



Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo

October 2, 1925 - July 14, 2022

Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo born in the Bronx, NYC with a rich Italian heritage. Her parents were kind, generous, loving, and giving to the community. Mary was born to Alfred Toscano, her father, and her mother, Katherine DiAmico on October 2, 1925.

She grew up in the Bronx, then Manhattan then Queens, NY. She married, Louis Joseph Costanzo and lived in Corona, Queens, NY. She worked in the Garment Center of NYC and she was a fabulous cook, a great seamstress, had a great sense of humor, and was full of hospitality. Mary was a woman of faith and trusted Jesus with her life. She enjoyed traveling to her beloved Italy to see LA Familia and traveling across the USA with her friends, Essie & Ted Owin. She had many lifelong friendships, her close friends, Ann and Mary, and Josephine are still alive too.

Then Mary and Louis moved to Hudson, FL, and lived there. Louis went to be with the Lord in 1991 and for over three decades Mary loved every minute of living in Florida. She moved here to Asheville, N.C., to live with her daughter, Theresa, and son-in-law, Howard. Her treatment of her son-in-law was as a “mother” and their relationship remained strong to the very end. She was a wonderful Mother and Grandmother. Mary shared her faith in simple and loving ways. She had an active, enjoyable life and she loved to walk every day and was named “walking Mary” by the actor, Richard McKenzie in our neighborhood. She was loving, and forgiving, had a heart of a servant, and always thought of others first. She was and is a remarkable woman.

Left to treasure and cherish her memory is her son, Alfred Louis Costanzo, wife, Melanie, and grandson, Vincent of Albuquerque, NM. Her daughter, Theresa Costanzo Peace, husband, Howard Michael Peace of Asheville, NC, and grandson, Evan Ross Peace, wife, Litasha and great-grandsons, Ethan Howard and Lucas Alexander Peace, of Simpsonville, SC. Her sister, Amelia Toscano Tuthill, and several nieces and nephews.

From Alfred L. Costanzo, a beloved son: "It's difficult to write parting words about my mother. She cared for me for 75 years, comforted me when I was down, cared for me when I was sick, and helped me with her advice, through my formative years, and when I strayed from the path, she provided me with the guidance to help see The Light. She is with The Father, in comfort, free of pain. Thank you Mom for all you did to help me be the man I am today. I hope to pass your wisdom to my children. Be at Peace"

I Corinthians 2:9 – Eye has not seen nor ear heard the things that God has prepared for them who love God. Psalm 16:11 – You will show me the path of life. In Your Presence is fullness of joy and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Please sign her guest book and leave your comments at Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care, in Arden, NC - www.highlandscremationandfuneralcare.com
We appreciate the ministry of Hospice which helped my mom finish in excellent care and comfort.

A private graveside service will be held in Florida at the Bushnell Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo*

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo*

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo*

October 24, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *I remember Mary as my Terry's mom who was a loving, godly woman who loved her family. She was kind, friendly and independent. She loved God, her church and her friends. She was a joyful woman and a blessing to many. ❤️*

Michelle B Chauncey - July 27, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ *Mary inspired all of us her her neighborhood through her daily walking. How could any of us not be motivated to move after seeing her enjoy her walks well into senior years! Yes, we will miss her presence of joy in our neighborhood.
May she rest eternal!
Cindy and Steve Oak*

cindy oak - July 21, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ My condolences to Howard and Terry and their family. I loved to see her walking and enjoyed talking to them when I went by.

Nancy Rathburn - July 21, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Toscano Costanzo.



July 20, 2022 at 08:03 AM

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“ My daughter and I LOVED walking by Mary's house every day. I will miss the opportunity to see her. She always waved and smiled so big, and would blow lots of kisses. She was a highlight of our day and we will miss her so much. ❤️❤️❤️

Lori - July 19, 2022 at 10:28 PM

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“ My husband and I bought the house next door to Mary in Florida in 2004. The moving van was in our driveway and she came over, introduced herself with a tin of muffins. Bob and I were blessed to have Mary as a neighbor and friend. What a warm and kind person. She made me a better person. Mary will be in my warmest memories and heart always.

Monica Kucharski - July 18, 2022 at 05:49 PM

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“ I met Mary when I was 18 years old. All those things mentioned about her were true. She was very loving, forgiving, and fun. Mary was a GREAT cook, and was always cordial and inviting when I came for dinner. I am so glad she is in Heaven, enjoying life to the fullest for eternity!

Colleen Vaughan - July 18, 2022 at 03:00 PM

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I enjoyed Mary she was a favorite Lady to take care of never a dull moment when I was with her full of life and laughed alot. Mary will be greatly missed.she was a very loving Lady. I know she is with the angels. Love and condolences to the Family. Love in Christ , Shirley Taylor

Shirley Taylor - July 18, 2022 at 03:27 PM