



Mary Portley Tracy

June 11, 1922 - May 3, 2015

Loudonville-Mary P. (“Marliz”) Tracy of Loudonville, after an extraordinary life of 92 years, went home to the loving arms of our Lord on Sunday, May 3, 2015, while surrounded by her family.

Mary was the daughter of the John J. and Marion Coogan Portley, and with her two sisters, Ann and Patricia, were raised in Delmar. Mary, or Mar as she was known to so many, was the loving and devoted wife of Thomas F. Tracy who passed in 1994 and mother of four sons, Dr. Thomas F. (Betsy) Tracy, Jr of Providence, R.I., Timothy M. (Carol) Tracy of Croydon, PA, Tony and Terrence X. Tracy of Loudonville. While Tony never came home, Mary is surely now with her beautiful little boy. Mary was blessed with five wonderful grandchildren who she absolutely adored, Aaron Patrick, Anthony, Adam, Aine and Hanora Tracy. Mary is survived by her sister Ann Barber of Lebanon, NJ.

After graduating from Vincentian Institute in Albany, she graduated from the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ with a BA in Home Economics; little did she know of the dividends to come from that degree. Following a short time at B.Altman’s in New York City, Mary returned to the area to teach home economics at Bethlehem Central High School and serve as program analyst with the NYS Department of Social Services. Not satisfied with her work alone, Mary immersed herself in charitable and community organizations.

Early days were spent with the Junior League, the Ladies Auxiliary, to be followed by Catholic Charities for the Albany Diocese, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, St. Catherine's Center for Children, Edna Hibel Society, Loudonville Garden Club, the Order of Malta, the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Ann's Institute and the St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Boca Raton, FL.

Once her family was underway, Mary drew on her degree in home economics to get an advanced degree in interior design through a program sponsored by Harvard and Syracuse Universities. With that, Mary established her interior design business where she and her sister Pat Bucher created wonderful home and office environments for people with whom she loved to work. Mary also had an undying love for the arts and travel and was blessed with both good health and great friends to venture off to places like Russia, China, and most of Europe. Many of these trips were arranged by her dear friend Edna Hibel and they were great fun.

Another love of her life was Florida. If not here or travelling, she was in Boca. Between her family, her career, her travel, her immersion into the arts, and work with so many charitable and community organizations, Mary was able to share her time, talents and great sense of humor with us and make our lives that much fuller.

Mary's family extend their deepest gratitude to the medical staff at St. Peter's Hospital and the Hospice Inn for their care and compassion, as well as those special people who have been with her every day to make sure her life was full and joyous.

Funeral services Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 10:30 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 11:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit Friday, May 8, 2015 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Those wishing to remember Mary in a special way may send a contribution to either St. Anne's Institute, 160 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12206 or March of Dimes Northeastern New York Division, 4 Computer Drive West, Suite 201, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighfuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road
Loudonville, NY

Tribute Wall



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



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 07, 2015 at 01:52 PM



I truly loved everything assembled in this tribute. Thank you so very much!
Tim Tracy

Tim Tracy - June 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Mary Portley Tracy*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *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."*

M - August 27, 2015 at 07:14 PM

DG

“ To all of the Tracy's, my cousins Tommy, Timmy, and Terry please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Mother. Her humor and laughter will always remain in my memories. Wish I could be there to show support and accompany her to her final resting place. I know she is in Heaven.

Love always, your cousin,

Darcy

Darcy Gilson - May 08, 2015 at 10:51 PM

TC

“ Hello Timmy and C J,

It is with profound sadness that Rena and I have heard of the death of your beloved mother. She was an outstanding lady and it is to our regret that we did not see her more often. Her trips to Ireland were looked forward to with anticipation. The passing of Josie Geary was also a great sadness to us and no doubt that they are i both in heaven chatting away. Again our deepest sympathy to you and all your family

Rena and Ted Canty, Cork city.

Ted and Rena Canty - May 08, 2015 at 01:02 PM

TT

“ Oh CJ - I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

*Donna
Donna A. Schirripa, EA
475 Buffalo Court
West New York, NJ 07093*

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 04:24 PM

TT

“ My Deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family , we rejoice in knowing her pain and suffering has ended, and now she rest in the father's arms ever watch over us all , I will continue to pray for you and your family that you experience GOD'S peace of mind.

*Your in my thoughts and prayers
Ken wilson*

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 04:20 PM

TT

“ Hi CJ and Tim-

We're so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady.

*with love,
Cindy, Markus and Estlin*

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 04:18 PM

TT

“ *Just a beautiful tribute to your mom...After reading it...I got a clearer understanding of my friend Tim Tracy...and why he ticks like he does!! many hugs...*

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 03:44 PM

TT

Thank you Phyllis for being a dear friend. Xo Tim

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TT

“ *Dear Tim,*

We are deeply saddened to learn of your mom's death. Our hearts go out to you, CJ and your family. She was a great lady...she commanded the room!

How well I will remember her in a box at Saratoga holding court...the ponies took a back seat at these occasions.

You were a great son to her, Tim! May that be some consolation to you at this time.

Maddy joins me in sending love...we hope we will see you and CJ soon.

Nils

Tim Tracy - May 07, 2015 at 03:42 PM

BT

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all the Tracy boys. A very bright light has gone out and will be missed by all. You were so lucky to have her for so long. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.....Peace*



*The Toohers
Karen, Bob, Ryan and Danny*

Bob Toohar - May 07, 2015 at 10:51 AM

KM

“ *Oh, Timmy, my thoughts are with you.
I remember so well when your mom and two friends came to L.A. and as part of a cultural tour, took her to see the Watts Towers in the heart of South Central L.A.
She sailed through the blight with her usual aplomb, not a hair out of place in that hair-raising environment, eyes firmly on the art we were going to see.
From there we went to the oldest Catholic church in So Cal for mass, in process, overflowing, supplicants on knees on the sidewalk outside.
MarLiz poked her head inside the door, turned and said: We're not too late, it's the homily.
Always wondered how she knew -- since the service was in Spanish.
She turned the world -- any world -- into a place of grace and order.
I know you will miss her terribly.
Katie*

Katie McArthy - May 07, 2015 at 09:18 AM

BC

“ Terry, my sincerest condolences to you and your family.
Barbara Chavez

Barbara Chavez - May 07, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 06, 2015 at 03:27 PM

TT

Terry Tracy, you've made a terrific act of Love! Thank you.
your Brother

Tim Tracy - May 06, 2015 at 10:54 PM

LE

Sorry to hear of her passing. Beautiful photo tribute.

Liz Earley - May 07, 2015 at 09:02 AM

RE

Thank you for sharing these wonderful memories with us. We will miss Mary dearly. She was an extraordinary person with a magnetic personality that you couldn't help but gravitate toward. We share our deepest condolences to all of the Tracy family.

Ryan Earley - May 07, 2015 at 09:14 AM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of MarLiz's death our deepest sympathy to you all
Love and best wishes Kate, Brendan and girls Ireland

Kathryn foley - May 06, 2015 at 12:07 PM

HS

She was surely a Grand Dame, and don't you forget it. Hal Saulson

Hal Saulson - May 07, 2015 at 09:11 AM

VV

MarLiz had her own style! I have many fond memories of her such as the tour of the Angel Tree at the Met she took me on at Christmas...and Teuscher Chocolates! Mary was fond of a bargain...as long as it was Chanel! Peace be with you all.

Valerie Vardell - May 07, 2015 at 05:25 PM