her son Richie Williams and his wife Sonia; two grandchildren Sage and Killian Williams; three siblings, Joan Van Loan and her husband Peter, Thomas Dwyer and his wife Karen and Maureen Every and her husband Rich; family pets Keegan and Clover; and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her infant daughter.

Funeral services will be private and under the direction of Buono Funeral Service, Inc. in Saugerties. Interment will take place in St. Peter's Cemetery in Kingston. Friends may call Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Henry J. Bruck Funeral Home, 261 Broadway, Kingston. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations in her memory be made to the Ulster County SPCA or any animal rescue organization. Please offer your condolences for Mary and her family online at [www.BuonoFuneralService.com](http://www.BuonoFuneralService.com).

## Cemetery Details

### St. Peter's Cemetery

Kingston, NY 12401

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Henry J. Bruck Funeral Home  
261 Broadway  
Kingston, NY 12401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Dwyer Williams*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Dwyer and Williams families. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Laura*

**Laura B Petit** - June 19, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Dwyer Williams.*



June 18, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Just want to say Mary was a great lady always enjoyed our conversations u will be truly missed .My condolences to her family R.I.P. Tim Davide*

**Tim Davide** - June 17, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *When Mary and I met we clicked right away over our shared love of local history. We'd talk on the phone for hours about history. She was my research partner and I will miss her dearly. You knew Mary liked you when she ended the phone conversation with "OK Duke, see you later!" Love you Mary, you will always be in my thoughts.*

**David Longendyke** - June 17, 2019 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the Dwyer and Williams families. Time and memories will get you all through this. Mary was a profound, humorous, and giving person whom I am glad to have known. My love to Richie and his family.*

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**Donna Smedman** - June 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM

DF

“ *A great lady. I'm proud to call you a friend. I'm sure lots of dogs are welcoming you at the Rainbow Bridge. Love, Doug*

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**Doug Freeman** - June 17, 2019 at 01:54 PM

TF

“ *The Marreiros Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Dwyer Williams.*



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**The Marreiros Family** - June 17, 2019 at 01:10 PM

JK

“ *Joe Kearney purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Dwyer Williams.*



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**Joe Kearney** - June 17, 2019 at 10:53 AM

MA

“ For Richie and family. So sorry to get this news. Condolences on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Fred and Marion Zimmer*

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**Marion** - June 17, 2019 at 09:48 AM

CS

“ One of my favorite things in life was talking to her. She made me laugh, kept me on my toes and her sense of humor and the things she said kept us all paying attention and so amused. No doubt one of a kind! She is a HUGE loss for so many people and those who knew her were very lucky to have her presence in their life. My heart breaks for the entire family as I know how much she meant to each of them and how much they meant to her.

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**carlene swart** - June 16, 2019 at 11:05 PM

KH

“ My sympathies to the Dwyer William families. I loved talking to Mary she was always full of joy. Our late nite chats on the phone for Mary was always up very late. I will miss her very much n will keep her in my prayers. God Bless u Mary for ur friendship. ❤️❤️❤️

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**Kathryn Hoehing** - June 16, 2019 at 09:42 PM

JA

“ To Mary's Family...Very sorry for Your Loss...We have been away from Kingston and the area For Many Many Years,,,But Mary's posts Brought Back Many memories of Our old Home Town and Area...She will be greatly Missed .God Bless Her and Your Family ...RIP Mary Joe Amato.. Cape Canaveral,Florida...

