



Mrs. Mary C. Barkley

March 14, 1964 - January 16, 2017

Mary Catherine Coons Barkley, 52 years, of Marietta, Georgia, died January 16, 2017 in Melbourne, Florida. Mary is survived by six children, Paul, May, Will, Susan, Michael, and Jessica, and her husband of 34 years Paul. Mary taught 7th grade Life Science at Dodgen Middle School in East Cobb for 16 years. She is a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Marietta and served in several ministries, including as a lead in Faith and Light, a ministry for children and adults with disabilities. Mary earned a B.S. in Biology at Florida Atlantic University, and a Masters in Technology Instruction at Lesley University. Mary is preceded in death by her mother Rosemary Coons and her father Ed Coons. Also by her brother Michael Coons.

A funeral mass for Mary will be held at Transfiguration Catholic Church at 11:00 AM, on Monday January 23, 2017. Mary will be interred at Honey Creek Woodlands at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia.

These bare facts do little to capture even a part of Mary, but know that she deeply touched the lives of everyone she met. The thousands of students who passed through her classes who she treated as her own. Hundreds of colleagues at Rosarian Academy and Dodgen and at meetings and groups throughout Cobb County. More hundreds and thousands at Transfiguration, on retreats, in prayer groups, and in the ministries on which she served. Dozens more at Driving Magic Therapeutic Carriage Driving in Hoschton, Ga. And vicariously through those who knew her husband, Paul, and her kids. Most especially her husband and her kids. None of us know what to do now, without

Mary in our lives. It is really unnecessary to say more as all who knew her already know and there is no real way to describe Mary to those who did not so I will just say, to Mary, I love you forever and forever and miss you always and I am left bereft. Those who knew you are better for that, and your family knows you are always with us.

Love, Paul and Paul and May and Will and Suzie and Michael and Jessica, and of course Lucy and Peppermint and Pi.

Cemetery Details

Honey Creek Woodlands at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit

2625 Hwy. 212, SW
Conyers, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Transfiguration Catholic Church
1815 Blackwell Rd
Maritta, GA 30066
(770) 977-1442

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary C. Barkley*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy as you grieve. I cannot imagine or completely understand how you are coping, but I do want to comfort you all with words of assurance. I know that Mary was a leader in science education because of her deep concern for the welfare of children. She wanted her lessons to be as engaging and scientifically accurate as possible. As one of her teachers in professional development courses, I can tell you that she was as hard working and caring as any teacher I have ever met. When we took a field trip to dig fossils, guess who wanted to stay and find more fossils longer than anyone? I know I am not telling you anything new, but I needed to be a witness to her integrity as an educator. The entire community has lost a true champion for children and for science. We grieve with you. Wes McCoy*

Wes McCoy - January 22, 2017 at 10:54 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary C. Barkley.*



January 21, 2017 at 11:34 AM