



# Mary Ann (Vaccaro) Byam

JUL 4, 1951 - JAN 24, 2015



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**M**ary Ann (Vaccaro) Byam, 63, of Syracuse, passed away early Saturday morning, January 24, 2015. She was the definition of a fighter. Born on the Fourth of July, in Oneida, NY she was every bit the firecracker and sparkle in the lives of everyone she knew. Mary Ann moved to Syracuse with her father, a journalist for the Herald Journal and her mother, as a small child and has called it home ever since. A graduate of Henninger High School and Le Moyne College, she worked 40 years as a teacher in the parochial and public schools of Syracuse. Mary Ann touched the lives of thousands of students and made a profound impact advocating for literacy. She treated each student as she would her own children, always a confidant and mentor. Mary Ann was a beautiful person inside and out and her attention to detail, creativity and spunky personality will be missed. She was cheated of many good years but lived life to the fullest each day. She loved to travel and enjoyed countless vacations with her family. Mary Ann lived for her family and was a very dedicated mother, sister, Cioci, and daughter. She will be missed by so many for her wonderful talents, her sparkle, and her wholehearted generosity and care of others.

She is predeceased by her beloved mother, Amelia (Civiok) Vaccaro and father, Samuel Vaccaro as well as her mother and father-in-law, Walter and Adah (Gobel) Byam.

Mary Ann leaves in her legacy, her husband of 40 years, Craig "Wally" Byam; her daughters whom she was so proud of, Casey and Lindsey Byam; her sisters, Anna (Larry) Hart of Tarzana, CA., Amy (John) Joyner of Syracuse and Jeanette Vaccaro (Alan) Snyder of Syracuse; sister-in-law, Linda (Ron) Zeitz of Marlton, NJ; nephew, Jeffery Joyner, as well as several other nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and nephews whom she cherished very much. Numerous friends and colleagues she treated as family and several cousins also remain behind.



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The Byam family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Crouse Hospital ICU team of doctors and nurses for all their wonderful care and support.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Mary Ann's life at 10:30 am in Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the funeral home, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

Though she loved flowers and some are welcome, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association and donations can also be made in the form of books to local libraries and schools in her honor. Our teacher of all things always bought/shared books and her love of reading with everyone.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, January 28, 2015


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

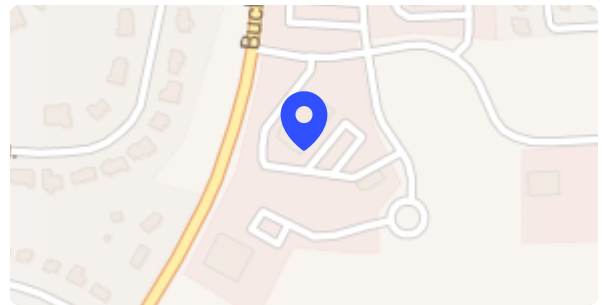


## Service

 **Thursday**, January 29, 2015


 9:30 AM ET


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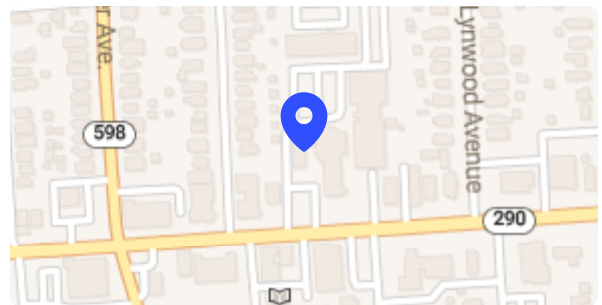


## Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, January 29, 2015

 10:30 AM ET

 **Blessed Sacrament Church**  
3127 James Street, Syracuse NY 13206





# Tribute Wall

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**S. Wilson** posted:

Condolences to the family. Mrs. Byam was my 8th grade reading teacher she was always sweet and kind.

January 29 at 9:21 AM



**Constance M.** sent a Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." to the Byam family.



January 27 at 1:17 PM



**The Munson Family, Margaret, Victor, Marianne And Elizabeth** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Byam family.



January 27 at 5:39 AM



**Sharon Saccocci** posted:

Did Mary Ann ever work gorgeous the post office Annie in North Syracuse?

