



## Mary F. Kolenberg

February 21, 1939 - September 12, 2021

Mary F. Kolenberg a resident of Stamford Connecticut for nearly 50 years was called to her eternal reward on Sunday September 12, 2021 - the Feast Day of the Most Holy Name of Mary, our Lord's Blessed Mother. She passed away in the late evening peacefully after being in hospice care for the last three weeks at St. Camillus Health Center in Stamford. She was 82 years old.

Mary was born in Kearney New Jersey on February 21, 1939 the eldest of four children born to Melvin and Lillian Cole. She was predeceased by her parents Melvin and Lillian, her brother William Cole, her daughter in law Karen Kolenberg, and her brother-in-law Gary Stabile. She was also predeceased in 2005 by her loving husband of 48 years, John J. Kolenberg Sr.

She is survived by her six children: John Kolenberg, Jr. (Karen deceased) of Rochester New York, Michael Kolenberg and his wife Laura, Robert Kolenberg and his wife Michelle, Thomas Kolenberg and his wife Olga, all of Stamford, Connecticut, Lawrence Kolenberg and his wife Laura Moloney of Winchester, Massachusetts, and daughter Anne Kolenberg Cross of New Canaan Connecticut.

In addition, she is survived by two sisters Ann Stabile and Grace Cole of Toms River New Jersey and thirteen grandchildren; Emily Sinicropi and her husband Anthony, Jacob Kolenberg, Nicole Kolenberg, Andrew Kolenberg and his

fiancé Olivia Tompkins, Steven Kolenberg and his wife Ellen, Daniel Kolenberg, Clare Moloney-Kolenberg, Brooke Moloney-Kolenberg, Isabella Kolenberg, Sarah Kolenberg, Mary Elizabeth Jaros and her husband Christian, Grace Cross, and Mark Cross. She is also survived by four great grandchildren; Elena, Isaac, Graham, and Jack Sinicropi.

Mary was married at the age 18 when she converted to the Catholic faith, never missing an opportunity to attend weekly Mass, monthly confession, and seek out sacramental graces when ill. She had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother, never parting with her miraculous medal and making her first Saturday confession every month as Our Lady of Fatima instructed us to do.

St. Ignatius said “Above all, remember that God looks for solid virtues in us, such as patience, humility, obedience, abnegation of your own will-that is, the good will to serve Him and our neighbor in Him” These were her finest qualities, evident by her simple life that was unconditionally committed to her family and community.

To many of her Shippan Point contemporaries she was known as a kind supportive neighbor, and to many of her children’s friends a second mother-especially at dinner time. One of her greatest joys was to have the entire family, and normally several guests, at the dinner table each evening for what always turned out to be a near two-hour dining experience.

Mary had a successful real estate career for nearly 25 years and took great pride in finding young families their first home. She also was well known in the Stamford minority community for helping families break barriers by moving into new and better neighborhoods. She always said; “because of their hard work they earned and deserve the right to be in”.

Our family would like to thank the entire staff at St. Camillus Health Care

Center for their kind and compassionate care. In particular, we would like to especially thank Reverend Matthew Mauriello and his entire pastoral staff for their devoted attentiveness to Mary's sacramental needs. Dr. Fang Wang and Dr. Frederick Slogoff, and nurse Julia Coutinho for their accessibility, genuine concern, and friendship that truly helped extend Mary's life through many difficult health issues. Lastly, we are truly grateful to caregiver Georgette Kelly for making our mother's final months both comfortable and joyful.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday September 17, 2021 at 10am, at The Basilica of St John the Evangelist, 279 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT. Interment will follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery, 124 Rock Rimmon Road, Stamford. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in her memory to The Malta House of Norwalk ([www.maltahouse.org](http://www.maltahouse.org)) for homeless mothers and their children, or the New Covenant Center soup kitchen in Stamford ([www.newcovenantcenter.org](http://www.newcovenantcenter.org)).

For the safety of all those attending her funeral services, please wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

To leave an expression of sympathy for Mary's family online, please sign the guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or visit the funeral home Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome) .

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church  
279 Atlantic Street  
STAMFORD, CT 06901  
stjc@optonline.net  
<http://stjohnsstamford.com/>

## Burial

SEP 17 (ET)

Queen of Peace Cemetery  
Rock Rimmon Road  
STAMFORD, CT 06904  
(203) 322-0455

# Tribute Wall

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“ *She will be missed! I enjoyed talking with her and her roommate when I would visit the room. She has such a devoted son. Laura Rigo Ark St Camillus Center.*

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**Laura Rigo** - September 16, 2021 at 06:23 AM

JJ

“ *I know Jesus gave you a hug Mom and said : Well done good and faithful servant.*

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**john Kolenberg Jr** - September 15, 2021 at 01:40 AM

MO

“ *A parent's greatest legacy to the world is "the children" and "the family". Mary Kolenberg's legacy resonates with the O'Rourkes due to the quality of Faith abounding in her children and grandchildren. Mother Theresa once affirmed: "The fruit of Silence is Prayer; the fruit of Prayer is Faith; the fruit of Faith is Love, the fruit of Love is Service, and the fruit of Service is Peace.". Mary's example of that reflection left a deep mark on her children and now the fruit of that example is her "Peace". May she rest in peace!*

*With condolences,  
AC and Michael*

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**Michael and AC O'Rourke** - September 14, 2021 at 10:51 PM

MB

“ although i never met or knew Mary, for many years i have known as a friend on-line Mary's daughter Annie who spoke of her mom and of what a wonderful family she raised and the faith she planted so deeply within them . . .may God welcome Mary with myriad and many graces and blessings into His heavenly Kingdom . . .i am sure she keeps each of the family in her prayers in heaven and will be a constant channel of help from God for each of those she loves .  
.and may her memory be eternal.

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**michael g. batcho** - September 14, 2021 at 03:00 PM

RD

*Mary was a kind and loving person. I will cherish her memory. My deepest sympathies to her entire family.*

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**Rebecca DeLaVergne** - September 14, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BA

“ Dear Annie K,

*I am so sorry to hear of your Sweet Momma's departing. I know she was a dear woman, beloved by her community and her family, especially you. 82 years old... what a long life... I know you had many adventures with her. Annie, you are such a good friend to me, especially when I was new to California, you welcomed me in and gave my heart a place of belonging... I am sure your Momma gave you this sense of hospitality and generous spirit. I pray that God will comfort you and give you peace during this very painful time... I pray that you will be able to remember all of the beautiful moments you have had together. Know you are loved.*

*“I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”*

*Isaiah 41:9-10, 13 NIV*

*<https://isaiah.bible/isaiah-41-13>*

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**Brenda Ashley** - September 14, 2021 at 02:54 PM