



## Mary D. Hayes

July 23, 1936 - October 24, 2024

Albany, NY-Mary Krzanik Hayes entered Eternal Life Thursday, October 24, 2024. Mary was born and educated in Albany, New York. She graduated from Fordham University with a Bachelor's degree in education and science and from Villanova University with a Master's degree in chemistry and mathematics. Mary was the recipient of seven National Science Foundation grants to study chemistry and mathematics. She also attended Manhattan College to study physics under a National Science Foundation Grant.

Mary was a teacher for 38 years at all grade levels, spending most of her teaching years in various high schools. She taught biology, chemistry and mathematics in New York City, Yonkers, N.Y., Hartsdale, N.Y., Chicago, Ill. and Niskayuna, N.Y. From 1971 to her retirement in 1995 Mary taught in the various Albany Public Schools, spending the last 13 years in Albany High School.

Mary was a long-time parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where she was a lector and a Eucharistic Minister. These ministries Mary carried out with great faithfulness for 44 years in whichever parish she belonged. To her, sharing the readings of the Mass and then the Eucharist with the people of the Church was a great privilege. She served on the Cathedral Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee and the Religious Education Committee.

In later years Mary was a member of the Church of St. Margaret Mary / All Saints Catholic Church where she continued her ministry as a lector and a Eucharistic Minister. Here she was the chairperson of Renew 2000, a three year spiritual renewal for the new millennium in the Catholic Church. Together with The Angels To Each Other, Mary chaired the celebration of The Year of Mercy in her parish.

Mary was an active member of the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission. Her concerns for the disadvantaged and marginalized people of the world led her to work for social justice for farm workers, sweat shop workers, land mine victims, prison reform, reform of the Rockefeller drug laws, closing of the School of the Americas in South America, the death penalty moratorium, and justice for sexual abused persons particularly in the Church. Additionally, for a number of years Mary was a volunteer fund collector for the American Cancer Society.

For many years, Mary was an ardent member of the Upstate New York, Capital District Chapter of Call to Action, a group advocating and working for reforms and justice in the Catholic Church, especially in regard to women and marginalized people.

Mary also enjoyed being a part of The Angels To Each Other. To those dedicated women she offers her thanks for their friendship, caring, faith and love of God and others. Mary's Scripture Study friends are also very special to her. From them she learned what it is to be truly a person who lives her faith. To them...thank you for just being you.

Mary was the beloved wife of John J. Hayes (married April 6, 1969), her best and cherished friend and loving and proud mother of Patricia (Patty) Hayes of Toronto, Canada and her Baby Brother Joseph Hayes (deceased). Daughter

of the Late Edward and Helen Zieba Krzanik of Albany. Sister of the late Frances Krzanik Rudnicki and her husband Stanley of Albany and Dolores Krzanik Sureck and her late husband, Milton of Davie, Florida. Chosen sister of Jean C. Ryan. Sister-in-law of the late Ann Hayes, James & Louise Hayes, Mary & Roger O'Connor and Clare & Joseph Reilly. Also survived by numerous much-loved nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation either to Angels to Each Other by making a check to All Saints Catholic Church and writing "Mary Hayes - Angels to Each Other" in the memo line or to the Damien Center Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary's family Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:00 am to 10:00 am at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany, NY. Her Funeral Mass will follow at 10:00 am.

The Mass can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OelstKAZrcA>

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St.  
Albany, NY 12203

## Funeral Mass

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St.  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife and I met Mary at All Saints Catholic Church about 25 years ago. We shared ministeries at church and talked often. We also had short visits ater church and enjoyed her husband Jack's humor. Later when Mary was not driving, we receivd an uplifting emails everyday of the week. I was sure to reply. I miss everyday not receiving those uplifting emails. Mary was one of a kind and will be deeply missed. We send our sincere sympathy to Patty. May she rest in peace.

*Phil DiNovo*

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**Philip J DiNovo** - October 28, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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“ I always received such lovely emails from mama hayes (my term of endearment). Either it was a funny or an uplifting message. Going to miss those emails. Patty you have been an amazing daughter, always looking out for her. Mama hayes was an extrodinary woman. What a trully special bond you and your mother had. Such a unique and special gift. Beautiful lifetime of memories. I know you had to get it from somewhere.

*The world is definitely dimmer today 🥹*

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**michael goniotakis** - October 28, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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**Patty Hayes** - October 28, 2024 at 01:02 PM