



Mary L. Esmay

August 15, 1932 - July 14, 2015

Albany -Mary Leonard Esmay entered eternal life on July 14 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by her beloved family after a courageous battle with fallopian tube cancer.

Born in Troy, New York, she was the daughter of John James and Julia Leonard. After graduating from Catholic Central High School at 16, she became a flight attendant with Slick Airways (Pam Am) and American Airlines, travelling world-wide and later working in Albany's American Airlines sales offices.

Although her family remained her primary joy, she devotedly put others first, volunteering with many organizations, holding various board positions with the Ladies of Charity and the Kiwis, and many active years with the Albany Junior League, St. Casimir School, the Branson Foundation, Christ the King Church bereavement and Catholic Charities Food Pantry. She was a 51 year resident of Guilderland, the 1953 Sienna Snow Ball Queen and a long-time member of the Albany Country Club.

Mary loved spending time with family and friends, golfing, gardening, sewing (walker bags for the Teresian House), quilting (the banners at Christ the King Church), crocheting, and baking her signature BTS bars. She will be remembered for her selflessness, adventurous spirit, steadfast faith, and quick

wit. Mary was known to help anyone in need out of the goodness of her heart. Mary will be dearly missed by family and friends for her belief in them, honesty, compassion and unconditional love.

Mary is survived by her cherished children, Kimberly Taylor, Nancy Esmay and Dr. Timothy Esmay; beloved grandchildren Jacqueline, Victoria and Macauley Taylor and Timothy and Grace Esmay; son-in-law Macauley Taylor; daughter-in-law Meghan O'Neil Esmay; siblings Edward Leonard and Patricia Harley; her ex-husband Dr. Richard Esmay; many nieces and nephews, and many who considered her a second mother, among them Edward, Paul and Michael Leonard and David Meyers; and predeceased by her brother John James Leonard Jr.

The family wishes to thank everyone who lovingly helped with her care, especially Amrita Singh, Drs. Patrick Timmins and Mary Ellen Drislane, Atria and Community Hospice.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary's family, Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:00-7:00p.m. at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany commencing with a 4:00 p.m. prayer and remembrance. All are welcome.

Funeral Services Friday, July 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany, thence to Christ the King Church, Guilderland at 10:00 a.m. where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy, New York.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Boulevard, Rensselaer, New York 12144.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery of Troy, Inc

54 Brunswick Road
Troy, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L. Esmay*



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Beautiful these will always be cherished memories for sure

Amie Leitheuser - August 13, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ *Mary L. Esmay*

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“ *May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana - August 20, 2015 at 04:08 PM



Amen

Nancy Esmay - August 22, 2015 at 02:32 PM

LL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Nancy and your family at this time. God Bless you and your family.



Lori Lochner - August 13, 2015 at 01:20 PM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Esmay family during this time of sorrow. Mary was a delight and I was honored to have been able to be a part of her life at Atria.
God Bless family and friends
Dawn Kaminski LPN

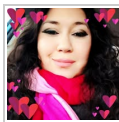
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These photos are beautiful. Sending you and your family our deepest sympathy and condolences. We are so sorry for your loss.

Daniela Filmer - July 16, 2015 at 09:06 PM