



Mary Jo Courey

October 15, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Joyce (nee Barnes) Courey, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished friend, who left us peacefully at the age of 86 on October 15, 2024.

Born in 1938, to Mabel and Joseph Barnes in Washington, Iowa. She earned her nursing degree from St. Ambrose College in Davenport Iowa, where she met her husband, Kenneth. They began their lives together in Pennsylvania and in 1970 moved their family to Randolph, NJ. In their retirement years, they moved to Naples Florida, before relocating to Philadelphia PA in 2017.

Mary Jo was the proud mother of Robert (Thomas), James (Lisa), Linda (Ken), and Joseph (Bobbi). She instilled in them the values of love, compassion, and resilience. Her legacy continues through her nine beloved grandchildren & great grandchildren (Jessica, Colleen, Sarah, Michael, Nicole, Kevin, Kelly, Avery & Bennett).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, with whom she shared a loving marriage of 63 years, and her brother Wayne Barnes. She is survived by her sister, Louise Murphy, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mary Joyce Courey's life will be held on Friday, October 25 at 11:00am in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (18th & Ben

Franklin Parkway), Philadelphia. Her welcoming ceremony will start at 9:30am, followed by a viewing in church from 10:00am - 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cathedral Basilica <https://cathedralphiladelphia.org>, in honor of her devotion to the Lord and her lifelong commitment to helping others. Please see following link for Livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/4659657>

Interment will take place on October 26th at 11:00am at Greenwood Cemetery, 1800 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08619 with a luncheon to follow.

She will be dearly missed but forever remembered for her warmth, wisdom, and unwavering love. Rest in peace, Mom.

Tribute Wall

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“ My first time meeting Ms Mary, she was so kind and sweet, words can't even explain. I didn't know dropping her at church would be my last time seeing her, she's a mother to everyone she has a very good heart.. We pray that her gentsoul rest in peace.. -Regina Linus

Regina - October 24, 2024 at 07:09 AM

SR

“ When I first met Ms Mary I knew that she was the Queen of this family.they treated her with love respect compassion kindness. I knew right of the bat that she was in good hands with them. Throughout time Ms Mary trusted my judgment and later became good friends.we would get into some mischievous conversations about General Hospital (soup opera) whose going to end up with who lol I believe my best memories with her isn't just an event or two but everything about her .
Rest well my friend and fly high
Love you always ,Suzie



Suzie Rodriguez - October 24, 2024 at 05:21 AM

MB

“ I'm so sorry for the loss all of you are experiencing. It's hard to lose a parent and extremely hard to lose both of them. Thinking of Mary Joyce and Ken in heaven together.

Michelle Barnes - October 23, 2024 at 10:52 PM

ME

*Mrs Mary Jo Courey is a loving woman to be with, she was such a kind hearted & caring person.
she is beautiful inside and out.
the first day I met her, she accepted me as if she has known me for a very long time,
I miss her, I did not know I was not going to see her again. Loosing her a huge lost,
May God continue to rest her gentle soul in perfect peace.>
Magdalene.*

Magdalene Egbulefu - October 24, 2024 at 11:26 PM