



## Mary Ellen Sickles

January 28, 1944 - April 12, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Ellen Sickles, 79, of Tinton Falls, N.J. Mary Ellen succumbed to Pulmonary Fibrosis on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

Mary Ellen is survived by her brother Robert Sickles, her cousin John Vincent Shuhala, as well as by her many nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Mary Ellen spent most of her professional career working as an administrative assistant for several large New Jersey corporations. After retiring, her time was spent caring for three incredible children, Nola, Leighton and Reid.

Visitation will be from 9:30am to 11:00am on Monday April 17th at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. A funeral mass will follow 11:30am at Holy Innocents RC Church, 3455 West Bangs Avenue, Neptune. Interment at Woodbine Cemetery and Mausoleum, Oceanport, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to; St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbine Cemetery and Mausoleum

1173 Eatontown Blvd  
Oceanport, NJ 07757  
<http://www.woodbinecemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Funeral Mass

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Innocent's Church  
3455 West Bangs Avenue  
Neptune, NJ

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ had the pleasure of meeting Mary Ellen at Seabrook and getting to know her over the past few years. Seeing her have fun with the wonderful friends she'd made. Helping her through challenging times during the past few months She was a lovely women. My condolences to her friends and family. May she rest in peace 🕊️

**Brianna Williams** - May 16, 2023 at 07:42 AM

MB

“ heartfelt condolences to Mary Ellen's family from her friends from long ago when we all went to Avon Beach: Miriam Blair and husband Bill; deceased and Raymond Burke partner Britt: deceased.

**miriam blair** - April 17, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mary Ellen at Seabrook. We would play Rummykub with a group. She was a good player. We shared many of laughs. It has been a tough time for her these many months. May she rest in Peace now. My condolences to her family.  
*Paula Benanti*

**Paula Benanti** - April 15, 2023 at 08:33 PM

JA

“ Our deepest condolences from Mark and Janice. We have very fond memories of Aunt Mary and will always remember her gentle soul and kindness. Rest well in God's peace....

**janice androsiglio** - April 15, 2023 at 05:25 PM

LK

“ Rest peacefully, Aunt Mary. I will always cherish my memories with you in New Jersey. I love you.

Laurie Kaiser - April 15, 2023 at 04:40 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Sickles



Bongarzone Funeral Home - April 15, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ Aunt Mary was our favorite aunt! That’s what she would always say because she was our only aunt. My fondest memories are when she and Grandma would come visit us from East Orange for the weekend. We would play games sitting around the dining room table. I haven’t lived close to Aunt Mary in many years but I surely will miss our weekly phone calls. Aunt Mary was an independent, strong, and loyal person, especially to her family. Even though she had no children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews very much. I will miss you and I love you very much, Aunt Mary. May you have eternal happiness with God.

Jacqueline Kaiser - April 15, 2023 at 12:35 PM

MK

“ It is always sad to hear of a family member passing. When we found out about Mary Ellen was ill, we prayed for her daily. Now we pray for the Sickles family and friends. Mary Ellen was a big help when Aunt Marguerite was in the nursing home. She would do her laundry weekly and on occasion, we would run into her and we always talked about meeting at the beach. She was taking care of children that she adored and we were working. Regretfully, we never got the opportunity to do it. With our faith, we pray that she is basking in the sun. May she rest in peace.  
Cousin Michael & Diane Kincaid & family.



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**Michael Kincaid** - April 14, 2023 at 07:30 PM

AM

“ I remember spending the night at Aunt Mary's growing up for girls' nights. She made us feel so special! She always remembered my daughter Bryn on holidays and birthdays. Rest well, Aunt Mary!

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**Amy** - April 14, 2023 at 06:01 PM

SS

Thank you Amy. I am pleased that you have such a fond memory of aunt Mary.

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**Steven Sickles** - April 14, 2023 at 06:21 PM

JA

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**janice androsiglio** - April 15, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Sickles.*



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April 14, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *What a great picture of Mary Ellen! It was a privilege to know her these past 3 years. To walk with her through her new digs in Seabrook, getting to know folks, playing rummy q, and most important learning about Jesus with others in our Bible Study. And then sadly walking through her days of illness. But her faith in Christ kept her focused on meeting her Savior - and falling into His everlasting arms. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Geffon family....Steve, Cynthia, Nola, Leighton and Reid. What a joyful, loving family. No wonder she never stopped sharing about them! Til we meet again....Judy*

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**Judith Tier** - April 14, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Aunt Mary was very dear to me. She was loving and kind even when I was insufferable. As children, she would take us for a ride periodically in her convertible powder blue Impala. It was as close to heaven as I'll ever get. I loved that car but not nearly as much as I loved Aunt Mary. Rest in peace, dearest. You certainly deserve it. - Steve*

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**Steven Sickles** - April 14, 2023 at 01:11 PM



*Dan loved her too because she always loved the both of us without any reservations.*

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**Steven Sickles** - April 14, 2023 at 03:03 PM

NS

“ Aunt Mary,  
You were one special lady, and we will miss you so much! We are comforted knowing that you are whole again, and in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Love you! Scott and Nancy

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**Nancy Sickles** - April 13, 2023 at 07:19 PM



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April 13, 2023 at 07:11 PM

VC

“ Love you Aunt Mary. 💕💕



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**Victoria Clucas** - April 13, 2023 at 06:58 PM