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**Joseph D Amato** - June 16, 2019 at 08:34 PM

MF

“ *I loved Aunt Mary! Her wicked sense of humor will truly be missed. Mary had a tremendous heart and I am forever grateful that she shared that with me.*

Michelle Flood - June 16, 2019 at 05:42 PM

FS

“ *I had lots of interesting conversations about life, politics, taxes and people with Mary. She was a good friend and a treasure to the Kingston area. My sympathy and condolences go out to the Dwyer and Williams families. She was a gem, a character, funny, and smart, I'll miss her.*  
Fred Schwarz

Fred Schwarz - June 16, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Dwyer Williams.*



June 16, 2019 at 03:41 PM

PV

“ There are no profound words of comfort to offer that will temper the loss of this bright, strong, loving and brilliant woman. Mary's attributes are too many to list. I can only offer my deepest heart-felt sympathy to "Big Rich", Richie, Sonia, Children and family. It was a privilege to have known and loved Mary for so many years. May you find comfort in the memories you have and the "lessons" she taught. "What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love becomes a part of us". May this strong Irish Woman RIP...

*Pat Vaselewski*

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**Pat Vaselewski** - June 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM

DS

“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Condolences to the Dwyer and Williams families.

*Dan and Barbara Sass*

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**Daniel F Sass** - June 16, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DL

“ .Condolences and love to Mary's family... You will always be in my thoughts.

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**David Longendyke** - June 16, 2019 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ OMG. So sorry to get this news. Mary was a childhood friend - so many memories: Her sense of humor especially and her Irish 🍀.  
*Rest In Peace*

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**melissa mayone** - June 16, 2019 at 01:22 PM



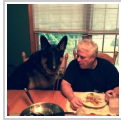
“ R.I.P. Mary !

*What a great woman and historian. We first met online on the "I'm From Kingston, N.Y." Facebook page and soon became fast friends by butting heads and then making up with hours long phone calls in the middle of the night that revolved around all manner of historical minutiae. From bluestone to barges she knew it all and will be sorely missed.*

*Blessings to her family and the Van Loan and Dwyer extended families as well. St. Patrick's parade day and shenanigans won't be quite the same. 😭*

*Michael Paul  
"Hurley, N.Y" Facebook Page  
June 16, 2019*

Michael Paul - June 16, 2019 at 12:47 PM

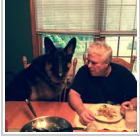


*Same with me.*

Chester Hartwell - June 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM



Michael Paul - June 17, 2019 at 12:33 AM



“ Like all who knew Mary-sorrow and appreciation flood my mind. We were as close as Mary would allow. We often spoke in the early morning hours.

*Mary and I met online years ago on the "I'm from Kingston" Facebook page.*

*Mary was livid that I had removed the dirt and color corrected an image that she had posted.*

*It was not until others pointed out the improvement that she saw I was trying to help and not steal her image.*

*Later she realized I was a new resident and new student of local history she and others took me under their wing.*

*Our collective goal is to add as much information to (legacy and new) photos so that the following generations may be better oriented and informed. It takes many to tell these stories.*

*Collectively we have worked researching and posting new information and their connections to the Kingston story.*

*Mary-good job, take a rest then start the interviews.*

*With deep respect to the family and admiration of the person....thank you for being YOU !*

*Chester Hartwell  
I LIKE SAUGERTIES-Facebook  
June 16, 2019*

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**Chester Hartwell** - June 16, 2019 at 12:02 PM

MP

*Well said, Chester !*

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**Michael Paul** - June 17, 2019 at 12:35 AM

DE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. My deepest sympathy to the entire family. Mary gave me so many laughs when I was a teen and young woman. I loved doing her hair and she taught me that girls can do anything they want. She was someone who will be greatly missed.

Debra Van Etten - June 16, 2019 at 11:56 AM

RF

Mary was one of a kind...she will be missed by all... :( <3

Rosemary Fischer - June 16, 2019 at 07:08 PM

AR

Rich, Richie and all of Mary’s family. We are shocked, saddened and send our sympathy. Mary was a very special person!

Althea Reinhard - June 16, 2019 at 09:26 PM

GZ

My prayers are with Marys family. I will miss the times I spent with Mary at the book shop. She was funny and upbeat all the time. She called me "KID" Im very much older than Mary. She had so much knowledge about this area, and I loved to hear her tell it. RIP Mary. You will be missed Gloria Zoda

Gloria Zoda - June 19, 2019 at 03:39 PM