



## Mary M. Paratore

August 11, 1961 - March 16, 2024

COLONIE, NY – Mary McGahay Paratore, 62, passed away peacefully at her home after a brief illness on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Born in Albany on August 11, 1961 to Sylvia Keegan McGahay and the late William H. McGahay Jr., Mary was the wife of 39 years to her adoring husband, childhood sweetheart and boy next door, Dominic J. Paratore of Colonie.

A graduate of Albany Business College and SUNY Empire State College, Mary attended West Albany Elementary School and graduated from Mercy High School in 1979. A financial tax specialist for 25 years, Mary spent the past 18 years as the Vice President of Internal Audit and Compliance for Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corporation. Mary was the proud and loving mother of daughters, Jacquelyn (Paratore) Donovan and husband William Donovan of Colonie and Christina (Paratore) Kelly and husband Daniel Kelly, also of Colonie. Known as “Mimi”, Mary is especially remembered for her love of her grandsons, Billy and Grant Donovan.

Mary is survived by her sister Sheilah (McGahay) Rivers and husband Will Rivers of Colonie, brother William H. McGahay III and wife Allison (Carr) McGahay of Lake Placid, along with a host of cherished brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins. Additionally, Mary was a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Mary was raised and lived her entire life in West Albany, close to family and many friends but mostly enjoyed the mountains and lakes of the Adirondacks and annual trips to Florida. Mary especially cherished time spent at the family cabin on the Au Sable River underneath the peaks of Whiteface and Esther Mountain. One of her favorite things to do was to sit on her dock with family and watch nature and people on the river. Some of her most cherished moments were spent in front of a roaring fire. All who knew Mary knew of her love of horse racing and Saratoga. She enjoyed handicapping racehorses, a skill she learned from her late father. Mary made it a mandatory appointment for all to spend her birthdays, known as “Marypalooza” at the Saratoga race track each year in August.

Mary was universally loved and respected by all her friends and those who knew and worked with her. Her friends were just like her family and all were welcome at every family gathering, holiday, Friday pizza night and sunny afternoon by her pool. Mary’s kind and gentle nature will be greatly missed but beautiful memories will live on in all who knew and loved her.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary’s family Friday, March 22, 2024 at 9:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Pius X Chapel, Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY.

Her Funeral Mass will follow at 11:30 am at St. Pius X Church.

The Rite of Committal will be held immediately following the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. NY.

An avid animal lover, Mary loved Golden Retrievers and had several over her lifetime.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Mary Paratore to

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

To leave a special message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Chapel  
23 Crumitie Rd.  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
(518) 462-1336

## Service

MAR 22. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Rd  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Thinking of Mary and her family on her birthday and all the wonderful memories I have of my best friend, especially us wishing each other a "Happy Birthday"

June Margiotta - August 11, 2024 at 09:22 AM

LM

“ Thanks Aunt Mary for great memories. I know it's already been two months but we still miss you and think of you always.  
Liam



Liam McGahay - May 12, 2024 at 10:52 PM

KG

“ I have been out of town for several weeks and just got the devastating news of Marys passing. I was saddened and shocked . My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends. She was loved by so many.. such a tragic loss. Im so very sorry. With deep and heartfelt condolences.  
Kathy Gutto

Kathy Gutto - May 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM

PC

“ In loving memory of the little girl I babysat for and the beautiful lady she became, my sympathy to her family.

Patricia M Collins - March 22, 2024 at 09:46 AM

PM

“ Patricia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.

Patricia M. - March 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



March 21, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RJ

“ Rachel and Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.

Rachel and Jason - March 21, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ My heart breaks for all of you. Such a beautiful person who has left so many beautiful memories with all who were blessed to know her. She personified love and kindness, peace and strength, class and a good time. Seemingly unaware of her magnificent presence, living a life where everyone was family, everyone was welcomed. I will always remember her sweetness and being included in the celebrations...Sending love to all of you. Nyah

Nyah Wyatt - March 21, 2024 at 12:32 PM

WF

“ With sorrow, the Herrmann Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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**With sorrow, the Herrmann Family** - March 21, 2024 at 12:11 PM

GL

“ I knew Mary when she was a child- it was evident even then that she was special and carried a light within her. When she was a grown woman- that grace and compassion remained in the strong and beautiful woman she became. It is those gifts that will go on now in your family and keep her in your hearts and minds always.

