



## Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly

May 3, 2020

Betty (Elizabeth) Connolly, of Cresskill, entered into glory May 3, 2020 after 88 years. Mom was the worthy woman of Proverbs chapter 31 whose value was far beyond pearls; she was a treasure-house of blessings who brought good all the days of her life. This was especially true for her large and loving family -

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-- her husband John, with whom she shared nearly 66 years of wedded life

-- her eight children (and in-laws) Chris, Tom (Susan), Mary (Barney), Joe whom she dearly missed these past ten years (Liz), Billy, Kevin (Sue), Diane (Tim) and Tracy (Pat)

-- her fifteen grandchildren (and in-laws) Rory (Heather), Thomas, Alyssa (Angelo), Tim, Liz (Mike), Brianna(Seth), Brigid(Max), Sean, Zach, Tyler, Caileen, Emma, Sammy, Kristina and Chloe

-- her four great-grandchildren Talia, Evelyn, Leo and Kieran

Mom was a woman of adventure, girt about with strength and sturdy arms. She was one of nine children in the Irish cottage of a tailor and dance hall keeper in Ballindine, County Galway (her and Dad's sense of swing was a main stage attraction at wedding festivities in years to come). Mom would tell her grandchildren enchanting tales of her youth in a land of great beauty and great want, but she learned well the lesson that one needs little to have happiness. In 1950 Mom joined the exodus of emigrants to the States, where she had good times as governess to the Livanos Greek shipping family before marrying Dad and settling down at 91 Madison, which would be her home for

62 years. Later in life, she and Dad travelled out West and saw the wonders of Grand Canyon country, but she also enjoyed the quieter pleasures of beach-walking at Cocoa Beach, where both wintered before she became what she called "an old woman". And Mom miraculously battled the cancer we all thought would claim her twelve years ago, and our family is grateful for every added year she was among us.

Mom was a woman of hospitality who rose while it was still night to provide food for her household. She had to be, as her children still wonder how she raised a brood of not-so-angelic youngsters in so small a space (tho she had the aid of her sister and best friend, our beloved Aunt Nancy). Mom graduated from the boiled Irish cooking of early years to become the hostess of the expanding Connolly clan's Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas roast beef feasts, the eagerly awaited high points of the social calendar for a generation. Her grandkids were happy recipients of their favorite home-cooked meals, and Mom was, in turn, treated in her last years to dinner at her favorite Longhorn's. In the pre-internet era, Mom was the social facilitator who knew all the doings and kept all the confidences. A Household of Love was the House of Plenty. Mom was a woman of wisdom who watched the conduct of her household and on whose tongue was good counsel. She loved fiercely and her words could be sharp, for she wanted only the good. Somehow, Mom and all her children survived mostly intact the turmoils of the Sixties and Seventies, and she and Dad were gifted with wonderful times and relationships with the many grandchildren they so loved. And, if Mom coined her own Irish proverb, it had to be "A good cup of tea is a cure for all troubles."

Beyond all else, Mom was a woman of faith who feared and revered the Lord. Her family knew she said her prayers for their welfare each day of her life, and no doubt argued with God on occasion for them. Her family rises up and praises her, for she has excelled all women. Lord give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at heaven's gates.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis TN 38101-9929, and

Carmelite Missions, 55 W. Demarest Avenue, Englewood NJ 07631.  
A memorial service will be scheduled for a future date.

# Tribute Wall



“ Barrett Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



Barrett Funeral Home - May 05, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RT

“ Renee Triveri lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



Renee Triveri - May 16, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Sending our condolences and praying for Aunt Betty, so sorry for your loss Uncle John and to all your family. May she Rest In Peace. Love from Mary Hugh and family.



Edel Flanagan - May 08, 2020 at 12:41 AM

BC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Bill Connolly - May 06, 2020 at 04:48 PM

RO

“ Dear Uncle John & family  
I'm truly sorry for your loss and send my deepest condolences to you all. Aunt Betty was a great lady, she made everyone feel welcome and always had a warm smile. My enduring memory from our many conversations is how much she loved her family.  
Rest in peace Aunt Betty...

Roxana - May 06, 2020 at 03:47 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Roxana - May 06, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DB

Thank you for sharing this beautiful photo with us 

diane connolly borton - May 06, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ To Uncle John and all the Connolly family sending my condolences to you all at this very sad time, Heaven has gained another angel, no words can take away your pain you are all going though. But just sit and remember all the good memories you had with Aunt Betty RIP May God watch over you all and give you strength to carry on.



