



Mary Ellen Tormey

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Mary E. Tormey: a nun, teacher, career woman, wife and homemaker, a mom, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Born August 2, 1923, in Washington, D.C., the first child of Martha and William Scarry would soon move to Erie, PA. Growing up in a Catholic family, Mary loved school and especially the Benedictine Sisters. Their devotion inspired her to join the order as a Catholic nun. Her love of teaching children, especially a class of 50 boys, eventually led to her decision to leave the order and begin a family. She met a dashing World War II vet, Robert DePaul Tormey, while he was delivering sports news to the Erie Times. They married and after having two kids, headed to California to begin Bob's career with General Motors. In a small ranch home in Downey, CA, they raised their eight kids with Mary somehow finding time to cook complete dinners from scratch every night, clean the house, do the laundry for seven boys and one girl, never miss sending packed lunches to school for all the kids, and still participate in church and school events. What an extraordinary time consuming juggling act. Like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, "She did everything he did, just did it backwards and in high heels." With her children off in college and starting families of their own, Bob and Mary moved to Escondido, CA in 1982. When her husband became critically ill, Mary needed to learn to drive, so she got her first driver's license at age 60. That same year she got her ears pierced for the first time. The ensuing years brought many large family gatherings, including with her brother's children, where her love of family continues to inspire us. Mary's secret to a long and happy life was simple: Red wine and dark chocolate - It's good for your heart.

Mary Ellen one caring, compassionate, determined and courageous, hard working get the job done, generous, religious, fun loving, inspiring, unconditional loving, and strong-willed mom, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. THE role model for a new generation of Moms.

In her last hours, Mary had only one concern, that her eight children, Bob, Kathy, Tom, Bill,

Don, Dick, Dennis and Tim, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren were all safe and sound. She had a very strong and abiding love of family that was deeply rooted and reflected in a poem she wrote as a student decades ago: "In a tiny corner of heaven, one all pink and white and blue, and the gold and silver lining from the gold dust God made you." Now that tiny corner of heaven has a very special Mom that continues to watch over us.

Cemetery

Oak Hill Memorial Park
2640 Glenridge Rd
Escondido, CA, 92027

Events

DEC 28 Viewing 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Alhiser-Comer Mortuary
225 South Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92025

DEC 28 Rosary 07:00PM
Alhiser-Comer Mortuary
225 South Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92025

DEC 29 Funeral Mass 11:00AM
Church of the Resurrection
1445 Conway Dr., Escondido, CA, US, 92027

Comments



“ For those unable to attend the funeral, here is the link to the beautiful memorial video we created to honor our mother.

<https://youtu.be/K05JaMFEz0Q>

Dennis - January 08, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ Rick Barrett and Tiam Tellez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Tormey.



Rick Barrett and Tiam Tellez - December 28, 2015 at 12:18 PM



“ Thomas and Joseph Desamero purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ellen Tormey.



Thomas and Joseph Desamero - December 27, 2015 at 11:48 PM



“ The Klein Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Tormey.



The Klein Family - December 27, 2015 at 02:10 AM



“ IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS TO HEAR OF A GREAT AUNT OF THE TORMEY FAMILY PASSING. I CAN REMEMBER VISITING GREAT UNCLE BOB AND AUNT MARY ELLEN BACK IN 1961 IN DOWNEY, HAVING MADE THE TRIP WITH MY GRANDPARENTS, LEO AND DONNA TORMEY. IT WAS GREAT TO MEET SOME OF MY TORMEY RELATIVES AND THEY MADE ME FEEL SO WELCOME AND SPECIAL, A TIME I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH AND REMEMBER. MAY GODS LOVE AND BLESSINGS BE WITH ALL OF YOU AT THIS VERY SAD TIME. WE ARE ALL TRULY BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THE TORMEY FAMILY, WHO GAVE US SO MUCH. JIM HENRY AND FAMILY FROM ERIE PA

JAMES HENRY - December 26, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words. Mom always spoke fondly of the Henrys.

Tim Tormey - January 09, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Tormey.



December 24, 2015 at 01:43 PM



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Dennis Tormey - December 24, 2015 at 02:25 AM



“ I have so many lovely memories of grandma. Today, I thought of the time she came to my house before my first homecoming dance to get pictures of me all dressed up. Every birthday, graduation and celebration, she was there supporting my siblings and I and we miss her terribly. Thank you Bob for being there for grandma and us too. This will be a tough Christmas without her, but grandma gave me enough love to last a lifetime.

Christine Clark Westbrook - December 23, 2015 at 10:48 PM



“ A very special memory for me is arriving at the annual Tormey/Scarry family golf tournament and the first person I wanted to give a hug to was my Aunt Mary. She not only was a direct connection with my dad who passed some years ago but I felt honored to be named after her. My husband, Steve also shares a connection with Aunt Mary as they have the same birthday and she seemed to be just fine with sharing that day with him. I will miss running into her and Bob around Escondido but she will always be in my heart.

I love you Aunt Mary

We love you cousins...Mary and Steve



Mary E Neitzel - December 23, 2015 at 10:07 PM



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Alhiser - Comer Mortuary - December 23, 2015 at 04:22 PM