



Elizabeth White

April 20, 1929 - March 10, 2025

Elizabeth "Betty" White

Elizabeth O'Sullivan, born April 20, 1929, in Glengarriff, County Cork, Ireland, lived a life filled with faith, love, and quiet generosity. Raised in a humble yet joyful home alongside twelve siblings and her favorite pony named "Pet". She often recalled the best Christmas gift she ever received - an orange, which she cut in half and shared with her sister. That moment defined her spirit: always giving, always grateful, and always full of love.

In July 1949, she immigrated to Brooklyn, NY, where she worked for Western Electric Co. There she met and later married Robert Walter White on September 3, 1955. Together, they built a beautiful life in Annadale, Staten Island. A loving mother, she raised three daughters: Eileen White, Mary Zalot, and Kathleen Vignapiano. She was a devoted grandmother to Michael and Brian Vignapiano, dear sister to Ann and Michael, a loving Aunt to many nieces and nephews, and a dear friend and guiding light to everyone who knew her. She returned to Ireland four times, always carrying her homeland in her heart. She was on the maiden voyage of the S.S United States in 1952, when she made her first trip back home.

A woman of deep faith, Elizabeth was an active member of the Legion of Mary and a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady Star of the Sea, where she found joy in

serving others and attending daily mass. She also enjoyed gardening and taking peaceful walks into town.

In 2005, she and Robert celebrated 50 years of marriage, a testament to a lifetime of love and devotion.

Elizabeth's kindness was quiet but profound. She lived the way she prayed - with grace, humility, and a love that asked for nothing in return. Though she has returned home to God, her light lives on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her.

In her final years, she received loving care at Carmel Richmond Nursing Home, where she passed away peacefully at the age of 95.

"May the road rise to meet you...may the wind be always at your back."

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church located at 5411 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

MAR 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5411 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Rest in peace, Betty. From your loving sister, Ann.*

Ann Rees - March 16, 2025 at 10:20 PM

SS

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to Eileen, Mary, Kathy, Michael and Brian on the loss of your beloved mother and grandmother. I am thinking of you all at this sad time.*

Like many of The Sullivan Clan, I have fond memories of visiting Aunt Betty and Uncle Bob in their home in Staten Island. The first time being in the late 1980's and I have a memory of Betty serving up delicious Italian style meatballs and providing a safe and welcoming haven to me and my friend, when we returned in the evenings from exploring Manhattan.

In more recent years, it was always a privilege to receive a Birthday or Christmas card from Aunt Betty, where her lovely kind words reflected the lady she was. She sent me this beautiful photo of herself in one of those cards and had written on the back of it that it was taken by Kathy, on her back patio in May 2014, wearing her gardening gloves.

Rest in peace Aunt Betty, Sheila Sullivan, Dublin.



Sheila Sullivan - March 14, 2025 at 09:16 AM

PL

“ Aunt Betty touched so many people with her generous and kind nature, her gentle voice, her patient ways and her complete acceptance of anything life threw at her as God's will, As my godmother, she never forgot a birthday, and when I reached an age when no godmother is expected to remember birthdays, the cards, gifts and letters continued to come!

The family visit to Ireland in 2001 was very special and I have precious memories of the time we spent together in Glengarriff and in West Kerry.

Sincere sympathy to Eileen, Mary, Kathy, Michael and Brian. May she rest in peace now.

Patricia, Mike and Fiachra Landers



Patricia Landers - March 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM

PM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. When I was young I loved to hear Betty's voice. It sounded like music to me. She was sweet, kind and gentle. She made lots of Irish soda breads every year for St. Patrick's Day, and gave them away. I think of her whenever I make one. The photo is Bob and my Dad. Sincerely, Pat Murphy McCarthy.



Pat McCarthy - March 13, 2025 at 09:53 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry for. your loss. She was such a kind sweet woman. So many happy memories at the house in Annandale. Remember when she tried to teach us Gaelic? Love to all .

Lori Murphy - March 13, 2025 at 09:19 AM

MS

“ Very special memories of growing up in Glengarriff with my sister Betty. She was a great support to us always especially during the years we lived in New York.
Our condolences to you, Eileen, Mary and Kathy.
May Betty rest in peace.

