



Mary Ellen Frassa

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MARY ELLEN FRASSA, 53, passed peacefully on May 28, 2015, at home surrounded by her loving family. Mary was born with Down Syndrome in Albany, Georgia, on May 13, 1962 to Conrad and Gloria Frassa. The family transferred to MacDill AFB in 1966 to accommodate her special educational needs.

Fate seemingly dealt Mary an unkind hand, yet she proved otherwise. Mary brought out the best in others. Those who knew her were inspired by her purity, humility and detachment from the material world.

Mary was the centering force of her large family and infused a tight knit structure through her lasting examples to be of service to others and to find contentment in the small things. Her enthusiastic anticipation for all holidays and birthdays created lifelong memories and family traditions. She proudly shared her birthday with her twin sisters born six years earlier. All three of their birthdates were on Mothers' Day.

Before Alzheimer's robbed her of her speech and mobility, Mary led an active and full life. Mary graduated from LaVoy Exceptional Center, where her father joyously taught for decades. She attended MacDonald Training Center's "Littlest Angels" and went on to work at HARC for over 30 years. Her attention to detail earned her the position of supervisor at her workplace. Mary maximized her talents in all that she did, and she possessed the special gift of anticipating and fulfilling the needs of others. Mary loved bowling, golf, and tennis and applied these skills to participating in countless Special Olympics. Her large family, summer camp, sign language, puzzles, watching football, dancing, household chores, soda and a good meal were sources of great joy.

To know Mary was to love Mary. She challenged us to be more patient, compassionate and to recognize the value in each person. We believe our angel on earth is now an angel in Heaven.

Mary was predeceased by her father, Conrad Frassa, and is survived by her mother, Gloria Frassa; together her parents faithfully cared for her at home during her entire lifetime and passing. She is also survived by brother, David Frassa; sisters Janet (Kenny) Dayton, Lynne DeLaRosa, Laura (Wayne) Whitlock, Amy (Bryan) Rotella. Her nieces and nephews include Sonia Frassa; Kristen Willis and Lora Dayton; Nicholas, Jonathan and Matthew Whitlock; Thea Venzor, Michael Conrad and Ryan DeLaRosa and Nikki Dion. Her great-nieces and nephews include Janessa Whitlock, Stella and Jack Venzor, Skylar Fountain, Kamryn and Nathan Dion.

If you wish to make a donation in Mary's remembrance, please consider Cedar Kirk Camp & Conference Center to sponsor a disabled camper (1920 Streetman Drive, Lithia, Florida 33547) <http://cedarkirk.org/> or Special Olympics Florida (1915 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont, Florida 34711).

https://secure.specialolympics.org/site/c.mIIYIjNZJuE/b.6644267/k.8E0D/Your_gift_can_change_a_life/apps/ka/sd/donorcustom.asp?BeneficiaryID=FL109

Family will be receiving friends Monday, June 1, 2015 from 5 PM to 8 PM, with Services at 6:30 PM at Boza & Roel Funeral Home, 4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33603. Interment will be Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11 AM at Florida National Cemetery, 6502 S.W. 102nd Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513.



Events

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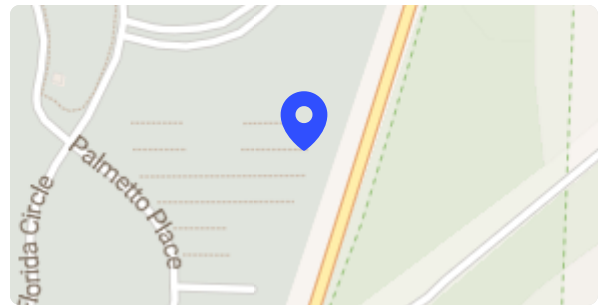
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Cemetery Details



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DF

David Frassa posted:

I will always remember my special angel sister, Mary Ellen Frassa. She brought joy and comfort to our family. Birthdays and holidays brought her happiness. She smiled constantly. Just being around her would make you happy. When she smiled, you could not help smiling back at her. Mary is missed 24 hours a day, every day. I started missing Mary when she passed away on May 28th, 2015. God knows He has an angel in His heavenly home along with our dad. I hope when I die, I will see both Mary and our dad. Rest in peace my dear sister, take care of dad. Love from your brother, David.

