



Mary Grace (nee Birch) Fenn

September 18, 1943 - February 25, 2024

Albany, NY-Mary Grace Fenn (nee Birch), 80, entered Eternal Life Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Samaritan Hospital after a brief illness. Daughter of Mary J. and R. Edson Birch, Mary was born in Albany, NY on September 18, 1943.

Mary graduated from Blessed Sacrament School, the Academy of the Holy Names, D'Youville College with a BS in Nursing, and Russell Sage College with a Masters in Public Administration

She began her nursing career at Montifiore Hospital in NYC, and went on to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, NY and then subsequently to Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, NY. Upon her return to Albany, Mary was employed by Albany County Health Department, NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Social Services where she retired after 25 years of service. Her second Nursing Career was at Albany Medical Center in the Movement Disorders Clinic.

Mary was a long time congregant of Blessed Sacrament Church, where she served on the Parish Council, and volunteered her time at the Food Pantry, Thrift Store and was a member of the Choir. She also worshipped at Mater Christi, where she lovingly tended the flower gardens.

Mary enjoyed travelling, gardening, sewing, crafting and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline M. King (Richard) and son Dennis E. Fenn (Susan) along with her grandsons Dylan E. Fenn and R. Slater King. Predeceased by her parents and brother Master Sergeant Robert A. Birch, USAF (Retired).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary's family Monday, March 11, 2024 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, March 12, 2023 at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at Calvary Cemetery, immediately following the Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember Mary in a special way may send a contribution to Blessed Sacrament School, 605 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)., Albany, NY 12206 or the American Cancer Society, 1 Penny Lane, Latham, NY 12110.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jackie: I just stumbled over this obit. I am not on social media but always tried to keep in Mary’s whereabouts. Sorry for our loss. She was my first romance, albeit from afar.

jim - May 20, 2024 at 05:14 PM

CA

“ Jackie my sincere condolences. The Birch family and mine were very close back in the day. As you know I grew up with Mary. I do have an old photo of the whole family if you are interested. My email is Kelso5710@gmail.com

Charles Ainsworth

Charles Ainsworth - March 14, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RN

“ I worked with Mary for many years at the Medicaid program – at both DSS and DOH. She was pleasant, dedicated, smart, and had a good sense of humor. She made the workplace better for all of us who knew her.

My condolences to her family.

Richard Nussbaum - March 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MS

“ Rest in Paradise my friend I am going to miss our chats and sitting on your back porch in the evening eating sausage and peppers drinking ice tea and just having nice talks I’ll miss that.



Michael Slaughterus - March 11, 2024 at 04:26 PM

KK

“ Dear Jackie and Dennis,
My deepest sympathies on the death of your incredible Mom, Mary Fenn. Back when Albany County Health Department decided Mary should lead the Lead Poisoning Prevention program from the Feds, Rensselaer County Health Department decided I should lead their program. Thus was born the Mary Fenn Kathy Kennedy friendship. We traveled together to the federal meetings for NY, NJ, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and locally coordinated program efforts with in between time at Saratoga Lake and out socializing. She was a great lady, full of goodness, kindness and humor and so incredibly proud of you. May your good memories help fill the hole in your heart you are experiencing now.
Sending prayers,
Kathy Kennedy

kathleen Kennedy - March 10, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Grace (nee Birch) Fenn.



March 07, 2024 at 09:05 PM

FC

“ From Blessed Sacrament Choir planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Grace (nee Birch) Fenn.

From Blessed Sacrament Choir - March 07, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ Cherished friend for many years. I am heart 💔

Jim botta - March 06, 2024 at 10:32 PM

SM

“ I'm so incredibly sad to read of Mary's passing. We worked together for many years at DSS/DOH. We were friends and had some good times together. She was a good person, with a heart a gold and she will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to Jackie and Dennis and the entire family.



Sandi (Heck) Miles - March 06, 2024 at 12:16 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure of being Mary's friend for over 30 years, She possessed many outstanding characteristics that I will always remember. Among those were her support for her friends, her joy for life and learning and her sense of adventure. I will miss her but the memories we shared will last far into the future.

Jo-Ann Costantino - March 05, 2024 at 11:11 AM

ML

“ My memories of Mary are from the Academy of the Holy Names. She added much to our class warmth, cheeriness and fun. I enjoyed being part of French Club with her. From Mary's beautiful obituary, her life seemed full and busy which reflects the person I knew in high school. May she rest in peace.

Margie Flynn Lippincott

Marge Lippincott - February 28, 2024 at 12:05 PM