



Mary Ellen Langley Lynch

February 26, 1924 - August 15, 2018

Mary Ellen Langley Lynch, of Venice, Florida, died on August 15, 2018, at the age of 94. Born on February 26, 1924 in Paterson, New Jersey to William and Alice Langley, Mary grew up in Fair Lawn where the family was active in St. Anne's R.C. Church. She attended College of St. Elizabeth and earned a B.A. in Business Administration in 1945. Mary worked in New York City for a year before marrying John Paul Lynch in 1946. Mary and John Paul resided in Fair Lawn until 1961 when they moved their growing family to Ramsey and joined St. Paul's R.C. Church. Mary helped create the first student library at St. Paul's School while studying in the Library Science program at Caldwell College.

In 1983, Mary and John Paul retired to Bird Bay Village in Venice, Florida. Mary found joy in volunteering for several worthy organizations including the Bird Bay Library and Epiphany Cathedral Library. Mary was also a proud founding member of the Venice chapter of Voice of the Faithful. Last year, Mary moved into Aston Gardens at Pelican Pointe; there she quickly made many dear friends.

We will all miss Mary's bright inner light and no-nonsense spirit, her steady support and abundant generosity, her unwavering yet inquisitive faith, and her well-honed wit and puzzle-loving mind.

Preceded in death by her husband John Paul in 1997 and daughter Kathryn Mary Larkin in 2010, Mary is survived by her sons Frank (partner Joan), John Paul, Jr., William Ralph (wife Lita), Mike (wife Karrell), and James Bernard,

plus daughters MaryAnne Waugh (husband Jim) and Alice Mary, as well as 13 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and beloved nieces and nephews. All are welcome to attend the visitation on Monday, August 20 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Toale Brothers Ewing Chapel–Venice, 140 E. Venice Ave, Venice. A funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21 at Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church, 310 Sarasota St., Venice.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Today, I share your sadness as I grieve the loss of a dear friend and former neighbor...Mary. I was blessed to live next door to Mary for several years and recall so many wonderful conversations where I always left in awe of what a remarkable lady she was! She was SO intelligent and not only interesting...but interested in you. That is rare these days! She amazed me with her energy and thirst for knowledge and learning new things up to the end. I loved seeing how once she made her mind up to do something, she embraced it and did not look back! She was such an inspiration not only to me but to all who were blessed to know her. We lost a bright light in our world, but can rejoice that she now resides with THE Light and in eternal peace. With deepest sympathy to the entire Lynch family God bless you, Susan

Susan Krause - August 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Jim,

I never met your mother but i do know she will be missed, what wonderful memories you shared with me of years gone by and more recently your family trip to Ireland.

Thinking of you and your family

Love

Andrew (Baltimore)



Andrew Lowrey - August 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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Andrew Lowrey - August 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Your Mom was always so strong and giving. She had a wonderful life.*

Denise Westley - August 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Lynch Family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May god bless you all.

*Mike and Amy Fanning
Ramsey NJ*

August 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *So sorry for your loss Alice,our moms were good friends.Its funny how they lived next store to each other in Venice. I have many good memories of you and your family in Ramsey.*

Michael Abbott - August 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ We shall all miss this wonderful lady. She taught us so much. My sympathy to all of her family who she dearly loved.

MARGARET JOHNSON - August 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I had the great privilege of knowing Mary while in Florida from 2002 until July 2017 when I moved from Florida to our retirement residence at Notre Dame. Mary was very active in helping to establishment of Voice of the Faithful, Peace and Justice of Epiphany Cathedral, Bird Bay Library, Cathedral Grade school library, book discussions and a support group which meets for monthly luncheon.

In all of these gatherings Mary always put her ideas and thoughts right before everyone. She listened to others and stuck to her convictions.

She and I had dinner often where we would talk about the necessity of church reform of which she had great suggestions.

Mary often talked about her husband John and her wonderful children and how devoted they all were to her. Mary loved life. She was a dear of mine. May her spirit permeate all who knew and loved here.

Brother Doug Roach, CSC - August 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ To the entire Lynch family, you have my condolences. Your mom was a sweet woman whom I will always remember fondly. I pray that the Lord will comfort you in your time of grief.

Kim Waugh - August 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM