



Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn

February 25, 1951 - November 20, 2022

Reídín Elizabeth O'Flynn, age 71, of Palenville, New York, formerly of Ballyhea in County Cork, Ireland passed away peacefully on November 20, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband Daniel Sullivan; her two sons and daughters-in-law (George Russell and his wife Trish, Tadhg Óg Russell and his wife Corbette); her daughter and son-in-law (Shireen Powers and husband Tim); her two stepsons (Dan Óg Sullivan and wife Lisa, Kyle Sullivan); her five grandchildren (Peyton, Ryan, Lucas and Caoimhe Russell, and Braydon Sullivan); her brothers (Donal, Diarmuid, Con, Paddy) and sisters (Katsy, Gráinne and Deirdre) along with their respective spouses; her former spouse Tadhg Russell and his family; and her many and much-loved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Reídín was born in Newmarket, County Cork, Ireland to the late Donal O'Flynn and Sheila O'Leary. She is predeceased by her two brothers Jack and Tadhg O'Flynn and grandson Tristan Russell. Reídín was educated at Ballyhea NS and at the Convent of Mercy in

Charleville, before emigrating to London in 1969, spending a couple of enjoyable years there before returning to Ballyhea. There she met and married Tadhg Russell, and there also their three children were born.

In 1982, as recession hit Ireland, the family emigrated to America, where Reídín eventually settled and would spend the rest of her life. Initially she lived on Long Island, in the North Shore area of Nassau County, where she started her own successful business. Just a few years later, in the mid 80s, the family moved upstate to Greenville, in the Catskill Mountain area, which so reminded her of her native Ballyhea and the Ballyhoura mountains. There Reídín established a new business, caring for Alzheimer's patients in her own home. With her warm and kindly soul she did this for over 20 years, becoming friends not just with the patients but with their extended families.

Never one to stop learning, and always a great lover of Irish music and culture, she got involved with the Catskill Irish Arts Week in East Durham, eventually becoming its Artistic Director, also serving on the Board of Directors for the Michael J Quill Cultural Center. This would become her great passion and over the last decade East Durham would become almost her second home as she volunteered huge chunks of her time, mentoring and promoting budding musicians,

songwriters and poets. She was particularly keen on growing the children's 'Tír Na nÓg' program and started 'The Celtic Lambs', to ensure that all the various Irish traditions are passed on through the generations. It was around this time also that Reídín began to hone her writing skills as a regular contributor to the Irish Music Magazine where, with Danny as her photographer, she loved to compose stories of Irish/American talents of all ages.

There was so much life to Reídín, so much joy, so much wit, so much humour, the life and soul of every gathering, family gatherings especially, which is why her premature and unexpected passing has shaken us all so much. Along with her love of family, of fun, of music and craic, she was an avid reader and adventurer. She loved to travel, to constantly meet new people, to hike and bike (briefly dabbled with Harleys, fourwheelers and snowmobiles, many times with hilarious consequences!), and the occasional boat trip on the Hudson.

Reídín was also a singer/songwriter and musician in her own right; guitar in hand, many were the memorable sessions she led, and with her vast reservoir of songs, often those sessions would last into the wee hours. With her daughter Shireen, of whom she was so proud (not that she wasn't equally proud of her 'two fine sons' as she termed Georgie and Tadhg Óg in The Age Song, one

of her finest compositions!), Reídín made an album of Irish/World music, titled “Tiger’s Island”, released in 2003 as Shirae. That musical duet enjoyed many years of performing and creating music together, a drop of Jameson always close to hand. Finally, there was Reídín’s great hospitality. Always, her door was open, the welcome warm and heartfelt, and the needs of others put before her own. For all those who were lucky enough to have met her, you knew you found an instant friend for life. A spiritual woman all her life, with a special devotion to Our Lady, she received great comfort in her final days with a visit from the local priest, in the company of those closest to her.

Gratefully, the immediate family would like to express our sincere thank you for the wonderful care and support given by all the doctors and nurses of Northern Dutchess Hospital and specifically the Hospice care she received there from Shannon and Mara. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Church in 710 Route 32A, Palenville, New York for the Memorial Gathering. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 AM followed by the burial at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Ashland, NY. Reception will immediately follow.

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For those abroad, there will be a Mass on December 10, 2022 at St. Mary's Church, Ballyhea, P56D990 Co Cork,. Ireland, at 10:00 A.M.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home of

the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, 12413.

