



## Mary Grace LaDestro

October 3, 1961 - August 29, 2018

Mary Grace LaDestro, 56, of Incline Village, Nevada, died peacefully at home on August 29, after a long illness. She was born in Stamford, Connecticut on October 3, 1961, to her parents Salvatore T. LaDestro and Kathleen A. (Myer) LaDestro.

She grew up in Stamford and graduated from Stamford Catholic High School, where she graduated with honors and earned recognition as a member of the National Honor Society. Mary attended Southern Connecticut State University where she received her bachelor's degree in education. After graduation she moved to one of her favorite places, Santa Barbara, California and commenced her dream of being a teacher. She taught for many years. While teaching, she pursued her master's degree in psychology and counseling. She received her Marriage Family Child Counseling license and dedicated much of her time counseling at a shelter for battered women. Thereafter, Mary set up a private practice devoted to helping women, children, young adults and families. Her practice was very successful, and she continued for many years. In addition, Mary and her husband ran a successful online uniform business.

Mary loved to read and travel and was a free spirit. She loved to help other people whether they were strangers, neighbors or friends and family. She had the ability to truly listen to other people and help them with their problems. After speaking with Mary, you always felt a sense of well-being. She had a gift. Mary is survived by her husband Gerald J. Saccardi, her step children and

step grandchild, her parents, Salvatore T. LaDestro and Kathleen A. (Myer) LaDestro, her sister, Loretta LaDestro, RN, and her husband, James M. Richardson, of Northeast Maryland and their children Anthony J. Richardson, Jesse M. Richardson, Jack T. Richardson and Gloria E. Richardson, her brother, Gregory LaDestro, Esq and his wife, Rachel S. LaDestro, of Newtown, CT, and their children Gregory T. LaDestro, Lucas S. LaDestro and Alexandra K. LaDestro, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial mass in will be held for Mary on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 11:00am at St. Gabriel Church, 914 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at [www.cancer.org/donate](http://www.cancer.org/donate).

The LaDestro family was assisted by Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you care to leave an online condolence please visit the family guestbook on [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Gabriel Church

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<http://saintgabrielchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

SA

“*Mary was a good friend of ours from Santa Barbara that we lost touch with over the years. We'll remember her as strong, intelligent, compassionate, and always a fun person to be around. To Gerry and all of Mary's family and friends we offer our condolences over her passing. It's a comfort to know she helped so many people in her life. This world is a better place because of her, and a little bit sadder now without her. Goodbye Sunshine Daydream..*

*With love,  
Suzanne and Steven Anthony*

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**Suzanne & Steven Anthony** - December 31, 2018 at 02:47 PM

MM

“*Dear Mr. and Mrs. LaDestro, Loretta, Greg and Jerry,*

*I just learned of Mary's passing and am so very sad. She truly was a special person in high school and after. It's been several years since we last had a visit, but EVERY birthday on Oct. 3, I think of her and will continue to do so.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Mary Meany*

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**Mary Meany** - October 29, 2018 at 01:31 PM

JJ

“*Sal and family, so sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace.....  
Godspeed.*

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**Joseph Rainone Jr** - October 18, 2018 at 08:04 AM

GH

“ Dear Kathy, Seems like yesterday we were at Ann May ,having fun and fulfilling our dreams to become nurses. We did ,and moved on to our own separate lives. Sooo much has happened since, but the worst,loosing your beautiful daughter , is a heart ache for all of us. May God bless all of you as you move on thru life's journey. May the love of our Lord, and family, and friends sustain you . My deepest love for you... Ginny Henry

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**Ginny Henry** - October 17, 2018 at 08:05 PM

JF

“ Dear Sal, Kathy and family:  
We were so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.  
John and Diane Forlivio

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**John Forlivio** - October 14, 2018 at 05:39 PM

PM

“ Dear Sal, Kathy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

*Phil & Penny Mazzucco*

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**Philip Mazzucco** - October 11, 2018 at 03:19 PM

BF

“ Dear Sal and Kathy. Our hearts truly go out to you both during this time of sorrow. We are Florida and cannot personally be there to share in your great loss but please know that on this day we will pray for Mary's soul and for the both of you to find peace.

*Bob and Kathi Ferullo*

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**Bob Ferullo** - October 11, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SB

“ Dear Sal, Kathy, Greg and Loretta, Our deepest sympathies to you all at this difficult time. Mary earned her wings and is now that beautiful Angel she was while on Earth. She will always remain in all of your hearts. Know that we're thinking of you all and that you're in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. Peace be with you ALL...Sincerely, Stan (Stosh), Angela & Christopher Barosky

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**Stan & Angela Barosky** - October 11, 2018 at 07:16 AM

MC

“ Sal, Kathy, and Family...I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories, love and faith help you through this difficult time. Sending love and prayers to all of you...Marie Cогnetta, carina and Emily

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**marie cогnetta** - October 10, 2018 at 06:54 PM