



Mary (Walsh) Doherty

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Mary (Walsh) Doherty, 90, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Her graceful and accepting spirit were gifts she gave to everyone she met. This grace was most certainly a result of her deep faith. She was a devout Catholic and could always be seen carrying a pair of rosary beads and saying her prayers. She was a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church in North Syracuse. Mary was born in Chelsea, MA and graduated from Girls Catholic High School in Malden, MA. She married Frank Doherty in 1953, and they ultimately settled in North Syracuse to raise their five children. Their younger years were spent on the magical Elm Street where all members of the Doherty family made life-long relationships. She stayed at home with her five kids until they were all in school.

She worked several jobs, but the one she was most proud of and retired from was the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office where she worked as a secretary for 15 years. She loved her co-workers and believed their work was inspiring and important. However, Mary's favorite "job" was that of mother and grandmother. Mary was happiest when surrounded by her kids and grandkids. The large, numerous family celebrations always included Mary in the kitchen making a vat of gravy and mashed potatoes to serve the family members who were "patiently" waiting to eat. Mary's ever-present faith carried her through difficult times including the sudden death of her mother when Mary was only 19 years old. As she quickly became the matriarch of the family, she developed a special bond with her younger sister Pat that would continue until the day Mary died. Mary also withstood the devastating loss of her beloved first-born son, Kevin. She would be quick to share stories of her appreciation of Kevin being a helpful older brother to Brian, Terence, Mary Anne and Jeanne Anne.

After the death of her husband in 2015, Mary found great comfort in the camaraderie at Parkrose Estates where she enjoyed working on her puzzles and developing friendships with the staff and residents. Even towards the end of her life, her beautiful blue eyes would light up the minute she



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saw a family member, especially her daughter Jeanne Anne who showed her care and devotion every day.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband Frank Doherty, her son Kevin Doherty, and her daughter-in-law Dorese Doherty.

Mary is survived by her children Brian Doherty, Terence Doherty, Mary Anne (Mary Radford) Doherty and Jeanne Anne (Jim) Bonanni; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Joyce Doherty.

Private funeral services will be held for immediate family. Burial will follow in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 7th North St, Liverpool, NY 13088.



Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 20 at 10:28 AM



Beverly Geis posted:

So sorry for your lose. Maybe she in up in heaven having an Elm Street get together with Bobbie , Jim and all the rest Our thoughts are with you. Ray and Bev Geis

April 27 at 9:46 AM



John Laidlaw posted:

I also worked in the District Attorney's office with Mary .I can hear her lovely Boston accented voice in my mind even now. She was a wonderful woman, well-liked by all.John Laidlaw

April 26 at 7:39 AM



The Mcdonnell Family In California sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Doherty family.



April 21 at 1:19 PM



Kimberly Herzog posted:

I was blessed to have worked next to Mary at the District Attorney's Office. She was someone I looked up to. Beautiful inside and out ❤️

April 21 at 1:16 PM



With Love Erin, Ben, Jack, Beau And Cash sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Doherty family.



April 21 at 10:26 AM



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Ralph D Tortora posted:

I worked with Mary ages ago in the District Attorney's office. What a beautiful lady. God rest your soul. My deepest sympathies to her family. Ralph D. Tortora, III

April 21 at 9:07 AM



Jim Lantier posted:

I will never forget working together with Mary in the DA's office. I've always felt a continuing bond as a team with her, Jim Stapelton and Sandy Townes in the Career Criminal Unit. Long ago but lasting memories. Yes, the blue eyes still stand out. I remember Jeanne Anne frequently coming in to visit. Then, later, Terence and Mary Anne, all inheriting qualities from Mary. My most sincere condolences to you all. Jim Lantier

April 21 at 7:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Doherty family.



April 21 at 7:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Doherty family.



April 21 at 6:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Heart to the Doherty family.



April 21 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Remembrance to the Doherty family.



April 20 at 6:55 PM



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Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Doherty family.

April 20 at 3:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Doherty family.

April 20 at 3:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Doherty family.

April 20 at 1:09 PM





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- JM** **James P. Maxwell** April 27 at 9:48 AM
My condolences. I enjoyed working with her at the District Attorney's office. - Jim Maxwell
- TF** **Thomas D. Felicia** April 22 at 3:59 PM
You were a great neighbor and a great family. We are lucky to have known you. Rest in peace. Love, Tom Felicia
- LM** **Lance Madden** April 22 at 6:30 AM
such a lovely woman i have nice memories of the little time i spent with her ,so sorry for your loss..
- LM** **Liz Morgan** April 21 at 3:46 AM
My condolences to the Doherty family. Mary was one of the best people that I ever worked with. She was helpful, kind, sincere and always a lady! Rest in peace.
- CF** **Christina Felicia** April 20 at 4:48 PM
Rest in love Mrs. Doherty! Love you...you were the best!
- BL** **Barbara&Dave Lewis** April 20 at 4:43 PM
Soar with the angel's. You willbe missed by all. Barb&Dave
- CT** **Carole Taylor** April 20 at 1:42 PM



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To All the Dohertys: So sorry for yet another loss for your family! We know however she is in good company up there! Carole & Ed Taylor

RP

Rhonda Parvese April 20 at 12:48 PM

I worked with Mary in the District Attorneys Office from '79-'82. She was one of my favorite people there. Such a classy lady. Peace to her family. Rhonda Greczyn Parvese, Nedrow NY

JT

Jeff Taisey April 20 at 12:42 PM

Prayers to the family grew up with the children awesome family she will be missed deeply

LC

Linda Catanzaro April 20 at 12:02 PM

What a beautiful life !❤️ Linda Catanzaro

DP

Denise St. Pierre April 20 at 11:21 AM

My favorite memories of Mrs. (Mary) Doherty was growing up with her wonderful children. Play dates at the Doherty house were always welcomed and fun! She always was willing to extend her dinner table one more seat even when it already had 7 people around the table. Her love for life and her family was evident in everything she did. Rest in peace, with loving memories of Elm Street and Single drive, Gods peace, Denise St. Pierre



Memories only last if you share them

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



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