



## Mary O'Sullivan

December 24, 2013

Mary O'Sullivan, 82, of St. Simon's Island, Georgia passed away December 24, 2013 with her family by her side. Mary was born on July 1, 1931 to the late Catherine and Jack Sarsfield in Bronx, New York. She married the late John James O'Sullivan on June 27, 1952. They lived in Bergenfield, New Jersey for 5 years, before moving to Rockland County, New York, where they lived for 15 years. After John retired, they moved to St. Simon's Island. Together they raised 5 children. She is predeceased by her brother, James Sarsfield and her sister Kathleen Scarpetta.

Mary received a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Dominican College in Blauvelt New York, then went on to earn her Master's in Social Work at Fordham University in New York City. She practiced as a clinical social worker from 1976 until 1998 when she retired.

Over the years Mary was very active in the "Prolife Movement" She was a representative for the Brunswick/Valdosta Deanery. She volunteered with the St. Vincent DePaul and Manna House. Her

favorite ministry was visiting inmates at the Jesup Federal Correctional Facility. She worked with them for 15 years. Prior to that ministry, she worked for 10 years at the Woman's House of Detention in Brunswick, Georgia. She always showed kindness and acceptance to those in need.

Mary has been an active member of St. Williams Catholic Church for 38 years. She always had a deep devotion to Mary. She made a pilgrimage to Medjugore and also visited Knock in Ireland. She had a spirituality and deeply held faith that never wavered, but served her well throughout her lifetime.

Mary is survived by her 5 children; Maryann O'Sullivan, Jeanne O'Mahony, of California, John (Cathy) O'Sullivan of Miami, Tom {Janine} O'Sullivan and Liz (Donal) O'Donovan of Atlanta. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Memorial mass will be held at St. Williams Catholic Church, St. Simon's Island on Friday, December 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary O'Sullivan*

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“ *I am presently undergoing treatment for cancer myself, and regret that it took so long to express my condolences on the loss of your mother, a remarkable lady. She, as well as your father (who I worked for), were great examples for the type of people we need in this world today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family....LuAnn and Emil Elbaum*

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**LuAnn and Emil Elbaum** - January 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I recall when John O'Sullivan was first selected to join the FLETC staff back in 1975 as a legal instructor. I enjoyed working with him over many years even though I was assigned to FLETC Washington Office. He had a great sense of humor and brought credibility having been a NYC cop. His and Mary's NY accents always warmed my heart having been from upstate NY myself. They made a big hit in Georgia and fit in nicely. I only had the opportunity to meet Mary on a couple occasions, but she left a strong positive impression on me that I recall to this day. I know she will be missed by family and all who came in contact with her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family....John Doohar*

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**John Doohar** - December 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *It was time to go.  
To move on through the gates of pain  
Mary knew it was so.  
Many she loved have gone, but many of us remain.  
And how well she loved us.*

*As was her way she prepared for her journey with breathtaking  
efficiency never dwelling on sadness.  
We all felt it when we knew she was leaving.  
Leaving with no coming back.  
We were honoured to be with her right up to the last.  
When her body could no longer sustain her sweet soul and so she  
passed.*

*Passed at last from our sight like a ship over the horizon.  
Free at last to be one with God above.  
Those of us who remain glad that we knew her and shared the  
journey for a while.  
We happily recall memories of her love*

*I for my part have a heart full of gratitude to her,  
mother to my wife..  
grandmother; great grandmother .What consolation it is,  
Full of the grief at goodbye  
that we shared so much in her life*

*She made it home but we must go on a while,  
Our journey enriched by the memory of her smile.*

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**Donal O'Donovan** - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am out of town and was sorry to hear of Mrs. O'Sullivan's passing. She was a wonderful and special Lady that I feel I was lucky to have known all these years. She will be missed by many people in the lives that she has touched over the years. I cannot make the memorial service, but will keep the family in my prayers.

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**Merry Stubbs** - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mary was one of the loveliest people I've known Working with her in the pro-life group was inspirational. So sorry she is gone. Her beautiful spirit will be sorely missed. May the blessings of the Lord be with all she has left.

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**Tally Brillembourg** - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *When I think of Mary, I feel warmth-love-connection-nurture-Jesus. She was so in love with Jesus.*

*She said she liked to be with me because I love Jesus too.*

*Our moments together were quiet reflections over tea, sharing our hearts.*

*My thoughts said, "It's the end of an era." But I know it's not when I share memories and stories with friends and family. I know she is still here among us.*

*Her kindness-love-grace-to the least of us, she shared-she inspired us to be like Jesus. She didn't turn away from anyone in need. She turned towards them.*

*Jesus said, "Anyone who believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out of him." (John 7:38)*

*Each one of us has been touched by Jesus' love through Mary.*

*Jesus also said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, the ones who believe in me will live, even though they die. And whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)*

*Mary still lives among us-*

*As parents we hope that our children will outshine us. Mary's greatest desire and prayer was that all of her children,*

*grandchildren, and great grandchildren would know Jesus. In*

*Colossians 1:27 St. Paul tells us "of the glorious mystery of Christ in your hearts, the only hope of glory." I pray that each of us will know*

*Jesus-and will shine brighter because of her, that we will honor Mary by carrying the light shared with us.*

*I thank God for your whole family and the love you all continue to share with me. You are a wonderful legacy of your mom's love and faith.*

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**Lee Norvell** - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM