



Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell

May 27, 1932 - July 8, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, July 8, 2018, 2:22 pm at her Jupiter residence. Mary was born in Albany, New York, May 27, 1932 to parents Elizabeth Mary (1898-1977) and Joseph Herbert (1897-1971) Forman. She graduated from Blessed Sacrament School in 1946 and Cathedral Academy in 1950. High School graduation honors included the "Parker Dunn Medal for History" and "Sons of the Revolution of the State of New York Award". Her career ambition was to become a Secretary. Mary began her career as Legal Secretary for Scully Attorneys-At- Law. Later, she transitioned to the Insurance Industry, starting as Telephone Operator, then reaching the pinnacle of her career as Executive Secretary General Accident Group.

Mary was a congregant of Blessed Sacrament Church. A true Servant Leader, Mary was a founding member of "Circle", a social welfare group established to reach out to parishioners in nursing homes and begin the first church food pantry. She participated in Blessed Sacrament School Parent Teacher Association and church fundraising activities. Her generosity of spirit touched many lives as Leader of Junior Girl Scout Troop 454 Hudson Valley Council. Mary devotedly cared for her Parents and Paternal Aunts Lena Mary Forman Conroy and Ellen Hadsell Forman until their demise. She enjoyed lifelong hobbies of reading, journaling, crocheting, embroidery, rug hooking, birdwatching, gardening, traveling, and photography, noting the importance of

recording the people, places, and dates on each photograph.

After lovingly raising son Peter and daughter Maura, Mary retired at age 57 to enjoy life and travel the world. The next chapter of Mary's life began with retirement and marriage to David Lawrence Farrell November 7, 1980. Mary and David enjoyed motor home travels to US parks and golf courses and eventually moved to Naples then Fort Myers, Florida. Volunteering as an Elementary School Reading Tutor, a "Pink Lady" at East Naples Urgent Care, and as an AARP Driver Safety Telephone Coordinator enriched her retirement years.

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community became Mary's next church home where she participated in Our Lady's Society. Church and country club socials, golfing, and travels entertained Mary and David. An avid journalist and photographer, Mary recorded their adventures to the Amazon Jungle, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Europe, Mexico, Panama Canal, and South America.

Mary devoted her life to caring for her beloved husband David during his chronic illnesses until his untimely death May 3, 2007. As a Widow, Mary remained fiercely independent, enjoying church socials, reading new books from the public library, surfing the internet, gardening, birdwatching, Fairway Bend card games, and visits from family and friends. Her final chapter of life began August 9, 2015 when Mary relocated to Courtyard Gardens Assisted Living to be closer to daughter Maura and Son-In-Law Steve. Revitalized in body, mind, and spirit, Mary thrived and enjoyed a full and happy life by attending "school": Arts & Crafts, Bible Studies, Exercise Classes, Happy Hours, Holiday Parties, Horse Racing, Ice Cream Socials, Mother's Day Teas, Music & Dance Performances, Scenic Bus Tours, and "Gardening with Maura". Mary was a congregant of St. Peter Catholic Church where she received the Catholic Sacraments, prayed the Holy Rosary, and attended

Mass which sustained her spiritually. Mary was a devoted Daughter, Sister, Niece, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend. She will be remembered by her unconditional love, devotion to God, kindness, compassion, generosity, inner strength, resiliency during adversity, patriotism, great sense of humor, and zest for life.

She was predeceased by her Husbands Peter John Farrell (1932-1975) US Air Force Korea and David Lawrence Farrell (1925-2007) US Navy WWII, Siblings Dorothy Elizabeth Ward (1924-2003) US Coast Guard SPARS WWII, Joseph Charles Forman US Marine Corps (1939-2010), and Paternal Uncle Charles John Forman US Army WWI (1889-1947).

Mary's memory is cherished by Son Peter John Farrell, Daughter-In-Law Jacqueline Cesare Farrell, Daughter Maura Farrell Miller, Son-In-Law Steven Paul Miller, Grandchildren Rosemarie Farrell, Chelsea Ann Farrell, Peter John Farrell, III, Sara Megan Miller, Nieces Cherryl Ward Thomas, Marka Ward Case, Jacqueline Case, Rebecca Forman Hardiman, Nephew Joseph Scott Forman, Sisters-in-Law Mary Beth Consolo Forman and Elaine Forman McPherson, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, and devoted caregivers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1790 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter, Florida, Friday, July 27, 2018, 10 am, followed by graveside service and interment at the South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida, 12:45 pm.

Roses were Mary's most favorite flower the beauty of which she enjoyed her entire life. In lieu of Flowers, memorial donations may be made to: "Mary E. Farrell Memorial Fund" Blessed Sacrament School, 605 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, 12206.

Cemetery Details

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church
1701 Indian Creek Parkway
Jupiter, FL 33458

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Doris Fishler lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell*



Doris Fishler - July 27, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ *Dear Peter and Maura: I worked with your mom at General Accident for 10 years. She was always one of my favorite people of all times over the 35 years I worked in the insurance industry. She was always very supportive and many times I would not have made it without her help. She was a wonderful person and friend. I know you will miss her dearly but I will also miss her even though it had been 40+ years since I worked with her. She loved you both dearly and we always talked about you both. I think of her every time I go past the house on Watervliet Ave. Hope you are doing well and know how proud she was of both of you. Again sorry to hear of her passing. Jim Martin*

James Martin - July 26, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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“ Dear Pete, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I remember calling you a few years back and you were in Florida visiting Mom. I was very happy for you to be doing that and thought what a good son! I'm sure that devotion was learned from your mom and I honor that love. May you and your family forever hold that in your hearts and comfort you always. All Best, Chris Papa/Albany, NY

Chris Papa - July 25, 2018 at 08:13 AM

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“ Our prayers and thoughts for the Farrell Family. Cathy Harding, and Dr. Samer Nasr

Cathy Harding - July 20, 2018 at 03:21 PM

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“ Aida Nieves-Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell



Aida Nieves-Walker - July 17, 2018 at 07:25 AM

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“ Aida Nieves-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Forman Farrell



Aida Nieves-Walker - July 17, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home - July 16, 2018 at 09:42 AM