



## Mary Elizabeth Rogan

March 27, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Rogan, nee Cosgrove, beloved wife of the late Harvey Rogan, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2020 at the age of 99. Mary was born in Englewood, NJ to Patrick and Catherine Cosgrove, immigrants from County Armagh, the North of Ireland. She was a parishioner of St. Cecilia and a proud graduate of St. Cecilia High School. Mary met her husband, Harvey Rogan, at a social for servicemen at St. Cecilia's. They married in 1944 and resided in Englewood for 15 years with their two daughters. During these years she organized the PTA at St. Cecilia's Grammar School and was the Grand Regent for Court Madonna, Catholic Daughters of America. In 1959 the family moved to Closter where their son Edward was born. Mary held many different working positions, but she especially enjoyed working for Pan Am in Rockleigh, NJ, as a representative for the employee group Aware. After leaving Pan Am Mary continued her travel career as an agent for Emerson Travel arranging trips for her many friends and clients. Mary, born the year the women got the right to vote, was a lifelong Democrat and as a member of the Closter Democratic Club was active in local and state politics. Mary had a special talent for organizing social and fundraising events. She arranged Christmas parties for the Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly and in her later years she founded the Golden Agers of St. Mary's. The members met once a month went on countless bus trips to Atlantic City, numerous other trips and celebrated holidays at local venues. Mary always had possession of the microphone

wherever she was. As the Matriarch of the family she always made sure her family and extended family got together frequently. Mary was pre-deceased by her husband, Harvey (2009) and her son-in-law John Gardner (2008). She was the dear sister of the late Peter, Joseph, and Thomas Cosgrove. She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Olsen and husband Ron, daughter Elizabeth Gardner, and son Edward Rogan and wife Carolyn. She was a loving grandmother to her eight grandchildren, Eric Olsen and his wife Nancy, Katherine Olsen, Kevin Olsen and his wife Jessica, Douglas Gardner and his fiancée Evelyn Chen, Erin Gardner and her husband Chris Camp and Kristina, Jacqueline and Edward Rogan. She leaves to cherish her memory six great grandsons, Skyler, Zachary, and Connor Olsen, Beckett and Torin Olsen and Colin John Camp. She will be missed by her family but never forgotten. The family gives heartfelt thanks to the caregivers and staff at Sunrise of Cresskill who took such loving care of Mary. Due to the current health crisis all services were held privately. A Memorial Mass and celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Donations to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter, NJ 07624 will be greatly appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Dear Kathleen Ron Betty Katie Kevin Eric Nancy Doug Erin Ed Carolyn Eddie Jackie and Kristina sorry on the loss of your mother and Grandmother was she wants a great person she is going to be missed

Love  
Margaret and Cristina Sommo

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**Cristina and Margaret Sommo** - April 07, 2020 at 11:07 AM

EF

“ In this difficult time, may God hold you close to His heart, where He can feel your deepest loss, and fill you with His deepest love. I have so many memories growing up down the street from Mrs. Rogan and in later years being greeted by her as I entered Quirk's. Hopefully you have many memories to help you through this difficult loss.

Love & Prayers,  
Eileen Devine Farrell

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**Eileen Devine farrell** - April 05, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MQ

“ Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Rogan



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**Maureen Quinn** - March 31, 2020 at 10:57 AM

PC

“ Dear Aunt Mary,  
We love you and will miss you! Say hello to Tommy, Joe and Peter for us. (Nana Katie too). Heaven must need a fantastic greeter and event planner at this time; No one will do a better job than you. Thank you for being in our lives. All our love and prayers...till we meet again. Patti and Marion Cosgrove

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**PC** - March 30, 2020 at 08:13 PM

DF

“ The Board of Directors of The Belskie Museum of Art & Science join the Closter community in expressing deep sorrow on the passing of Mary Rogan.

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**DON FARRELL** - March 30, 2020 at 04:53 PM

TC

“ Dear Kathleen, Betty, Ed and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
It was an honor to visit and take Communion to your mom.  
God blessed us when He put Mary in our lives!  
She was so special to us!  
May she rest in the living arms of Jesus.  
Thom and Grace Calabro

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**Thom and Grace Calabro** - March 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM