



Mary Anne Soudant

July 11, 1936 - March 15, 2026

Mary Anne Soudant, 89, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on July 11, 1936, in Sacramento, California, Mary Anne attended Sacred Heart boarding school in Atherton, California. She later attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she was an active member of the Tri Delta Sorority, before completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco. After graduating, she embarked on a six-month journey through Europe with close friends, a testament to her adventurous spirit and lifelong curiosity about the world. Following her travels, she moved to New York City, where she enjoyed the arts, attending plays, musicals, ballet, and opera, and exploring museums whenever possible. Her interest in the arts continued throughout her life.

Mary Anne began her career as a public health nurse in Sacramento, providing care and support to families in her community. She later continued her nursing career in New York City as the company nurse for Standard Oil in Rockefeller Center. During this time, she met her future husband, Bob Soudant, at a social gathering. After several years of courtship, they were married on August 28, 1965, in Sacramento, California.

Following a honeymoon in Europe, they settled in Brooklyn, New York, where

they began building their family, beginning with the birth of their daughter Elizabeth, followed by Therese. On their fifth wedding anniversary, twins Matthew and Danielle were born. Soon after, the family moved to Cresskill, New Jersey, where they raised their children. A few years later, Brian was born, completing their family of seven.

After taking time away from work while raising her young children, Mary Anne returned to nursing once her children were a little older. She served for many years as a public health nurse in Cresskill and later in Englewood, New Jersey, where she continued caring for members of the community until her retirement. Mary Anne and Bob shared a loving marriage of 60 years, sustained by love, companionship, and a deep commitment to their family.

Mary Anne was a devoted mother to her five children: Elizabeth Soudant and her husband, Eugene Constan; Therese Soudant and her husband, Brock Bullard; Danielle Flynn and her husband, Dan Flynn; Matthew Soudant; and Brian Soudant and his wife, Joy Soudant. She was also a proud and loving grandmother to Madeline, Riley, and Samantha Flynn; Megan and Dylan Bullard; Sofia Constan; and Jack Soudant.

Mary Anne enjoyed an active social life. A lifelong tennis player, she especially loved playing at the Tenafly Tennis Club, where she formed many lasting friendships on and off the court. In her later years, she looked forward to her weekly bridge games, which she played with great enjoyment. For the past 20 years, Mary Anne and Bob spent their winters in Jupiter, Florida, where they built a wonderful circle of friends and especially treasured the times when their children and grandchildren came to visit.

She is also survived by her siblings, Hermann Lorenz and sister-in-law Alberta Lorenz; Daniel Lorenz; and her sister, Therese Noonan and her husband, Mike Noonan; her sister-in-laws, Ann Soudant and Kate Soudant; as well as

many beloved nieces and nephews, including Margaret Lorenz, Dr. Peter Lorenz, Chris Lorenz, John Lorenz, Patrick Noonan, Tommy Noonan, Joseph Noonan, Lissette Morris, Chantal Soudant, and Jethro Soudant.

Mary Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Hermann and Nancy Lorenz; her father- and mother-in-law, Leon and Betty Soudant; and her brothers-in-law, Raymond Soudant and Michael Soudant, and sister-in-law Joyce Soudant.

Mary Anne will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and quiet strength. As a mother, she was deeply accepting and supportive, always there for her children through both joyful moments and difficult times. She had a gentle spirit, a caring heart, and a deep love for her family that shaped her life. Her presence brought comfort and joy to those around her, and her legacy will live on in the many lives she touched.

Her family will forever cherish the love, wisdom, and compassion she shared throughout her life.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Barrett Funeral Home in Tenafly, New Jersey. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese of Liseux Church in Cresskill, New Jersey.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **19.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR **20.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church
120 Monroe Ave
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405
(201) 567-2528

Tribute Wall



“ Barrett Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Anne Soudant



Barrett Funeral Home - March 18 at 01:37 PM

TC

I am a relatively new Florida friend to the Soudant family. Mary Anne and Bob were so welcoming and warm, I knew I had friends for life. Mary Anne's laugh, her fondness of orchids, the serving of her unique Mule cocktails on the patio, and her graciousness amongst boisterous crowds, was admired and will be heartbreakingly missed. Mary Anne defined GRACE, with her side-grin after a witty retort. She will be missed indeed, but what an amazing legacy, dear lady.

Tracy Christiansen - March 21 at 11:24 AM

PC

“ *So many memories...What a woman...what a lady. Mary Anne and Bob complimented one another. .Bob and I were on the Cresskill pool committee for years. She will be missed by many. I hope that the memories you have last forever...tell stories...get the photos out...let the younger family members hear "the good old day times" I believe this is how we keep our loved ones with us.*

Patti Cuomo Cerame - March 28 at 09:51 AM

MA

“ Mrs. Soudant was truly the best—always so warm, welcoming, and genuinely happy to see you. I have so many great memories at 166 Palisades Avenue, from sleepovers and just hanging out to those pregame meals before our biggest high school games. She had such a special way of making everyone feel at home, and she cared deeply about all of us. She loved following our high school teams and never missed a chance to bring up those memories whenever the guys were back together. She will be deeply missed, but her kindness and the joy she brought to all of us will never be forgotten.

Mike Allen - March 18 at 12:21 PM

BS

Thanks for the kind words Mike. She loved all of our friends and found joy in seeing us develop the deep friendships that have lasted for decades !

Brian Soudant - March 19 at 08:56 AM

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Mike Allen - March 18 at 12:17 PM

BS

“ *My mom was the best mother anyone can ask for. She was kind, caring, always there for us, and help shape us into the people we are today.*

I can't thank her enough for all of her support and guidance throughout so many stages of my life. When I was having a bad day or a bad stretch of time, she always was a source of comfort, reassurance, and optimistic outlook.

I have so many memories of her ranging from watching her play tennis, to shopping at the grocery store with her as a little kid, to attending my high school school and college events, and being there for me as I transitioned into becoming a husband and parent.

She left an incredible mark on this world, and we are forever indebted to her for the leadership, grace, compassion, and companionship she provided to so many people.

Brian Soudant - March 16 at 03:05 PM

TN

Beautiful, Brian.

Therese Lorenz Noonan - March 17 at 08:08 PM

HF

yes! well-said. The mother & friend all aspire to be!

Helen Feher - March 18 at 11:27 AM