



Mary Beth Kenny

September 4, 1952 - May 6, 2020

Albany-Mary Beth (Reilly) Kenny, of Albany, NY, passed away on May 6, 2020, with her family by her side. Born on September 4, 1952 to John J. “Buss” Reilly, and Helen (Huntington) Reilly. Beth was a graduate of Vincentian Institute and became a Registered Nurse through the Memorial Hospital Nursing Program. She worked briefly at St. Peter’s Hospital and spent the next 37 years at The Center of Disability Services in Albany in various positions, including Director of Nursing. Her profession took her to many places of service: as a private duty nurse, caring for the elderly at the Teresian House, and as head nurse at a summer camp for children and adults with disabilities. Beth was a caretaker with passion for helping everyone.

Family and friends were Beth’s delight, despite her hectic schedule. She was an amazing mom, who did everything she could so her daughters could have wonderful experiences and follow their dreams. She loved all holidays—none more than Christmas!—and never missed an opportunity to bring people together to celebrate. Beth’s love for entertaining meant that she could indulge in her joy of cooking, baking, decorating, and spending time with the ones she loved most. She had a true lust for life. Some of her favorite things were shopping, traveling to the Cape with dear friends and doting on her beloved grandchildren. Beth was a true gift to all who knew her.

Beth was a loving, caring and dedicated mother to her daughters and their husbands, Chrystie (Kenny) and Samuel Greco, III, of East Schodack, and Colleen (Kenny) and Matthew Moakler, of Charlottesville, VA. She will be greatly missed by her four grandchildren, Samuel IV, Reilly, and Hallie Greco of East Schodack, NY, and Maeve Moakler of Charlottesville, VA. In addition to her daughters and grandchildren, she is survived by her mother, Helen Reilly, of Albany, NY; sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and David B. Bonyngé, of Waretown, NJ; brother and sister-in-law, John J. IV and Karen Reilly of Albany; beloved nieces, Jennifer Swift, Gillian Bonyngé and nephew, John J. Reilly V and many cousins. Beth was a “best friend” to many, but was most grateful for the

lifelong friendship with Anita and Fred Nero. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be at McVeigh Funeral Home and a burial in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

A Celebration of Life event will be announced at a later date.

To express your sympathy or share a treasured memory with the family, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of Beth, to www.standuptocancer.org, or planting a tree in her name with www.shop.alivingtribute.org.

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave

Menands, NY,

Comments



“ Chrystie, I am beyond sorry, I just found out about your Mom. We were friends from high school and we had so much fun in our younger days. We reconnected in West Sand Lake a little later, after we both went on and had our families, she had her beautiful girls and I had my handsome sons. We rejoined again due to our grandchildren. She was always my friend and we shared many memories. My beautiful friend inside and out. She always made me smile.

Donna Bombard - May 18 at 09:39 PM



“ Thank you to all who posted here. My mom would be truly overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of love and support by so many to my sister, family and myself. We loved her beyond words and life will certainly never be the same. I'm just so grateful to have had the greatest mom of all time.

Chrystie Kenny Greco - May 14 at 04:07 PM



“ Chrystie, your Mom was a sweet lady who always had a smile on her face. This is clearly a trait she passed on to you! Keep her memory alive with the kids, they will know her through you sharing with them. I'm thinking of you all during this sad time and sending lots of hugs your way.

Patti Friedman - May 15 at 09:24 PM



“ Chrystie I am very sorry to hear about your mom. Please know I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers

Diane Nardacci - May 16 at 01:45 PM



“ Sam and Chrystie , I heard about your loss from Anita and Fred. . I am so sorry for your loss

Ted Davis - May 17 at 04:28 PM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Beth's passing. She has given her all to this fight. Beth and I were Memorial Hospital nursing students together, and worked together many years at the Center for Disability Services. I admire her in so many ways. She was a caring, giving person and she made so many of us laugh! I send condolences to her entire family.