*Michael and Mary Sullivan and family
Cork*

Michael Sullivan - March 13, 2025 at 08:21 AM

MH

“ Very happy memories of time spent as a child in Betty's house with my cousins on day trips from the Bronx. Also visited her in later years when my daughter Siobhan & son David were working in the USA. Condolences to Kathy, Mary and Eileen. May she rest in peace.

Niece, Margaret Sullivan Hyde, Co Cork

Margaret Hyde - March 13, 2025 at 05:08 AM

CK

“ Chris and Kevin purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth White.



Chris and Kevin - March 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth White.*



March 12, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth White.

March 12, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ *Nina and Vladimir purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth White.*



Nina and Vladimir - March 12, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Nina and Vladimir planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth White.*

Nina and Vladimir - March 12, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Fazzolari, Montana & Shoemaker Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth White.*

Fazzolari, Montana & Shoemaker Families - March 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

HA

“ Heidi A. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth White.



Heidi A. - March 12, 2025 at 09:04 AM

HA

“ Heidi A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth White.

Heidi A. - March 12, 2025 at 09:04 AM

AP

“ Condolences to all the Sullivan family on the loss of your beloved Betty. 🌸

Betty and Bob were very hospitable when I visited their home with Sheila many years ago.

So nice to read the lovely memories people have of her, thinking of the family and sending love at this sad time.

Amanda

AMANDA PATHE - March 12, 2025 at 02:24 AM



“ Dear Eileen, Mary and Kathy, thinking of you at this time of loss. Aunty Betty was such a kind lady whose calm thoughtfulness has left such a strong legacy. I remember my first time meeting her in Glengarriff as a young child and being struck by her beautiful smile and poise. Was great to meet her and you all on a later Irish visit and best of all to have gotten to your home in Staten Island, where you were all so welcoming. Of course she never felt far away with her cards and notes at birthdays and Christmas, even when I started to have my own children. My boys who never met her, all know about my special Aunty Betty. May she rest in peace. Never forgotten. X Edel Sullivan (Cork, Ireland).

Edel Sullivan-Cork - March 11, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth White.



March 11, 2025 at 06:09 PM

MA

“ Aunt Betty had a special gift for everyone, sharing her warmth and kindness. She was beautiful both inside and out. Thanks to her, I have wonderful memories of my childhood on Staten Island. My sister and I spent many summers in "the country" with Aunt Betty, Uncle Robert, and our cousins Eileen, Mary, and Kathy. We played in the pool all day, explored the woods searching for frogs, and at night, we caught lightning bugs—much more than we ever could have done in Brooklyn during the hot summer.

Aunt Betty was nurturing and cared for us with the utmost importance placed on our well-being.

In my heart, she embodied the true essence of a wife, mother, and beloved aunt like no other. She will be missed but never forgotten. Love you, Aunt Betty! Rest in peace. 🙏



Margie - March 10, 2025 at 10:40 PM

RK

We will remember Aunty Betty in our prayers here in Omagh Co Tyrone and hopefully tune into the service. Condolences to Eileen, Mary and Cathy. The happy memories shared will ease your sorrow. I have lovely memories of Aunty Betty's kindness to me many years ago. Rita and family 🙏🙏

Rita Kelly - March 11, 2025 at 02:21 PM

GO

Our deep sympathies to Eileen, Mary, Kathy and extended family. Auntie Betty was a special lady and our visits to Staten Island over a 30 year period provided special memories for our children. The ventures to the local Diner always proved one of the highlights. She was such a holy lady and herself and Bob would venture to New Jersey for our kids Holy Communions and Confirmations. Beyond her faith, the garden was a constant focus and she would frighten the neighbours heading up the ladder even in her later years.

*We will hold dear all the good time and may she rest in peace.
Ger, Beth, Gillian, Anthony, and Devin O'Sullivan*

Ger O'Sullivan - March 12, 2025 at 02:28 PM

FO

I have fond memories of meeting auntie Betty when on holiday in Ireland with my family. Thinking of you and sending my sincere condolences.

Francis O'Sullivan, St Albans, England - 16/03/25-13.43PM

Francis O'Sullivan - March 16, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JO

*Great memories of meeting Betty , Bob and family 1980
So sad to hear of her passing,may she rest in peace
John and Angela OConnell
Sarah,Lynn,Luke
Grandchildren Lily Lucy Darragh Marty Sean Joy Isabelle Kathy and Killian*

John O'Connell - March 19, 2025 at 01:23 PM