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**Gloria** - March 21, 2024 at 11:29 AM

WF

“ Billy and family so sorry to hear about Mary. Thinking about you may she rest in peace. Phyllis & Bill Fronk

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**William Fronk** - March 21, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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March 21, 2024 at 07:47 AM

TR

“ *The Boothby's and Russell's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary M. Paratore.*



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**The Boothby's and Russell's** - March 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

TR

“ *The Boothby's and Russell's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.*

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**The Boothby's and Russell's** - March 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

WH

“ *To Dominick and the entire Paratore Family, I was very saddened to read of the passing of Mary. Please know that your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Walter Huba*

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**Walter Huba** - March 20, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JP

*Thank you Walter. Mary was a special person & we will all miss her.*  
*John Paratore*

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**john Paratore** - April 06, 2024 at 06:54 AM

JC

“ *The Paratore home (and huge extended family and friends) was an alternate universe for our daughter, Megan, who had no siblings or posse of family in the area. Megan was happily included in many celebrations and large gatherings and Mary and Dominic were always gracious and fun. We thank them deeply. Jackie was one of Megan's best friends and their frequent sleepovers and long night discussions help them sort out their Holy Names experiences and mature. And Christina showed the full blessed range of what having a younger sibling can mean. We wish the family the very best at this difficult time and take comfort in knowing that large contingent of family and friends will provide the blend of sharing grief and joyful memories.*

*Our condolences,  
Jim, Emmy & Megan Cole*

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**James Cole** - March 20, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.*



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March 20, 2024 at 06:15 AM

MM

“ *Michele M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.*

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**Michele M.** - March 20, 2024 at 06:15 AM

ML

“ Jackie and Paratore Family and friends;

*Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family. We're very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was loved by many and we hope that offers some condolence to all. Take care and peace be with you.*

*Maria & Rich LaChance  
(Orchard Tavern)*

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**Maria and Rich LaChance** - March 19, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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March 19, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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March 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM

AR

“ Audra Viscusi Hedden and RoseanneViscusi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.

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**Audra Viscusi Hedden and RoseanneViscusi** - March 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM

DA

“ Dena and Jim Almindó purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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**Dena and Jim Almindó** - March 19, 2024 at 06:00 PM

SB

“ Growing up with both families was a blessed time in my life. Mary was a fun and one of a kind all around wonderful person. Always had a great sense of humor and magical smile.. We lived next door to the Paratore family all my life growing up. My heart is with you all. I always remember playing hide and seek on the back streets. Such Fond memories. So very sorry Dominic and Billy. She was a class act and will be always remembered for her kind heart. Prayers with you. Heaven now has an extra special angel. RIP Mary. I'll never forget you.  
Sandy Biondi-Quirino



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**Sandy Biondi-Quirino** - March 19, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



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March 19, 2024 at 02:04 PM

GP

“ George & Libby Pataki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.

George & Libby Pataki - March 19, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.



March 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ The caito family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.

The caito family - March 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM

RS

“ My condolences to the family. Prayers that God brings you peace and comfort 🙏

Rick Byron Sr - March 19, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MT

“ I am very sad to learn the news today of Mary's recent passing on Saturday. She was robbed from this world much too young. Saint Patrick must have had a reason to steal this lovely young woman away from us. I'm certain she celebrated her first day in Heaven on Saint Patrick's Day with God, Saint Patrick himself, and all of the other Angel's and Saint's in Heaven. May she rest in peace eternally! I'm so sorry for your loss.

Michael Guilio Tozzi - March 18, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary M. Paratore.*



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March 18, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *June M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Paratore.*

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**June M.** - March 18, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *To Sylvia, Dom, Jackie, Nina, Billy, Sheila, grandchildren and families, I am so sorry for your loss of my very dear friend, Mary. All of you are so very special to me. Mary was always there for me and truly a "best" friend for over 40 years. Whenever I returned to Albany for a visit, Mary and I always made sure we spent time together. Me and my husband, Ric, send our sincerest condolences and our hearts are with you at this very difficult time.*

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**JUNE M MARGIOTTA** - March 18, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *I will miss seeing you at our families parties. You were always so vibrant and smiling. I pray you rest in peace. Brian Grady*

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**Brian Grady** - March 18, 2024 at 07:09 PM