Collette Connolly - May 06, 2020 at 02:20 PM

DB

Thank you, Collette, for your lovely message!💚

diane connolly borton - May 06, 2020 at 03:46 PM



Your welcome Diane 💚💚💚

Collette Connolly - May 10, 2020 at 08:12 AM

TR

“ Dear Mr. Connolly and Family,  
My family and I are truly sorry for your loss and would like to send our deepest condolences. Your wife/mother was such a wonderful deeply caring woman and will sorely be missed. Growing up next door to such a beautiful soul was truly an honor and privilege and we know that she will be welcomed into God's kingdom with open arms. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.  
Giuseppe, Teresa and Anna

Teresa Raspe - May 06, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DB

Thank you, Teresa, Giuseppe, and Ana for your beautiful message.💚

diane connolly borton - May 06, 2020 at 03:48 PM

PB

“ *Uncle John and Family,  
Many years ago, at very short notice, I stayed with Uncle John and Aunt Betty for a week at their home and enjoyed the most wonderful hospitality. It was one of the best weeks of my life. Thankyou Aunt Betty for all your kindness and generosity. Rest in Peace. Patrick Burke*

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**Patrick Burke** - May 06, 2020 at 12:28 PM

AB

“ *My dearest brother John and Family,  
We are all deeply saddened to hear of the passing away of Betty. Please accept our sympathy and condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and may your fond memories of Betty guide you through the days ahead.  
Anne Burke and Family.*

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**Anne Burke** - May 06, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Dear John,  
My heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time. May your memories give you peace and comfort.  
With deepest sympathy  
Greta & family*

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**on behalf of Greta Flanagan** - May 06, 2020 at 11:10 AM

AC

“ *We want to express our sympathy. May Betty rest in place.  
Aidan and Rita Connolly.*

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**Aidan Connolly** - May 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ Johnny McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



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Johnny McCarthy - May 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JM

*You were a wonderful woman and will be missed*

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Johnny McCarthy - May 06, 2020 at 10:42 AM

VC

“ Dear John & Family,  
We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts & prayers are with you all at this sad time. May Betty Rest in Peace.  
Mona Connolly & Family, Mayo.

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Virginia Connolly - May 06, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AN

“ Anne lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



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anne - May 06, 2020 at 09:36 AM

KB

“ Dear Great Uncle John and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember how kind Great Aunt Betty was to me when visiting you when I was little and how my Gran (Greta) loved to speak to you both for hours on end and pass on all of your news, she was always so excited for your calls. My thoughts are with you all at this very sad time. X

Katie Brown - May 06, 2020 at 09:02 AM

RO

“ Roxana lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



Roxana - May 06, 2020 at 08:38 AM

RT

“ Roslyn, Roxana And Theresa lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Connolly



Roslyn, Roxana and Theresa - May 06, 2020 at 08:35 AM

AH

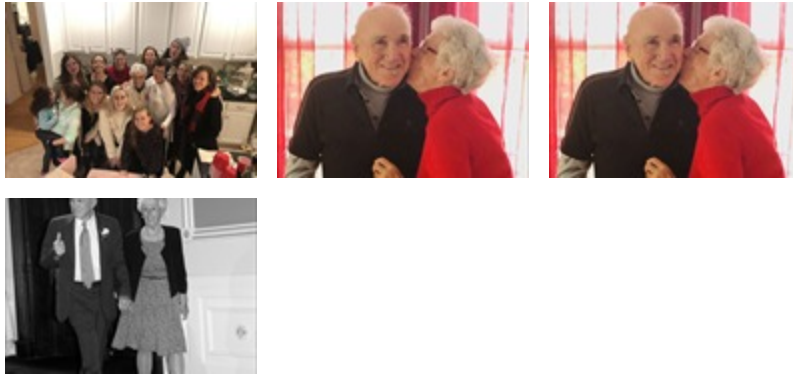
“ I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to uncle John and all the family on the sad loss of Elizabeth. I am truly sorry to to hear of her passing. She was a really lovely woman. I have lovely memories of her from 36 years ago when I stayed at her home and she was so kind to me. I will never forgot it. I was so glad to have met her, uncle John and Christopher again 2 years ago. May she rest in peace.  
Ann Henry and all the Henry family

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**Ann Henry** - May 06, 2020 at 02:44 AM

AL

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**Alyssa LoPiccolo** - May 05, 2020 at 11:07 PM

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**Kevin Connolly** - May 05, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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**Kevin Connolly** - May 05, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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**Kevin Connolly** - May 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM

TC

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**tom connolly** - May 05, 2020 at 06:58 PM

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tom connolly - May 05, 2020 at 06:28 PM

TC

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tom connolly - May 05, 2020 at 06:26 PM

BC

“ It was unfortunate that we never met Betty and from the tribute eloquently written it's everyones loss. Our deepest sympathies to the entire Connolly family during this difficult time.

*Bari Costanza & family*

Bari Costanza - May 05, 2020 at 06:18 PM





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Rory Swihart - May 05, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KC

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Kevin Connolly - May 05, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Connolly was a lovely sweet woman who was a second mom to my husband Geno. I will always remember her daily walks around the block where we would chat for awhile about life. She will truly be missed. God has received a beautiful angel. Rest In Peace Mrs Connolly ❤️

Diane Spadaccini - May 05, 2020 at 12:22 PM