



Mary Elizabeth Deans

August 28, 1948 - July 18, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Leahy Deans, age 71 of Longwood went to be with God on July 18, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 50 years David Deans; four daughters, Kara Halbach, Kimberly Sams, Betsey Szymanski, and Jennifer Schirmer; grandchildren Alexis Marrero-Deans, Tanner Halbach, Dylan Halbach, Brooke Halbach, Tyler Szymanski, Hailey Szymanski, Reagan Schirmer, Rachel Halbach and Charlie Schirmer.

Mom, "...what an amazing life you had, against all odds. How you met Dad the first day of school freshman year at Bishop Stang High School in Dartmouth Massachusetts. How you graduated from Northeastern University in Boston and went into nursing and then social work. How you were diagnosed with a brain tumor when I was in high school. How you defied all odds and outlived your 3-year prognosis and gave us all another 30 years! How you went on to become a published author. How you were able to attend all 4 of your daughter's college graduations. How you were able to watch 2 of your daughters marry Scott's and 2 of your daughters marry Mark's. How you were able to rock all 9 grandbabies and how you had just celebrated 50 years of marriage to the love of your life. We know your body was tired...but we still can't believe you're gone "

Due to COVID-19 Funeral Services are private. The family will LiveStream Services via a Zoom Meeting on Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:00 AM, EST.

Please follow this link to join:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6480933558?pwd=bWhCK3drMUZCTjZjMGluRDZtTitsdz09>

Meeting ID: 648 093 3558

Passcode: CMA

OR optionally by calling in on your mobile device:

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Watch the video of the services here:

<https://youtu.be/Sjmf4OXhTzU>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mary Elizabeth Leahy Deans Foundation, PO Box 950655, Lake Mary, FL 32795-0655.

Children have always had a special place in my Mary's heart. The Mary Elizabeth Leahy Deans foundation will award an annual college scholarship to a deserving child.

The family of Mary Elizabeth Leahy Deans invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

Previous Events

LIVE Streaming

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
261 Maitland Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 339-7301

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Dear Dave and Kara, Betsy, Kim and Jen, although it has been many years since I last saw any of you, I want you to know what fond memories I have of being a child when my dad and Kay would bring us to visit. Your parents were so kind and lots of fun as well. Your mom always had kind words , a great smile and a loving happy vibe in the house. So I wish you all well and have you and your mom in my prayers. With loving memories, April Richard , Peter and Kays daughter.



april richard - July 27, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CW

“ Dear Dave, Kara, Kim, Betsey, Jen & Grandchildren, Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I feel so blessed to have had a friendship with Mary over the past 39 years. We shared so many precious memories and celebrations together. Many of our conversations were about how proud she was of you girls and the grandchildren. Almost every time we got together or talked on the phone we laughed. Our conversations always ended with “God Bless” Mary will be looking down from heaven and sending her love ❤️🙏. God Bless!
Cindy Wegner

Cindy Wegner - July 25, 2020 at 02:14 PM

KH

“ *Karen E Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Deans*



Karen E Hill - July 24, 2020 at 10:30 PM

 Linda Manning

“ *Dear Dave, Kara, Kim, Betsey, and Jennifer. Mary's light continues to shine; at the same time, my heart goes out to each of you. Mary's door, like her heart, was always open - my girls and I traipsed through it many times and were always welcomed like family. Food, laughter, tears - all were shared with love and enthusiasm. I can hear her G'bles as one of the four of you went out the front door, and her urging to have some orange juice when you came back in from school. The love she had for "Diz" and the trust she had in you, Dave. Mary had the softest heart for lonely elders and the very young. She could be a piece of work and the work of God's hand at the same time. Mary's faith brought comfort to herself and many others; her strength and sense of purpose inspired everyone who met her.*

May the angels lead her into Paradise. G'bles Mary and each of you.

Love, Linda Manning

Linda Manning - July 24, 2020 at 10:15 PM

BW

“ *David, Our hearts go out to you, and all you children and grandchildren, knowing how much you will all be missing Mary. Much love, though from a distance, Barbara and Randy Watts*

Barbara Koster Watts - July 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MD

“ *Kim and Family - I am so saddened about your Mother's passing. Mrs. Deans would always greet us with an infectious smile and ask about our family. I always loved hearing when Kim ended a call with her "God Bless" - I think that is so appropriate here. May God Bless each of you with Peace as you go through this difficult time. May you find comfort as you remember her beautiful spirit. Please let us know if there is anything we can do or you need. Biggest of Hugs - Maureen and Brent Davis*



Maureen Davis - July 24, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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Maureen Davis - July 24, 2020 at 09:25 AM

MA

“ *To Betsey and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear that your Mother has passed away. Our prayers are with you all. You had a lovely mother and we know you will miss her very much. May she rest in peace.

Larry and Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson - July 23, 2020 at 11:12 PM

BS

My mom was very fond of your family. Thank you for your kind words. She will be greatly missed.

Betsey Szymanski - July 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Deans.*



July 23, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Deans.*



July 23, 2020 at 07:55 PM

GE

“ I think we were neighbors in the Woodgate subdivision in Longwood in the mid-1980's. I remember Mary as a very kind person who welcomed us to the community. I always admired her as the mother of four daughters (I had two) who were wonderful. I'm sorry to hear of her passing and want you to know that your family is in our daily prayers.

Sincerely,

Gloria Evans

Gloria Evans - July 23, 2020 at 05:26 PM

SS

“ No words will take away all the pain and sorrow you are feeling, only time will help. Just know that Mary is with our creator and is at Peace and no longer suffering or is pain. May she be enjoying the Peace and Love of all those who love her, in both Heaven and here on Earth. Love, Prayers, and Condolences to the family.
My deepest Symphony Sue Szymanski

Sue Szymanski - July 23, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DD

Thank you so much Sue. You've been down this road yourself. We think of Terry so often and cherish his memory.

David Deans - July 23, 2020 at 05:52 PM

BS

Sue thank you for your kind words 🙏🙏

Betsey Szymanski - July 23, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CI

*I haven't seen you all for years but remember Mary as a woman whose faith carried her through all of the trials. She loved her family and was a woman of quiet, gentle strength. My deepest sympathy to all of you.
Cindie and Bob Thomas*

cindie - July 27, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Deans.*



July 23, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Deans.*



July 23, 2020 at 08:30 AM