Sincerely, Pat Eberhard

Pat Eberhard - May 12 at 03:55 PM



“ So sorry for your loss our heart's go out to all of you. Beth was a beautiful person inside & out. She was one of the strongest people we knew, even with her pain she had a smile & kind words to say, it was never about her. George and I will never forget running into her at the Fountain from beautiful summer nights to even winter blizzards we looked forward to seeing and having great conversations. We may not see her smiling face but her spirit will always be there . Your mom will be missed but never forgotten, again we are so sorry you had to loose a mom and best friend. She will watch over you all, with deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you.
George & Karin

George & Karin Dibernardo - May 12 at 12:24 PM



“ Christie and Colleen , I am so sorry for such an incredible loss .
Mary sat in my chair for years talking about the two of you with pride .
I was able to hear about your childhood mischievous to adult life as her best friend .
You gave her her greatest gift - her grandchildren .
As a hairdresser , you become someone's best friend . Mary and I could talk on hours end and she to helped me throughout my life .
Every holiday I couldn't wait to get Mary's infamous banana bread with chocolate chips . I was instructed to put it in the toaster and melt it with butter after . I don't think it ever made it to a toaster it was that good .
I can promise you one thing , that you both made your mother so proud .
Her smile would light up the room when i asked how you guys were doing .
I'm sending so much love and light . I understand the void to lose a mother .
I am always here if you need an ear . I pray for peace four hearts during this difficult time .
I will miss seeing Mary in my chair , and in the Fountain . I loved her like my own family . I hope she and my mom are having a drink on the dance floor together in heaven . Sending you both my condolences .

donna mannarino - May 12 at 08:01 AM



“ Christie, Colleen and families- Words can not express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Your mom was beautiful, strong and always so well put together. It was easy to see that she adored you all. She raised two amazing, lovely, successful women. We will miss her and her deviled eggs that she brought to so many gatherings at John and Karen's. They were a favorite of everyone! Love you.
Pam & Craig

Pamela Hutton - May 12 at 07:32 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family! Your mom was a beautiful person. May the beautiful memories you have give you strength during these difficult times!
Sincerely Mary Bernard

Mary Bernard - May 12 at 01:48 AM



“ Colleen, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom..although we did not know her..she must have been a wonderful woman to have raised such a special daughter. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. All our love, Marcy, Jeff , Hillary, and Allison Feinman

Marcy Feinman - May 11 at 09:45 PM



“ My deepest condolences to family. We used to work together and she was such a joy to work with. Like a sunshine. Always optimistic and funny, helpful and non-judgmental. Great cook, always ready to share her experience. It's such a loss!!! She will be missed by many!

Sirafima Rits

Sirafima Rits - May 11 at 02:55 PM



“ Chrystie, Col, and family – I am so very sorry for your loss. Beth was so proud of you girls and beamed whenever she spoke of you. She was a dear friend who brought joy and laughter to everyone who knew her. I will miss her calling me “Barbie” and very glad we got to spend one last time together at the beach. Rest in peace dear Beth, I will never forget you.
Barbara Knox

Barbara Knox - May 11 at 01:29 PM



“ Chrystie, Colleen and families. We are very saddened to read about your mom's passing. She was always such a nice person and we will always remember her laugh and her many other good qualities. She certainly gave you both much love from the bottom of her heart. May your fond memories of her help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.
Karen and Eddie Phelan.

Karen A. Phelan - May 11 at 01:25 PM



“ heartfelt sympathy and prayers from joanne and mike whalen and family

joanne whalen - May 11 at 11:27 AM



“ Hugs and kisses from the Praetorius family. So sorry we could not be with you at this time.

Patricia Praetorius - May 11 at 08:07 AM



“ I have too many memories to post just one. Aunt Beth became a staple in my life when they moved to Albany. While I have many memories of West Sand Lake, it was not the same. See Chrystie was my best friend and if she wasn't at my house, I was at hers. We took summer vacations together (and boy those were some memories). We had some of the best times of my life. Aunt Beth was certainly vivacious and happy all of the time. She lived life, as life should be lived. She was always a wonderful mother and always strived for her girls to be and do what they were meant to do. She will be missed by many.

Megan Ruggiero - May 10 at 08:21 PM



“ Chrystie, Colleen and families, We were so very sad to learn of your Mom's passing. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She was always warm and friendly in the rare times our paths crossed. Please extend our condolences to your grandmother from us. Sending love and hugs. Kathy & Ed Rainka

Kathy - May 12 at 09:14 PM



“ This world has lost a great lady. She was a giver, especially her love to her family, her peers, & to all of those she served. She was truly a dedicated soul to all life. She is now in eternal peace. Her work here is complete. All of us who knew he will feel our loss. Rest in Peace, My friend.



Mary Boisvert - May 10 at 04:27 PM



“ Colleen, Chrystie and families: we so wish we could be with you during this time but know our hearts and our prayers are always with you. We'll be together soon, We love you so much. Love Sharon & Fritz

Sharon Carter - May 10 at 03:32 PM



“ Beth was a friend from our days in nursing school and was so special. She will be greatly missed. My condolences and prayers go out to all her family and friends.