Reidín's most important message was to be a giver and to give from the heart.

In lieu of flowers,

and if desired, memorial contributions can be made to the local food bank

Community Action of

Greene County, Inc at <https://cagcny.org/>.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.n

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Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Cemetery

Route 23
Ashland, NY 12407

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Palenville
710 NY Route 32 A
Palenville, NY 12463

Mass

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Palenville
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Tribute Wall

BN

“ *My deepest condolences to Reidin's family and friends. Thank you for the late night basement sessions, good craic, and encouragement when I was new to the music. May the memories and connections you made be a comfort to those who knew her.* ”

Bernie Neumann - January 11, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn.* ”



December 02, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn.* ”



December 02, 2022 at 11:56 AM

GR

“ *George Russell purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn.* ”



George Russell - December 01, 2022 at 09:41 AM

MH

“ My daughter and I had the pleasure of meeting Reid in last august when we traveled from Long Island to e Durham Reid in immediately took us in hand and showed us the town and made us feel so welcome we will never forget her Rest In Peace dear reidin!!!
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monica haskin - November 30, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn.



November 29, 2022 at 10:15 AM

CO

“ Reidin was a bright light to all . RIP



Cathy O'Connor-Salisbury - November 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn.



November 27, 2022 at 04:46 PM

SB

“ Sincere sympathy to my brother-in-law George, sister Trish & niece Caoimhe , the extended Russell Family, Reidín's husband Danny & his family and the extended O'Flynn family on the sad passing of Reídín . She was truly a lovely person, enjoyable company, caring and kind . May she Rest in Peace 🙏 . You will all miss her terribly but knowing Reídín she still influence your lives. Ar deis De go raibh a h'anam delís . Siobhán, Tom, Donnchadh & Thomas Barrett ,
Athea, Ireland

Siobhán Barrett - November 27, 2022 at 08:31 AM

RD

“ Wishing peace and comfort to Reidin's Family
Reidin was a guiding light in my high school, college and young adult years with many fond memories both in Locust Valley and East Durham growing up. She was so good to us , and that's how I will remember her. Weddings , Funerals , Holidays, Parties and everything thing else in between that's how I will celebrate her .
Cheers to a life well lived that's how I will try to emulate her.

God bless her and May She Rest In Peace
Ryan and The Doherty Family
Long Island and Waterford

Ryan Doherty - November 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Sending condolences from Limerick Ireland, I met Reidin and Shereen in 2003 when the album Tigers Island was released. I met them in Limerick and interviewed them for Irish Music Magazine. I was so impressed with Reidin's passion for music culture stories and people and also how she and Shereen had incorporated it into their music. Her passing leaves a gap that's impossible to fill and her contribution to Irish music and culture in America will not be forgotten. May she rest in peace.*

John O'Regan

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John O'Regan - November 25, 2022 at 06:01 PM

PJ

“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn*



Paul R. Seney, Jr. - November 25, 2022 at 12:11 PM

PJ

The Entire Staff of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., Cairo and Athens, N.Y., and also the W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, Coxsackie, N.Y. sends their deep condolences to The Family of Reidin Elizabeth O'Flynn at this most difficult time.

Paul R. Seney, Jr. - November 25, 2022 at 12:14 PM

JR

Mike Joan Steph and Ryan Russell have arranged to have a mass said in Calgary for reidin .

joan russell - December 02, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - November 25, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES*



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - November 25, 2022 at 11:52 AM

MG

R.I.P Reidin. Our sincere condolences to all her loving family. 🙏🙏🙏

margaret Gavin - November 27, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MC

Our most sincere condolences to Danny and to all their family and friends. May God give you all peace and comfort during this sad time. Reidin was a beautiful talented caring person. Her gifts of song and music were legend. I will always be so grateful to her for giving me the opportunity to teach singing at The Catskills Irish Arts Week. She was so encouraging and so kind to me and to so many of the teachers and students. I'm certain that she is organizing Arts events for the Angels. Ár dheis Dé go raibh a Anam dílis.

mary courtney - November 29, 2022 at 06:08 PM

MR

*Danny and all the families and friends of Reidin,
May you recognize God's outstretched arms during this painful journey.
Danny, please know I am here and I will be praying for all of you as you
struggle through your horrendous loss.*

Mary Rell - November 30, 2022 at 08:22 PM