July 2 at 2:52 PM

LW

Laura Whitlock posted:

I wrote this for my sister, Mary, when I was 17 years old. It is still true today! You came to us on Mothers Day of 1962 And when God thought of love, he created you From the time you were born til today Our lives have been touched in a special way You're our "little angel" we chose from above To teach us patience and the meaning of love! To us you were beautiful and full of Gods grace And no one in this world could ever take your place Rest in peace, Mary Ellen!

June 4 at 4:51 AM

JM

Jasmine Macguire posted:

BEAUTIFUL ANGEL By: Jasmine McGuire Dedicated to: Mary Ellen Frassa To the beautiful angel now flying free, to my dear friend whose pure love touched me, You'll leave your touch on everyone you knew, here on earth and in heaven too. You inspired me to smile through the tears, conquer life challenges all through the years. To enjoy life for all that it is rather than not, and to appreciate all the little things that can't be bought. You held together a family when you were weak, your grasp to never give up spoke volumes when you couldn't speak. You cannot be replaced nor forgotten, for you will always be spoiled rotten. As you enter your new journey I just want to say, like day 1 from us all we'll never be too far away

June 1 at 5:27 PM

KD

Karen Dearolf posted:

Dear Gloria, As we visited with you and Conrad over the years it was always clear the love and devotion you have for your entire family. Know Mary was especially loved and appreciated. We send our love and condolences as well as great admiration. Karen and Dick Dearolf

June 1 at 3:03 PM



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Jean Venzor posted:

I knew Mary from long ago when her sister, Lynne, lived in the neighborhood. All of her sisters and her brother and parents were devoted to her, and they have all lived the life of service and love by their example of devotion to this sweet one. I know they would each say that having Mary in their life deepened their own faith and taught them what unconditional love and service is all about. Mary spread sunshine wherever she went. Her niece, Thea, married my son, John, and I don't believe anyone at the wedding had more fun at the wedding than Mary. She and her Dad danced the night away! She knew how to celebrate and it made everyone happy just to be around her. May God bless and comfort each of you in this time of sorrow. My prayers are with you.

June 1 at 12:39 PM



Matt Whitlock posted:

Thank you for blessing our family Aunt Mary. We love you and we will miss you!

June 1 at 11:57 AM



Marilyn Wood & The Opis Team sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Frassa family.



June 1 at 4:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Frassa family.



May 30 at 10:33 AM



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Toni Germinario posted:

I have such fond memories of tagging along years ago when Lynne took Mary bowling. Mary had a great sense of humor and her family was devoted to her. She touched many lives, including my own. Deepest sympathies to Gloria, Lynne, Laura, Janet and David. Toni Germinario

May 30 at 10:24 AM

TG **Toni Germinario** May 31 at 4:38 AM

Also deepest sympathies to Amy whom I neglected to mention in my previous post. I lost track of the 6 Frassa kids!



Anonymous sent a Dearest One Casket Insert to the Frassa family.



May 30 at 5:06 AM



Ann Rotella Land O Lakes, Florida sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.



May 29 at 9:49 AM



Ann Rotella Land O Lakes, Florida posted:

I first met Mary in 2008 and was introduced to her as "Bryan's Mom"! This was a difficult concept for her to understand however, she seemed delighted and ran and got her little camera to take our picture..."lots and lots of pictures"!! She loved taking pictures! She also loved the family parties and was usually the life of them. My heart and prayers go out to my son Bryan and daughter-in-law Amy, to Gloria, David, Janet, Lynn, Laura and the entire Frassa clan. Find comfort in knowing that your "angel" is home at last and reunited, safe in her dad's arms. Rest in peace "Little Mary"! Ann Rotella Land O Lakes, Florida

May 29 at 9:48 AM



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Edson Rodriguez posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza and Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.Eddie

May 29 at 6:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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