Cathy Lodico - May 10 at 02:08 PM



“ Our loss and sorrow are beyond words. She blessed us with her loving spirit and friendship. She has captured a place within our hearts forever. We're "The Power Trio" - so many special moments, countless New Year's Eve celebrations, cocktails at The Gingerman, The Barnsider, Cape Cod, Providence and holiday parties. She always arrived looking lovely, in typical Beth fashion, with dangling earrings and champagne!!
Just can't imagine the years ahead without her.
She often spoke of her beautiful family (especially her sweet grandchildren) with so much love and pride. We shared stories and photos at every get together.
Happy Mother's Day to you, dear Beth.
Our sincerest sympathies to her family.
With Love,
Diane and Joel

Diane & Joel - May 10 at 02:02 PM



“ I am so saddened to be writing this message on a day that honors Mothers....a role that Beth cherished above all others and fulfilled with an enthusiasm that blossomed in her boundless love and encouragement for her daughters to become the best young women they could be. I will miss you, my dear friend and cousin. I pray that your girls will always find solace in the wonderful memories you shared and that your grandchildren will always remember the warmth and comfort of your giving hands and heart as they grow. God bless you and keep you in his loving arms. Linda

Linda DiBernardo - May 10 at 11:57 AM



“ There are no words to express the sorrow of losing my dear beautiful friend. I will cherish our memories for the rest of my life. I will never drink a glass of champagne, go to Vermont, sit on the beach, enjoy a happy hour and so many more things without a thought of you. Beth was the strongest and bravest woman I've ever known. Chrystie and a Colleen I am so sorry for your very big loss.

kathy Travis - May 10 at 10:14 AM



“ Colleen, Chrystie & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a beautiful person who always had a smile and kind word whenever I saw her. You all now have an angel in heaven looking over you.

Beth Musella - May 10 at 08:55 AM



“ Happy Mother's Day to the best mom out there. There are just no words to describe the gratitude and love I have for you in all that you have done for us. The boring heavens just escalated to a whole new level...it's a Prosecco or Chardonnay with ice on the side kind of days up there from now on! Love you forever 🍰

Anita - May 10 at 07:22 AM



“ Beth made the world a kinder and happier place for anyone who was blessed to know her. Her passing leaves a hole in mine and many other hearts. Rest In Peace, Beth!

Lori Kearsing - May 10 at 07:13 AM



“ Sharing memories of Beth is very difficult. There are just too many to share in one post. She truly was a beautiful person inside and out. I had the joy of working with her for over 30 years. Her friendship and kindness always made the most difficult of days easier. Our "girls" get togethers will be memories I cherish forever. She touched so many lives in her special way.
My thoughts and prayers are with you, her beautiful girls and grandkids.
Fly with the angels my friend.

Joanne Aloisi - May 10 at 05:45 AM



“ I just want to say to Beth's Family just how much Beth Loved her family and especially her grandkids! I worked with Beth at the Center for Disability Services for as long as I can remember and I've been there 30+ years. She always treated everyone as family, making everyone feel welcome . I looked forward to her baked items, which was alot for us nurses, some of the best baked items I've ever eaten to this day. I use to kid with her that we needed to quit nursing and start up our own coffee and bake shop. Beth always had M&Ms on her desk in a clear jar that Drew you in ,and she shared them with everyone. Rarely did you see Beth without her favorite diet Pepsi and a straw . Every nurses week Beth would make each day a surprise. Baked goods one day, scratch off tickets on another day, pens with our full names, note pads with our full names on them ,she made them personal....One thing that Beth talked about most, was her girls, well that was before her grand kids came along...we saw pictures and heard story's and she had the face of the most Proud (young looking) Grandmother ever. Beth was the most beautiful person to have known inside and out. I was so blessed to have known Beth. I will miss her laugh and her smile and her light. Expecially the ones on Christmas! Boy did she deck her house out! Rest in peace my friend, until we meet again.
Cindy Clark

Cindy Clark - May 09 at 10:48 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Chrystie, Colleen and families. Your Mom was a kind, thoughtful and caring person. I will forever cherish my friendship with Beth and be grateful that she came into my life.

Kathleen Kroese - May 09 at 09:00 PM



“ Beth was such a loving, caring person who will be missed by many. She lit up the room just by being in it, and left footprints on my heart. My sincere condolences to her family.

Judy Alvarez - May 09 at 07:48 PM