



Mary F. Callahan

October 2, 1926 - May 3, 2020

Guilderland - Mary Frances Callahan, 93, returned home to the Lord Jesus Christ as the sun rose on May, 3, 2020, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland, NY.

Born in Albany, NY, Mary was the daughter of Elizabeth and Francis Martin. She graduated from Vincentian Institute in the class of 1944. During that time, Mary worked as a secretary for Father Patrick Peyton and his Family Rosary Crusade. She was employed as a stenographer with the New York Department of State post-graduation.

Mary married her sweetheart Robert in 1954. Later she chose to be a homemaker, raising her son Robert and daughter Maureen. Mary was a devout Catholic and daily communicant. She was always active in devotions and numerous committees, volunteering in the Church or parish school whenever called upon. Mary was also a Mercy Associate.

Although Alzheimer's took its toll on her in the final years of life, Mary never lost her sense of humor, enjoyment of singing Irish tunes, and love of the Marine hymn. She continued to offer surprisingly profound and, often timely,

personal insights to others. She was a devoted wife to Robert J. Callahan for 66 years, and a wonderful, loving Mother to her two children.

Perhaps Mary's greatest legacy was her ability to always see the good in people and to never disparage anyone. "Always give people the benefit of the doubt", she'd say.

Departing this world in May, the month of flowers, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, was especially appropriate for Mary since she had such a deep devotion to the Mother of God and the Rosary Gospel prayer.

During this time, and having been a daily Mass attendee, Mary would have been heartbroken to experience the loss of her ability to worship God through the re-presentation of His sacrifice in the Holy Mass. It's really no surprise that she departed to be close to Him again.

Mary will be missed by those who knew her, and the numerous cousins, nieces and nephews whom she leaves behind.

She is survived by husband, Robert J. Callahan, a son, Robert F. (Dixie) Callahan and daughter Maureen A. Callahan, as well as grandchildren Nicole, Alexandra, Alexander, Hunter and two great grandchildren, Violet and Owen.

In the eyes of the world, Mary may not have done monumental things, but she did many, many good things and was a faithful servant of God which, in the

end, is all that matters.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center for their love and care for Mary during the past four plus years.

Contributions in Mary's name may be made for mobile ultrasounds and pregnancy support services to Alight Care Center, 1838 Fifth Ave, Troy, NY, 12180, or through their website, Alight.org.

Funeral services will be held privately for immediate family with internment at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont, NY. A public memorial Mass for family and friends will be announced at a later date.

To leave a message for Mary's family on their guestbook, light a candle, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

481 Route 9W
Glenmont, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary F. Callahan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincerest sympathy in Marys passing. I am sure my mom, Helen, will miss her presence daily. So sorry Maureen for how hard it is at this particular time. May you find peace in knowing she is with God and not in pain of any kind. So sorry for your loss. Hope dad is doing well. Peace. Kate Hahn and Helen Oettinger*

Kathleen Hahn - May 21, 2020 at 06:17 AM



Thanks, Kate. I hope Helen is doing well. Will miss seeing you! We have some good memories.

Maureen Callahan - July 06, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Dear Maureen,
Heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved Mother. Her lifelong rosary Hail Mary prayers created her stairway to Heaven.*

Nina Saponara and Sergio Aieta

Nina Saponara - May 15, 2020 at 12:49 PM



Yes, Nina. She certainly walked into eternity with MANY rosaries said. Thanks for your condolences.

Maureen Callahan - July 06, 2020 at 10:37 PM

JA

“ *Mr. Callahan, Mo, and Bob:*

My deepest condolences on the passing of a wonderful woman. My years at St. Teresa's were blessed by knowing Mary and the Callahan family.

Love

Joe Anastasio.

joseph Anastasio - May 09, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MC

Thank you, 'Mr A.' The feeling is very much mutual. We had some great memories, and you were so much a part of those at STA!

Maureen Callahan - May 09, 2020 at 05:51 PM

RC

“ *Rob & Dixie Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Callahan*



Rob & Dixie Callahan - May 08, 2020 at 09:01 AM

JB

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jeff & Lori Burleigh*

jeff burleigh - May 08, 2020 at 06:40 AM

MC

Thank you both!

