



Mary P. Keane

April 25, 1931 - March 16, 2026

Mary P. Keane

Passed away peacefully on March 16, 2026. Predeceased by her husband, Philip; son, Kevin; siblings, Martin (Bridget Christina) Walsh, Helen Lyons, and Elizabeth (John) Feeley; niece, Ann Marie Feeley; and nephews, Gerard Walsh and Michael Keane. Survived by her children, Mary (Ronald) Hull, Philip (Joanne) Keane and Brian Keane (Andrew Schwartz); grandchildren, Timothy Hull, Haley Keane (Rufino Gonzalez), Madeline (Clayton) Baumgart, and Philip Tiernan Keane; great-grandchild, Maeve Gonzalez; siblings, Susan Walsh Conway (Ireland) and Patrick Walsh (Australia); many nieces and nephews in the US, UK and Australia; as well as her friends from the Ogden Senior Center, the Chili Senior Center and College Greene. Special thanks to nieces, Delia (Jim) Keane and Siobhain Feeley (Ben) Goss for their love and support.

Mary was born in Lahinch, County Clare, on April 25, 1931. She was the second of seven children of Patrick Walsh and Elizabeth Morgan. Her father was a blacksmith whose forge was located behind their home, Iona Lodge. In June of 1949, Mary left Ireland bound for America on The Washington. When she arrived in America, she lived with her father's sister who had worked as a maid for George Eastman.

She met Philip Keane of Crossmolina, County Mayo, at an Irish dance in Rochester and they married on July 12, 1952. Together they raised their four children while building a good life in the US. The door was always open to

family who came from Ireland. Their kids' friends were also welcomed to meals and family activities. Mary and Phil also made time to go to Irish dances whenever possible and were quite a sight floating around the dance floor at places like the Hibernian and Harps clubs.

In addition to taking care of her own four, Mary did a lot to take care of two families of young kids whose mothers had died. She volunteered with the Spencerport Sports Boosters and did a stint as a Cub Scout den mother. She was a prolific and talented knitter who could make Aran fisherman knit sweaters without a pattern, while watching TV. Later she turned to knitting hats for friends, for premature babies, cancer patients and other people in need.

When she wasn't taking care of family and neighbors, Mary also worked for a while in the cafeteria at the Rochester School for the Deaf and as a home health aide.

After Phil passed away in 1990 Mary became active in the St. John's Bereavement Support Group, then the Ogden Senior Center and the Chili Senior Center. In addition to being a member, she also volunteered for various duties and firmly established her reputation as a euchre "shark." Mary was also known as very lucky at bingo and slot machines.

Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she recently welcomed her first great-grandchild, Maeve. Everyone who visited Mary in recent weeks was treated to lots of photos of Maeve.

Everyone in her circle experienced her practical jokes at one time or another and there was always a quick-witted remark to get people smiling and laughing. She met the most difficult situations with humor and was even playing jokes on her caretakers.

Family and friends may call Thursday, March 19th from 4-7pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10am at St. Christopher's, 3350 Union St. N. Chili, NY 14514.

Interment, St. John's Cemetery, Spencerport. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Aurora House, 2495 S. Union St. Spencerport, NY 14559.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

Spencerport, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Church
3350 Union St.
North Chili, NY 14514

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I enjoyed spirited conversations with Mary at Family events over the years!
My condolences. May God Bless Mary🍀 and your Family~
Sue Feeley Christie ☐

Sue Christie - March 21 at 08:17 AM

NP

“ Phil and the entire Keane family, please accept my deepest condolences the passing of your mother. She was one of a kind , she was awesome to all of the Class of 77' . We always felt welcome in her home. She fed us, took care of us and cared about us.RIP Mrs Keane . Neil Passe

Neil Passe - March 20 at 07:37 AM

PK

Thanks Neil. She always enjoyed your company!

Philip Keane - March 27 at 08:05 PM

MA

“*Mary, Mary, Quite contrary..and indeed she was at times! I first met Mary at the Chili Senior Center. She passed by what they called the "Treasure Table". Mary looked at it and said "what a pile of junk" I knew right then and there that we were going to get along just fine. Mary was one of the kindest, big hearted woman I have ever met. Soon she became a volunteer at the center and there was no holding her back. She was so devoted and rarely missed out on that opportunity. One of her favorite jobs was bagging the Panera bread that we received on a weekly basis. She always knew what some of her friends liked, me included and would save them for us. This was after she took her fill of course.*

Over the years Mary and I had some wonderful conversations and chats, and she shared so very much. She cooked for me, bangers of course..and all the lovely tea parties she attended with her dear friends. There was so much laughter that it was hard to carry on conversations. What a joy.

Mary made several dozen hats and gloves for the migrants, Indians and refugees, as well as the dozen or so she made me.

She brought so much joy to others as well as speaking her mind, when needed. I never heard her raise her voice, it was the undertones that I enjoyed.

There are so many memories that I have, along with the ones that she shared with the people that had crossed her path, which were too many to count. You were special Mary, and taught me so many things and the words of wisdom you shared with me.

I better end this here, you all know what role she played in your lives. Because of this, we are truly blessed. Mary, be at Peace.

With gratitude,

Mary Anne Sears Chili Senior Center (former director)

Mary Anne - March 19 at 04:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary P. Keane.



March 19 at 09:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary P. Keane.

March 19 at 09:22 AM



“ *Lovely Auntie Mary - our funny, lovely Auntie. From the too-few times that I met with her I will always remember her quick-fire wit - she had the best sense of humour and she would say things as they were, plain and true, but always with kindness and care. She She was so loving and supportive, without being fussy when our Mum passed and I valued that so much. We all thought the world of her.*

Gill Herbert - March 19 at 08:41 AM

RM

“*Mary was renowned for having the kindest of souls and a rapier wit! The last time that I had the pleasure of seeing her was at the College Greene. After fond recollections of high school days with Brian and I, we were ready to leave when Mary played a practical joke on her neighbor across the hall who just returned from walking her dog. Mary placed a fake pile of plastic dog poop in the hallway and knocked on the door to bring it to her attention. The neighbor was flabbergasted and apologized profusely until Mary bent down and picked it up bare handed with an impish look on her face! Oh, how we all laughed. Mary made this world a better place and she will be missed tremendously. Love and prayers to the Keane family.*”



Rod Morris - March 19 at 08:35 AM

CR

Mary was a wonderful woman. I will always remember her kindness and sense of humor. I still have the beautiful sweater she knitted for me nearly 50 years ago. Over the years, Mary has touched so many hearts with her gorgeous handmade sweaters. She was a loyal friend to my mother before she passed away. Even at my mom's viewing, she sat by her casket the whole time. What a blessing she was to all who knew her. May she rest in well deserved peace.

Cindy Renton - March 19 at 11:26 AM

AW

“ Mary Kane and her family were our neighbors for almost 50 years. Many fond memories we shared and always thinking of her brought a smile to my face and warmed my heart
Mary was a sweet and funny lady to be. Around always with humor.
Rest in peace dear Mary

Andrea White - March 18 at 05:39 PM

JJ

“ I loved our talks and laughs when we were in the friendship room at College Greene. I laughed the whole time we were there. I will miss you so much. I'm so happy I was privileged to have met you.



Janet Jones - March 18 at 04:49 PM

CD

“ mary was such a lovely person she will be sadly missed our thoughts and prayers are with the family from colette and michael simpsonville sc

colette dowdall - March 18 at 03:45 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - March 18 at 01:50 PM