



## Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey

January 9, 1937 - February 14, 2020

Mary Ann Dempsey passed peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father on February 14, 2020. Mary Ann was born January 9, 1937 to Thomas “Ned” and Evelyn McGrath of Rochester, New York. Mary Ann grew up in Brighton, NY with her brothers Ted and Paul and her sister Sue. Mary Ann attended Our Lady of Lourdes, Mercy High School and Nazareth College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

On August 22, 1959, Mary Ann married the love of her life, William J Dempsey. They raised five children together and Mary Ann happily transitioned into the role of her life...Mother. Mary Ann’s life purpose was to raise children who knew the deep love of the Lord and the unconditional love of their parents... she succeeded!

Mary Ann’s life can be characterized as one of service. She was a passionate follower of Jesus Christ and served her church and community in a variety of ways including, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Leader, Eucharistic Minister, Stephen Minister, Brownie Leader, Room Mom...

Mary Ann was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Evelyn McGrath, her brother Paul McGrath and Sister-in-law Barbara McGrath. She is survived by her husband William Dempsey, brother Thomas McGrath Jr., sister Susan Horner (Don), her children: William Dempsey Jr, Michael Dempsey (Beth), Kathleen Vesling (Rod), Karen MacDavid (Jake), Colleen Ristau (Chuck) and the icing on her cake... her grandchildren: Tim, Peter (Evan), Lindsay (Paul), Stephanie (Luke), Alex , Tom, Jake, Mary Dee, Rachel, Evelyn, Ellie, Andrew

D, Samantha, Andrew M, Lauren, Matthew and Cate.

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your Master.” Matthew 25:23

The family will greet friends on Sunday, February 23, from 5:00-7:00 at Northside Funeral home, Roswell, Georgia. A memorial mass will be held on Monday, February 24 at 10:30 Am at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to:

Cure Childhood Cancer 2500 Ashford, Dunwoody Center North, Suite 250  
Atlanta, GA 30338

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114  
(770) 479-9300

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Memorial Mass

FEB **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church  
11330 Woodstock Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I had the privilege of living next to Marianne and Bill for 8 years in Atlanta while they were with Colleen and Chuck. Hardly a day went by during those years where I did not see them walking together hand in hand. True, true love. I'm blessed that my children got to see them as an example as did my husband and I too. Marianne cheered on my daughter Kaitlin during many, many soccer games with her granddaughter Ellie as if she was her own. She will be missed but welcomed into God's loving embrace.*

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**Patty Bryant** - February 23, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey.*



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February 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ Our beautiful Mary Ann, before you, there never was such a TREASURE..... and now, there never shall be again. You wouldn't be happy that we are SO heartbroken over us ALL loosing you:( But it's just SO HARD.... You were SO very, very VERY special. SO loved, SO adored & SO precious.

Thank you for being you. I am forever grateful that God gave us you....and honored & humbled that he let me cross your path to help warm my heart with your sun rays. I'll try my best to not cry because it's over, but instead I will really try to just focus on smiling because it happened. I KNOW that's what you would want. Well....maybe tomorrow I will smile....Or the next day. Your smiles are coming. I promise! Just gotta get to the bottom of this darned well, first.



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Shelly Azzopardi - February 20, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *Mary ann was such a gift to us all, there are barely words to speak over the immense heartache of loosing her..  
Nor, enough tissues in the world to catch all the tears that fall since she left us.  
I'm afraid the flood will last a lifetime.  
And i'm not even family, i'm just a girl who was so grateful that she touched my life. So grateful for her! Somehow, she had the magical ability to pour love into my wounded heart, simply by holding my hands & looking in my eyes. Our angel on earth now lives in Heaven.*



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**Shelly Azzopardi** - February 20, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *Dear Bill and family, Bob and I send our love and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. We know Mary Ann's passing has been a tremendous loss to all who knew and loved her. The years our families spent as neighbors in St Louis have always been such fond memories. Mary Ann was a special person. She was caring, loving and thoughtful of family and friends. I've been so blessed to have her in my life and I will miss being able to talk to her as we have done for so many years. May all the loving memories she has left with each of you, be a source of joy, comfort and peace. Our love and prayers, Bob and Molly*

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**Bob & Molly Mckenzie** - February 20, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Bill, we will always have you and MaryAnn in our hearts. It seems like yesterday that we shared so many wonderful times together and that we had the pleasure of opening our home to you when you came North. MaryAnn was such a strong woman of faith. Some of our best times together was sharing our love for Our Lord. Gary sends his love and says he misses his golfing buddy and grammar school friend.*

*Love and prayers to you and your wonderful family,  
Pat and Gary Smith*

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**Pat and Gary Smith** - February 19, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey.*



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February 19, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey.*



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February 19, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Dempsey.



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February 18, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Bill and family,  
Stan and I are sad to hear Mary Ann has passed away. She was a loving mother who saw the good in everyone!  
We will always remember the fun that our families had living on Cross Ridge Road in Pittsford, NY. Many children of all ages would enjoy playing outside together until the dinner bells rang.  
Nice memories like these are never forgotten!  
Ann and Stan Wright

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**Ann and Stan Wright** - February 17, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ I have a newspaper clipping of Mary Ann and I being at the same college reunion in 1938. Many years forward and I was a classmate in college and have kept in touch since. She has been a good friend and a spiritual example to me in the past 30 years. I will miss being able to share with her. My prayers and good thoughts go out to all her family. Ro Taub

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**RosemaryDesselTaub** - February 16, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Bill and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary Ann was a loving and caring woman and she will be missed by all.  
Ed And Mary Anne Shafer

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**Mary Anne Shafer** - February 15, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ I was (am) pleased to have been a friend of Maryann and then relative when her Karen married my Jake. we shared much in bible study and over our time at St. John of Rochester. Prayers for her family. God , I am sure will be with them at this time and in the days ahead. Much love Janice Mac David

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**Janice Mac David** - February 15, 2020 at 04:39 PM