



## Mary Elizabeth T. Dunne

October 28, 1953 - June 27, 2010

Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Dunne, nee Toomey, passed into the waiting arms of the Lord on June 27, 2010 after living with colon cancer for 9 years. Born on October 28, 1953, she was the daughter of Joanne (Skelly) and William A. Toomey, Jr.

Mary Beth was a graduate of St. Theresa of Avila Grammar School, Mercy High School, The College of St. Rose and Albany Law School.

As an attorney she was in private practice before becoming an Administrative Law Judge with New York State. She served with the Workers' Compensation Board, Albany County Family Court and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Mary Beth is survived by her husband, Philip T. Dunne, and their daughter, Bridget M. Dunne. In addition, Mary Beth is survived by her sisters, Nancy Spillane (Jack), Margaret Capozzola (John) and Maura Toomey, and her brothers, William, James, Joseph (Kathy), Paul (Lisa) and John. Mary Beth is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Kate and Shannon Capozzola, Matthew, Kevin and Ellen Spillane, Connor and Joe Toomey, Faith, Maeve and Kean Toomey, and Kathryn Dunne-Millar.

Mary Beth was a lifelong Girl Scout and served as a troop leader and in many

other positions. She was very involved in the National Center for the Laity and wrote a chapter of the book, "Of Human Hands" and wrote many articles for its publications.

Mary Beth was the coach of the Academy of the Holy Names Forensic Team for several years which became her true passion after her diagnosis with cancer. She was a member of the Alumni Board at the College of St. Rose, and on the Board of LaSalle School.

Mary Beth and her family express their deep appreciation to Dr. Nini Wu, Judy Menetti, R.N. and the staff at NYOH, and also all of the staff at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Forensics Program at the Academy of the Holy Names, the National Center for the Laity, Chicago, or the NYOH Cancer Foundation.

Funeral services Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church) where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday, June 30, 2010 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Parish of Mater Christi.

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

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth T. Dunne*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My condolences to the family, I worked with her at National Commercial Bank in the 70's and she was such a friendly, happy person. I will always remember her.##imported-begin##Patty Ryan Aldrich##imported-end##*

July 11, 2010 at 10:08 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Toomey, Jim, Joe and the rest of your families, I'm deeply sorry for the lost of your daughter, sister,ect. I didn't get to know her but I have been friends with the Toomey's for years from St. Teresa's to now Mater Christi and I know she was a wonderful person and made a difference in many people's lives. On behalf of the Reynolds family we wish you all God's blessings at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mike Reynolds##imported-end##*

July 09, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ *MAURA FAMILY MY PRAYS R WITH YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME##imported-begin##PAT TOUZIN##imported-end##*

July 01, 2010 at 07:56 PM



“ *Jim, Bill, Paul and Family, I want to pass on my condolences to you all. I am sorry that I was unable to attend as I needed to be at another service in Schenectady.*

*A dear friend's wife passed away after her long battle with cancer. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dick Moran##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2010 at 09:22 PM



“ *Dear Philip, Bridget and Family,*

*I have no words that will ease the pain or take away the heartache you are experiencing.*

*Those words don't exist. What I do know is that the Dunne family, along with the Toomey family will see their way through these very dark days and with God's blessing life will continue to have meaning and your memories of Mary Beth will be those of a wonderful wife, a loving mother and of a woman who make all her family most proud.*

*Hold fast to all those cherished memories because that's what Mary Beth would want to be part of her loving legacy.*

*Love,*

*David##imported-begin##David Kissick##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *Jim and Family,*

*My sincere condolences on the passing of your sister, Elizabeth. My prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Arthur R. Benoit##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2010 at 11:23 AM



“ *Bill, I am so sorry. I can't imagine your grief, and Joanne's, and Phillip and Bridget, and your whole family.##imported-begin##Stanley Zalen##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ *The Rose Beyond the Wall*

*Near a shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by the morning dew,  
Shedding it's sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall  
Through which there shone a beam of light.  
Onward it crept with added strength  
With never a thought of fear or pride,  
It followed the light through the crevice's length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view  
Were found the same as they were before,  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing it's fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve  
And make our courage faint and fall?  
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive--  
The rose still grows beyond the wall,  
Scattering fragrance far and wide  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will forevermore.*

*~ A. L. Frink ~###imported-begin###Rosanna Pirri###imported-end###*

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June 30, 2010 at 07:42 AM



“ *Mr and Mrs Toomey, Joe and family,  
God bless you. Our hearts and prayers are with you.  
Peace, Sincerely,  
Mike, April, Ciera and Conor Orcutt##imported-begin##the Orcutt  
family##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2010 at 12:02 AM



“ *My deepest and heartfelt sympathy & condolences to the  
Tommeey family. How we can lose our best is still a mystery &  
challenge. Thinking of you all, who fought the good fight...  
Sincerely,  
Rosanna Pirri##imported-begin##Rosanna##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2010 at 06:25 PM



“ *My most heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##Richard  
Mathieu##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ Phil, Bridget, and Toomey family,  
MaryBeth was also an inspiration, her strong faith and fighting spirit.  
She has definitely set example for all of us to aspire to be.  
I know it is a difficult time, but know so many of us are around you  
sending all our love and support.  
All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Judy

*PS This poem is one of my favorites, hope to bring you comfort*

*“Gone From My Sight”*

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her  
white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She  
is an object of beauty and strength.*

*I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of  
white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each  
other.*

*Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"*

*Gone where?*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and  
spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to  
bear her load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.  
And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to  
take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*

*And that is dying...*

*-Henry Van Dyke###imported-begin##Judith (Judy Smith)  
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June 29, 2010 at 01:13 PM



“ *To Mr. Dunne, her daughter Bridget & Family Members,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I knew Mrs. Dunne from  
Albany County Family Court. She was a fine woman, very  
professional and dedicated to her work as a Hearing Examiner. My  
daughter and I would like you to know we really appreciated all her  
time and consideration with a very difficult case. She will always be  
remembered and never forgotten for all her hard work. Thank You  
for sharing your mother, Bridget with so many that needed her help.  
Sincerely Yours, Joanne M. Pietrocola & daughter Jessica Ruth  
Summers.###imported-begin##Joanne M. Pietrocola###imported-  
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June 29, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ *To the Family of Mary Beth,*

*With heartfelt condolences and kindest thoughts in your time of  
sorrow.*

*~The College of Saint Rose Office of Alumni Relation###imported-  
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