January 26 at 7:15 PM



**Sharon (Mondo) Saccocci** December 15 at 7:52 PM

I just came across your response. I am so very sorry about Mary Ann. I did work with her at the Post Office. I was a part timer in high school. We both worked the mail that had to be hand cancelled. She was a great friend to me. We had lots of fun together. My heart hurts for her family. So very very sorry



**Amy Joyner** January 28 at 5:48 PM

yes, in the 70's



**Sharon Saccocci** January 26 at 7:18 PM

Sorry for the errors. Gorgeous was supposed to be just the word "at" the word Annie is supposed to be "anex " thank you



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JF

**Joyce Farrell** posted:

I am so sorry that Mary Ann has gone to our maker at such a young age. My sympathies to the entire family. I knew her years ago at Grant and enjoyed working with her. Her students were lucky to have her. Our paths would cross and it was such a pleasure to catch up with her. She was always so happy and full of life. It would make my day to see her. God bless you all. Joyce Farrell

January 26 at 4:46 PM

LC

**Lesa (Smith) Clukey** posted:

Rest in Peace Mrs. Byam

January 26 at 8:35 AM

ND

**Nancy Devlin** posted:

Blessed to have known such a warm, loving and caring person. Thoughts & prayers are with Wally, Lyndsey, Casey, her family and all the hearts mourning her. She touched so many lives. May the true treasure of wonderful memories we all made with her sustain us all as we lift her up to Our Lord and Savior until we meet again.

January 26 at 6:38 AM

LZ

**Lauren Ziemba** posted:

To the Byam family- My deepest condolences at this time. I went to school with Casey and I remember how highly she would talk about her Mom. You are in my prayers.

January 26 at 6:35 AM



**Mina Fofina** lit a candle in honor of Mary Ann.

I am truly heartbroken, my deepest condolences are with the family during this difficult time, she was an amazingly strong woman, and she will be missed. I've never met her daughters but we would talk about them for hours, I always looked forward to seeing my "mom and dad" every week. Such wonderful people, you all will be in my prayers.

January 26 at 4:13 AM





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LC

**Le Moyne College** posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent Programs Syracuse, NY

January 26 at 3:55 AM

CH

**Claire Howland** posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Revelation 20 verses 3 4 tell us that God will wipe out every tear and death will be no more. My prayers are with the families Claire

January 26 at 2:16 AM

AV

**Anne Vaccaro** posted:

We are sorry for the passing of Mary Ann Vaccaro Byam and send out deepest sympathies to Wally, Casey, Lindsey, and Mary Ann's extended family and friends. Mary Ann was a kind and generous person who served her school and community faithfully. She maintained a heroic and positive presence in spite of her health challenges. We always enjoyed Mary Ann's company and we will miss her. We send our wishes for peace and love to Wally, Casey, Lindsey, Anna and Larry, Amy and John, Jeanette and Al, as well as others whose lives she touched and who will miss her. Anne Vaccaro and Dave Myers

January 25 at 8:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Byam family.



January 25 at 4:22 PM

SR

**Sue (Ditterline) Rizzo** posted:

I was shocked to hear of Mary Ann's passing. My prayers go out to Wally and the girls at this difficult time.

January 25 at 3:05 PM



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SV

**Sheila Vazquez** sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary Ann.

Thank you Mrs. Byam ?

January 25 at 2:09 PM



CD

**Coleen Dembowski** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Amy (and family), I am so sorry to hear about your sister. She suffered so much. She is no longer in any pain. She is resting in peace with God. Your parents are holding her right now. Remember, you will see her again someday. Coleen, Roger, Julie, Becky Dembowski

January 25 at 12:38 PM



LF

**Lynelle Francis** lit a candle in honor of Mary Ann.

I am so very sorry to hear of this angel passing. Mary Ann and us reading specialists at Shea Middle School always shared fun stories that always had us in tears with laughter. She was so proud of her girls and Wally as they were truly her loves and made her sparkle. She will be a close advisor on god's team now always teaching him how to help more children learn to read and make better decisions I know. God has a plan and he needed her even though it is way too soon for her to leave her wonderful life here.

January 25 at 1:30 AM



RC

**Rose Camarda** posted:

I am both shocked and saddened to here of Mary Ann"s passing. It was an honor to teach with her ans share many trips to Toronto with her. She always made us laugh and was always full for surprises. There are so many fond memories and not enough room to share here. She will surely be missed by all.Rose Marie Camarda

January 24 at 6:59 PM

MC

**Mary Anne Kociela Clary** posted:

Amy and family,So sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

January 24 at 4:10 PM



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DM

**David Muolo** posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear of Mary Ann's passing. We taught together at Lincoln Middle School but had known each other since the early 1980's. She was a caring person dedicated to help her students become better readers and writers! No matter how difficult it sometimes was teaching some of our students, Mary Ann always had a positive outlook and a smile to match! We all will miss a dear friend and colleague.

January 24 at 3:44 PM

JW

**Joan Welch** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. She and I worked together at Lincoln Middle School. It was a pleasure knowing her but I'm sure that her "spark" will live on with her family and friends. God Bless -Joan Welch

January 24 at 3:07 PM

MN

**Margie Nendza** posted:

So sorry to hear of Maryann's passing. She was a special person to so many. I had the pleasure of working with her at Shea School for 10 years. I have so many memories of her from there. My thought and prayers go out to wally, Amy and John and the rest of the family. We are retired and living in Florida no but I will be praying for all of you. Ron and Margie Nendza

January 24 at 10:56 AM



## Media

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January 25 at 12:38 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mary Ann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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