



Mrs. Mary "Betty" O'Connor

May 7, 1923 - March 4, 2016

Mary Elizabeth (Deary) O'Connor, 92, of Adams MA and Naples FL passed away peacefully on Friday, March 4, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Dudley, MA on May 7, 1923 to Thomas and Elizabeth (Kelley) Deary. She graduated from St. Louis High School in Webster, MA and attended New Rochelle College in New York. On August 20, 1944 she married J. Norman O'Connor, her high school sweetheart. They shared 62 years together before his passing in November 2006. Betty and Norman moved to Adams, MA in 1954 where they built a life and raised eight children. She was a devout communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Adams and St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Naples, FL.

Betty was devoted to her family. It was the community she created, nourished and valued above all others. She selflessly balanced the needs of all her children and her husband with grace and forgiveness. Her intelligence and understanding were sustenance for them all. Her faith was quiet, profound, and inspirational.

Betty loved spending summers with her family at Priscilla Beach where she had also grown up. In later years she loved her life in Naples, FL with Norman where they had wintered since 1989.

Betty was a member of the "Niners", probably more for the company and laughs than the golf, and was always ready to go out to dinner. She firmly believed that cooking was over-rated. She had a direct line to Saint Anthony, Patron Saint of Lost Articles and welcomed the frequent calls from family and

friends to pray to him. Her return rate was way above average. Betty was beautifully elegant with her white hair perfectly offset by her blue clothing (in honor of the Blessed Mother). She had a razor sharp wit and loved jokes – especially those with a shock factor. She loved showing off her grandkids when they visited. Summers in Adams were filled with visiting family who always loved returning home.

Betty leaves her children, J. Norman, Jr. (Jay) and Christine O'Connor of Adams, MA; Maureen and Brian Burgess of Montpelier, VT; Marilou and J. Michael Lang of Plainville, CT; Susan O'Connor and Michael Hollyday of Portland, ME; Thomas and Claire O'Connor of Westport, CT; Jane and Michael Mitchell of Nashua, NH; Elizabeth O'Connor and Kevin Burke of Gloucester, MA. She adored babies and was in her glory when she was given 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. They adored her. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Betty was pre-deceased by her daughter Colleen Ann O'Connor, two sisters Edna Canty and Helen Nezuh and two brothers Thomas Deary, Jr and Robert Deary.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, at 10:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations may be made to St. Anthony Shrine and Ministry Center, 100 Arch Street Boston, MA 02110

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

PK

“ I loved my visits to Aunt Betty over the years. She was gracious and loving and was able to share stories of my dad when he was little. My son loved her too because she always gave him gingerale in small cans and let him help with mulch once. I will miss her and our trips to ths Berkshires will never be the same.

Pam Deary Kelley - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

BS

“ an amazing lady and a dear friend, she's in my prayers.

bud stanner - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

AC

“ Mrs. Mary "Betty" O'Connor

Alan Charbonneau - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

EG

“ Dear Jay and family,
Please accept our sincere and heart felt condolences for the loss of your mother.
She was the dearest and sweetest person; and I will remember her always.
She was a part of the greatest generation of mothers group who we will miss so very much.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely,
Emil and Lisa George

Elizabeth Daniels George - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

GF

“ HiGail and I are very sorry about your mothershe had a very good life. Now she and yourfather are together and now rejoicing inheaven. We are sorry, not able to be there at calling hours. Our prayers are with youand your family. George & Gail Fischer

George & Gail Fischer - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

AC

“ Sue, Our thoughts and prayers are with you your family.

Alan Charbonneau - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Sue and the entire O'Connor family, Please accept my condolences on the passing of your mom. I remember her so clearly on the day President Kennedy died, watching the events on TV and crying in your den. It is a memory that I always have when I think of that day. May your memories bring you peace. FondlyDenise George Svenconis

June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

ML

“ Dear Tom and family, I was saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I remember her laughter, something she passed on to all her kids. Prayers for comfort . Mary Pinsonneault Laing

Mary Laing - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

CP

“ To all the O'Connors, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Betty was a wonderful lady who was full of life and laughter. We are thankful that we had the chance to know her. God bless you all. Cathy and Rick Pohle

Cathy Pohle - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

LM

“ To All The OConnors, I am so saddened to hear of Aunt Betty's passing. As you know she was so very special and precious to me and I hold very fond memories of her unconditional love towards Buddy and I. Please accept my apologies for the delay as I just learned of her passing from an internet search as I have moved to Florida and thought I would visit only to learn of your loss. My prayers are with all of you and the Deary's. She was a unique strong and loving mother, wife, sister and godmother. Laurie Canty Morrison

Laureen Morrison - June 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ To Marilou, Michael & family~Please except my sincere condolences to you and your family. You have been in my thoughts and prayers ever since I first received the news of your mothers passing. Marilou even though I did not know your mother personally I feel I knew her qualities as a caring and loving person who was empathetic and kind only because of working with you through the years and because of who you are as a person today. I think I can say with confidence that her love for life and family has been reflected in all of her children and grandchildren. Your mother has left a remarkable legacy as a women of faith and courage and she has gained the love and respect of all who knew her and knew of her. I pray that you can have comfort in knowing that others are holding you near their hearts during this difficult time for you and your family. With love and sympathy, Cindy

March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM