



Mary (Molly McKenna) Burns

November 7, 1936 - May 26, 2020

A celebration of the life of Mary (Molly McKenna) Burns: 1936 – 2020

Mary Catherine Burns, 83, of Rockville Centre, NY passed away May 26, 2020 in Jupiter, Florida. Mary, or Molly, as she was known to friends, was born to Michael and Catherine (Molloy) McKenna, November 7, 1936, in the Bronx, New York.

Molly graduated from St. Angelia Merici Elementary School on Morris Avenue in the Bronx and St. Vincent Ferrer High School, Manhattan, in the class of 1955. She also attended Molly College and is a certified paralegal.

After graduation from St. Vincent's, Molly went to work for Arrow Shirts on Park Avenue and later as a personal secretary for the Lambert and Feasley Advertising Agency in Manhattan. After raising her three children, she returned to work as a paralegal for the Federal Aviation Agency, where she received many awards and promotions. She retired in 2001. Molly had an easy laugh, a quick wit and a sharp eye for separating the real from the fake. She remained in loving contact with her FAA friends all of whom share in celebrating her wonderful life.

She married Edward J. Burns in 1960 in St. Angelia's and the family lived together in Woodside, NYC, Hewlett, NY and Valley Stream, NY, for more than thirty years, where they raised their three children, Mary, Edward and Brian. When their children married to start their own families, Molly and Ed moved to their current home in Rockville Centre, NY.

Molly is survived by her husband, Ed and their three children; Mary C. DeFuria (Otto) of Rockville Centre; Edward F. Burns (Christy) of New York City; and Brian M. Burns (Kelly) of New York City. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her older brother James and John McKenna of New Jersey and survived by her younger brother, Patrick McKenna, who resides in Florida. In the combined family there are many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly.

Molly was a hands-on mother in the education of the children, as well as an active participant in their schools' organizations and activities. All three children graduated from St. Joseph's Elementary School in Hewlett, NY

Molly was also an avid reader and lover of the arts. She passed her appreciation of theater, film and literature to all her children, was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. As her health declined, she told her husband; "We did alright, didn't we, Ed."

A Memorial Mass will be held in the fall.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Molly's memory to Every Mother Counts online: <http://www.everymothercounts.org> by mail: 333 Hudson Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10013, call 1-646-918-6609 or email:

info@everymothercounts.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary (Molly McKenna) Burns*

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