



Mary Elizabeth Rourke

May 27, 1917 - January 14, 2015

Albany-Mary E. Kinney Rourke, 97, of Colonie, NY, entered into eternal life on January 14, 2015 in the comfort and privacy of her home.

Mary was born in Schenectady on May 27, 1917 to the late Beatrice and Thomas Kinney. She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1936. After graduation she worked for the Internal Revenue Service where she met her future husband Tom and “married the boss”. Mary and Tom were married on April 7, 1942. Together they raised their family and prepared taxes in their home for many people in the capital region.

Mary’s Irish wit and storytelling will always be something she will be cherished and remembered for in our hearts. She enriched our lives each and every day with her first-hand knowledge on both our family history and “the olden days”. Mary was a woman of faith that loved her family, cats, playing the piano and telling stories about her childhood, especially about her summer’s spent with Uncle Guy and Aunt Betty in Cobleskill.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Thomas J. Rourke in April 1989, her infant son Thomas in January 1943, daughter Mary Beth Rourke in February 2000, and brother E. William Kinney in November 2013. She is survived by her children, Thomas (Jan) Rourke, Susan (Chris) Russo, Anne (Lee) Hilt, and Peter Rourke; her grandchildren Christopher (Kim),

Michael (Cheryl), Matthew (Kaylee), Liam, Moira, and Patrick: her great grandchildren Danny, Jimmy, Caroline, Joseph, and Cristal and many loving nieces and nephews.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Blessed Sacrament and Christ Our Light Church for the prayers and kind messages that were sent, and to Sharon, Ron, Kathy and Tony for their friendship and kindness when it was truly needed. Mom's wish was to stay in her home and that was possible due to Peter and the homecare assistants. The family is very appreciative of the expertise of Terry (the adoptive Rourke), Nancy B., Nancy F. and Mindy. The family would also like to thank our friends and family for their support. We are truly grateful to the Community Hospice for their support, care and professionalism; a special thanks to Lindsey, Beth, Celestin and Anne.

Funeral services Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit Friday, January 16, 2015 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment, St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those wishing to remember Mary in a special way may send donations in the name of Mary E. Rourke to Albany County Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Rd. Albany NY, 12205.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit McVeighFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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Service

JAN 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



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



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KI

*To the RourkeFamily.
May God grany u always...
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
And a sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you.
I think you still have a sweet, gentle angel looking over you. HUGS TO YOU.? kim and fred*

kim - January 17, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Rourke*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MM

“ *To family: May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all face."*



Montana Mackenzie - October 23, 2015 at 03:57 PM

GB

“ *May God Bless the whole Rourke family! I am thinking of you. Greg Belles*



Greg Belles - January 24, 2015 at 03:51 PM

SU

“ *Sue lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Rourke*



Sue - January 16, 2015 at 01:39 PM

GC

“ I lived next door to Mary, Tom & Peter for several years, and have remained friends for years. Mary always reminded me of how Tom and her saw me run out to my mailbox in my bathrobe & then wipe out on some ice (laying on the bottom of my driveway). Tom had told Mary to go help me up because I would be embarrassed if he came out with me dressed the way I was.
I always remember Mary telling me that she was having an "Ann of Green Gables" day. She eventually gave me a copy of her book and others. I cherish them.
When I was diagnosed with cancer in 1999, Mary sent me a St. Patrick's Breastplate prayerbook which I have always kept in my nightstand. I cherish that also.

*Always remember:
You can shed tears because she is gone
Or you can smile because she lived.*

*Love always,
Gloria Coppola*



Gloria Coppola - January 16, 2015 at 10:31 AM

NA

Sounds like Tom; a true gentleman!

nancyhiltbonesteel - January 16, 2015 at 10:24 PM

MM

“ LOVE & PRAYERS .MAY ALL YOUR
BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES SUSTAIN YOU.
LOVE MARGIE & KEVIN MILLER SR.



margie miller - January 16, 2015 at 08:03 AM

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JK

Tom and family;

*Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom.
She, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!!*

God Bless!!

John and Lynda Kearney

John Kearney - January 17, 2015 at 03:54 PM

EC

*To all the Rourkes. Sorry I cannot be there to share memories of one of
my Mom's dearest friends! I guess we are the 'older generation' now as
she is the last of the that group of life long friends! I will have a mass
said for her here in Dublin. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Eileen Tuffey Coleman (one of Rita Gurren's kids)*

eileen tuffey coleman - January 17, 2015 at 05:45 PM