



Mary Ellen Candido

October 2, 1928 - September 26, 2019

Albany- Mary Ellen Candido died peacefully at St. Peters Hospital on September 26, 2019 of complications from heart disease.

Mary Ellen was 90 years old and was predeceased by her husband Robert Candido and survived by her loving children, Cris Sorel (Pete), Guy Candido (Kimberly), Joe Candido (Val), Kim Sampson (Gary), and Kevin Candido (Johanna). Her loving grandchildren, Carey Darby (Craig), Scott Sorel (Alissa), Annie, Michael, Ryan, Tuulia, Niko, and Jack; great grandmother of Kyle, Cristina, Quinn and Cooper.

Mary Ellen was the last, in our family, of what many call the “Greatest Generation”. Growing up in the post Depression era, and through WW2, had a lasting impact on her upbringing as well as her life’s attitudes and choices. It is impossible to sum up a life like Mary Ellen’s, but in thinking about her life journey and our family’s journey together, a few things jump out.

Maybe her overall life attitude was best summarized by a great football coach’s admonition to his team that If we all do “our job” everything will work out. With five children, and taking care of ailing parents, her job was never ending. Yet, she faithfully did her job and never complained. As many of her generation, she taught by example that it matters what we do. Do your job every day, rain or shine... and so she did.

Above all, she loved her family, sacrificing her needs to give them a great life. It cannot be overstated how immensely proud she was of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She loved her Catholic Church. She had an unshakeable faith that if she lived a good life, everything would work out in accordance with God's plan. And so it did.

Mary Ellen will be most remembered for her funny, sharp wit. She had a great sense of humor and loved to hear and tell a good joke. She had a lot of friends from all walks of life, including friends like the Glitter Girls whose adventures went back as long as 80 years. Even her children's friends loved her dearly. She had a way of connecting with people that was uniquely hers and people in her life, no matter how casual the interaction, cared deeply about her, and enjoyed her presence.

She had a bit of a "Elizabeth Taylor" flair for fashion and decorating. She loved a little bling, and the more gold colored home decorations, the better.

Although her home had a strong Italian influence, she reminded her children often, especially on St Patrick's Day, that her mother was an O'Brien. She loved and was proud of her Italian and her Irish roots too.

What else can be said about a life of love, duty, faith, flair and humor? Maybe her own words best summarize how she felt about her life. She said, as her treatment options were exhausted, that she decided to go into hospice. She said that she had reviewed her life and that she was satisfied that she "had tried to give everyone what they needed and thought that she had succeeded". She said that she thought she "had been a good person". And finally she said that she felt that she had "done her job" and that she was "at peace".

We could not agree more. Mom, your job was well done with love, humor, intelligence and a legacy of a legion of family and friends whose lives were enriched because you were a part of it. We love you and you will live on in our hearts and our children forever. We'll see you again on the other side. Rest In Peace.

Mary Ellen's Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, September 30, 2019 at 10:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere.

All are invited to visit with her family after 8:00 am at the church.

Those wishing to remember Mary Ellen Candido in a special way may send a contribution to HUGS USA, PO Box 1754, New York, NY 10101

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Service

SEP 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Candido*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *On behalf of Academy of the Holy Names, please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Mary Ellen. We shall forever keep her in our thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Tobin, Director of Development - October 01, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Christine, Guy, Joe, Km and Kevin,*

I was so sad to read about your mothers passing. She was a wonderful lady so full of life and was kind to everyone, especially me. We have so many fond memories of those early years. Enjoy her memory and our deepest condolences.

We were in NYC for the weekend and just read the obituary in the paper when we got home today.

*Regards,
Mike And Nancy DeRossi*

Mike & Nancy DeRossi - September 30, 2019 at 03:13 PM

LP

“ *Sending you love and healing during this difficult time*



Lacey Putnam - September 29, 2019 at 07:55 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences.... thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

david lee - September 28, 2019 at 09:34 PM