



Mary Ellen Connolly

February 3, 1934 - December 17, 2020

Mary Ellen Connolly, 86, beloved daughter of Hugh "Pat" and Anne (Laurinas) Connolly entered eternal life on Thursday, December 17, 2020. She was born February 3, 1934 in Aurora, Illinois. Mary Ellen was a loving cousin and friend to many.

She was a graduate of Holy Angels Grade School and West Aurora High School class of 1952, she then attended Aurora College. She was employed at Barber-Greene Company for thirty eight years, and then as a Cost Accountant at Fermi Lab for twelve years until her retirement in 2001. In her retirement years she volunteered at Mercy Hospital as an Eucharistic Minister and in the gift shop. She also volunteered at the Dominican Literacy Center and as a breast cancer survivor as a Reach to recovery member. Her favorite hobbies included foreign travel and for a decade she led trips to Europe, China and Australia for Holy Angels Church. She was a lifelong fan of the Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame. She was a member of Holy Angels Church and a Dominican Associate of the Springfield Dominican Sisters.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 12:30 PM from the DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Holy Angels Church at 1:00 PM. Fr Joel Rippinger, O.S.B. will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020 from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM

at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St. Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

In adherence to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, non-family visitors are asked to pay their respects to the family for only a few minutes and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks are required for those in attendance. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Mary Ellen's name may be made to Rosary High School or the Springfield Dominican Sisters.

Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Mary Ellen's family.

Tribute Wall



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“ I worked with Mary Ellen a few years at Fermilab before she retired. We stayed in touch over the many years with a phone call or I'd stop by her house unannounced for a visit. We always loved catching up. She had a big heart and she will be missed dearly.

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“ I worked with Mary Ellen at Fermilab and we had kept up an email and Christmas card correspondence since she retired. We clicked on our faith and political views. She always asked about my family! She was a special person.



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“ I have fond memories of Mary Ellen when Holy Angels, led by Fr. McGinn, hosted St. Patrick's Day parties in Connor Hall. I'm sure that she and our friend Sr. Mary Harris are having lots of heavenly laughs. She was young at heart!

December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Ellen was our friend from the first time we met at Holy Angels Church. We later became better acquainted when we moved our family to Buell just down the street from Mary Ellen. She was a friend to many- and we will miss you dear friend. Godspeed!

December 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Jo Howard, Mary Ellen and myself would try and grab breakfast once a month before Covid hit. This photo was from last December. Mary Ellen trained with me at Sculpted Image once a week and with Jo before she moved! The three of us had some great times in and out of the gym! We shared a love for good music, popcorn and the movie Mama Mia 2 that we saw in theaters together! "Dancing queen" always got her to dance and she loved singing along with Lou Rawls! I will miss my sweet friend!

December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Ellen was a wonderful friend to my mom and they enjoyed traveling together. She will be missed by so many. What a gem!

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