Maureen Callahan - May 09, 2020 at 05:51 PM

CK

“ Bob, Maureen and Rob,
Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Although it has been many many years since I last saw Mary Francis I still remember those days very well. She was a dear and sweet woman and probably my father Ed and Aunt Mae's closest cousin. I still have many pictures and memories of them all, along with my grandmother Lillian and Uncle Francis and Aunt Elizabeth. I am sure they are all celebrating a grand reunion in heaven as you are reading this message. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Colleen White Koniszewski, Port St Lucie, FL



Colleen White Koniszewski - May 07, 2020 at 07:32 AM

MC

Thank you, Colleen! Those were great times.

Maureen Callahan - May 09, 2020 at 05:53 PM

MR

“ Dear Bob, Maureen, and Rob, I just learned this evening of my precious godmother's going home to God. I have no doubt that she and my mom, Eileen, are having a glorious reunion -- they were the closest of cousins. We are holding you in our hearts during your grieving, all the more in this time when we cannot come together to celebrate her life. Please, please let me know when you are able to schedule a celebration of her beautiful life. Sending much love and prayers for healing and peace.

Marianne Gerwin Reichelt

Marianne Reichelt - May 06, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MC

Thanks, Marianne. Yes they were very close! Please send my regards to all...

Maureen Callahan - May 07, 2020 at 02:43 AM

KM

“*Dear Maureen: I was so heartbroken when I saw your mother’s obituary in the paper today. I just wanted to reach out to you and say how sorry I am for your loss. I will so miss seeing you and your mother at OLOM. What a devoted and loving daughter you were to you mom....*

Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely;

Helen Adams, Kate Marotta and Jim Adams.

Kate Marotta - May 06, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MC

Thanks, Kate. Much appreciated.

Maureen Callahan - May 07, 2020 at 02:40 AM

MB

Maureen and Bob - I just learned of it today my condolences to you both. -Mike Bree

Michael Bree - May 11, 2020 at 11:55 AM

MC

Thank you, Mike.

Maureen Callahan - May 13, 2020 at 12:01 AM

MA

“ Mr. Callahan please accept our expression of sympathy on the passing of Mary. We used to worship with you at All Saint's Catholic Church. Please find comfort in knowing you and Mary are being remembered in prayer.

In Sympathy - Mary and Tony Amodeo

Mary Amodeo - May 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM

MC

Will tell my Dad what you posted. Thank you!

Maureen Callahan - May 07, 2020 at 02:44 AM

MS

“ Bob and family. Mary was such a nice person, an example to us all of faith in action and such a great friend to my parents. Please accept my condolences and those from Martha and Gary. God bless you all. Michael Smith

Michael Smith - May 06, 2020 at 02:39 PM

MC

Just saw that your Dad passed a few years ago, Michael. Your parents were such special people. Loved them both!

Maureen Callahan - May 06, 2020 at 04:38 PM

MS

Maureen, good to hear from you. We had tried to call you when Dad died on 7/11/18 but the number Mom had was outdated. I should have written you after that. How is your Dad? I had many great talks with him over the years and Dad treasured his friendship. Can we send him a card somewhere? Let us know when there will be the memorial Mass.

Michael Smith - May 07, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MC

Will be in contact...

Maureen Callahan - May 09, 2020 at 05:55 PM

LK

“ *Maureen*

Condolences on the loss of your mother. What a beautiful tribute to her.

*Sincerely
Liz and Jim Kaufman and family*

liz kaufman - May 06, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MC

Thank you both!

Maureen Callahan - May 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM

RB

“ *Bob and Maureen,*

I was sorry to hear about the passing of Mary. My condolences.

I will always remember the Christmas of 2005 when I last saw you all and we shared some memories and history of the family.

Robert Bree

Portsmouth, VA

Robert Bree - May 06, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MC

Thanks Bobby. That was so great that you were able to come to NY. Mom was so happy to see you.

Maureen Callahan - May 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM

RG

“ To the Callahan Family, So sorry to learn of Mary's death. She was a wonderful neighbor to my husband's Whitehall Rd. family. Rema Goldstein

Maureen & Robbie,
We Our thoughts are with you.

Rema Goldstein - May 06, 2020 at 09:00 AM

MC

Thanks, Rema. Miss those days...

Maureen Callahan - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

HD

“ Maureen, I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. My condolences to you and your family. She was a lovely woman and I loved hearing her sing. I enjoyed talking to you while visiting my Mother at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center.

Carmela DeCaprio's daughter, Helena DeCaprio

Helena DeCaprio - May 06, 2020 at 08:02 AM

MC

Thanks, Helena. Condolences on Millie's passing also.

Maureen Callahan - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM