



Mary Alice Donaghy

November 24, 1942 - May 27, 2023

Mary Alice Donaghy (nee Farley), 80, of Apopka, Florida, peacefully passed away on May 27, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

Mary was pre-deceased by her parents Margaret and John Farley. Mary was born in the South Bronx, New York, and attended Cathedral High School in New York City.

Mary had a career in hospitality, working in restaurants and shops, where she found joy interacting with people, sharing her appreciation for good company, good food, and good music.

Mary devoted her life to caring and guiding her family and extended community of friends. Everyone who encountered her was touched by her sweetness, deep sense of faith, and delight in the grand and the everyday. A conversation with Mary left one feeling heard and having been kindly counseled by a very wise woman. Her own challenges and achievements in life helped inform her gentle being, sense of humor and sage advice.

Mary married Joseph Anthony Donaghy at St. Lukes in the Bronx, NY and had six children, Joseph (Hortencia), Kevin (Missy), Sean (Leslie), David (Denice), Maureen (Colin), and Virginia.

Mary and Joseph proudly raised their family in Rockaway Beach, New York (still with a little sand in their shoes), and then in Altamonte Springs, Florida (Go Gators).

Mary was pre-deceased by her ex-husband, Joseph Donaghy. She is survived by her siblings John, Thomas, and Theresa Farley, her six children, 13 grandchildren (Guy, Joseph, Heather Mary, Mary Catherine (Tyler), Scott, Rachel, Morgan (Odhran), Chase, Casey, Jackson, Cailin, Ciorsdan, and Ava,) two great grandsons (Liam and Luca) and her sweet dog Sarge.

Mary also leaves behind dozens of beloved nieces, nephews, and their children who adored her, as well as legacy of family friends and their children. It's said that Nan Mary, as she was known to all, was grandmother to not only her 15 grand and great grandchildren, but dozens of others who grew up blessed by her kindness and care within her community.

A funeral mass is scheduled for 1:30 (EDT) on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714.

“Though we need to weep your loss, you dwell in that safe place in our hearts where no storm or night or pain can reach you. Your love was like the dawn brightening over our lives, awakening beneath the dark a further adventure of color. The sound of your voice found for us a new music that brightened everything. Whatever you enfolded in your gaze quickened in the joy of its being; You placed smiles like flowers on the altar of the heart. Your mind always sparkled with wonder at things.”

From On the death of the beloved, John O'Donaghue

*Favorite child

Tribute Wall



“ DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mary Alice Donaghy



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 01, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Alice Donaghy



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Donaghy.



June 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ Tony, Emily & Sasha Azakie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Donaghy.



Tony, Emily & Sasha Azakie - June 04, 2023 at 04:20 PM

GK

“ Gary, Kristina, Oskar and Cecilia Kahn purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Donaghy.



Gary, Kristina, Oskar and Cecilia Kahn - June 04, 2023 at 01:47 PM



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June 02, 2023 at 03:47 PM

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“ Kevin and Missy, I'm so sorry. I know what a special mom she is and how much she was involved in your lives. I'm praying for peace, comfort, and love now and always. Keep all your memories close at heart.

Lisa Wilson - May 31, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Donaghy.*



May 31, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *William and Lisa Aguilera purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Alice Donaghy.*



William and Lisa Aguilera - May 31, 2023 at 01:36 AM



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“ *So many special and wonderful memories of and with Mary I don't know where or how to start. She was such a wonderful and special person and friend to everyone who knew her. My heart breaks for her wonderful family. She will forever be loved and missed*

Terri Langlands (Moak) - May 30, 2023 at 05:03 PM

RL

“ *She was so sweet and kind to me and my mom and siblings when we spent time in Rockaway with the Farleys and Donaghys when we were kids. Hosting us at the Breakers in 116th and at home. May she rest in peace and her memory be eternal with all who knew her and loved her.*

Robert Lent - May 30, 2023 at 01:33 AM