



Mary Ellen Conway

June 16, 1941 - December 26, 2012

Mary Ellen Conway, 71, of Ocean, NJ, died Wednesday at JSMC, Neptune, NJ while surrounded by her loving family. Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Matawan, Westfield, and Basking Ridge before retiring to Rolling Meadows at Wayside, Ocean, NJ.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph D. Conway and her brother John Barry. She is survived by her two sons and daughter-in-laws, Matthew Conway and his wife Diane and Colin Conway and his wife Katherine; her sister Geraldine Barry and her brother James Barry. She is also survived by her grandchildren James, Caroline, Josephine and Zoe.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 7-9 PM on Friday December 28, 2012 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Church of Saint Anselm, Tinton Falls, NJ. Donations in Mary Ellen's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Jersey Shore Region, 2310 Route 34 Suite 1D, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Visitation

DEC **28**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of a lovely lady and good friend.*

Nick Sciorsci

nick sciorsci - December 29, 2012 at 07:43 AM

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“ *AEG Keswick&Philadelphia Team purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Ellen Conway.*



AEG Keswick&Philadelphia Team - December 28, 2012 at 09:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Conway.*



December 27, 2012 at 04:11 PM

“ I met Mary Ellen in October of 1979. We were both new to the Westfield community and she was looking for a tennis partner. I wasn't it, but she noted my redeeming quality was that I drank. She called and asked if I would accompany her to a Welcome Wagon meeting where she could in fact find that partner. A plan was in place; we arrived at a lovely, typical, Westfield colonial home and sat in a living room with about 25 sweater set, pearl necklace clad girls who promptly began talking about the fulfillment of joining the Junior League and the December cookie exchange where all you had to do was make 12 individual packages of one dozen cookies. We all would share and have tea and make friends for life. Mary Ellen's face went white, she turned and looked at me and whispered, "You pass out now and I'll carry you out of here." I knew right there, I had met a kindred spirit. Oh, and when asked point blank about joining Junior League, M.E. quickly responded, "No, no, we're holding out for the majors." From that day on, we went to lunch at least once a week, (once Pete was born, it was the three of us) as well as a cocktail hour, probably twice a week. She decorated many a room of my house, including wallpapering my bathroom, (by herself, I just handed her things) and I very infrequently made any major decision without a Conway consult. She and Joe became beloved by every member of my family, (especially Lindsay) as well as my inner circle of friends; not to mention my mother who would call and say, "I'm coming tonight, call Mary Ellen. My sister-in-law, Susan and she had become so close that they went to dinner regularly with or without me, and Mary Ellen was a very much needed source of comfort when we lost her in 2009. This cathartic rambling is just my way of saying good bye to my cherished friend who has left a gaping hole in my heart and letting her family know (not that they aren't fully aware) what an impact this woman made on whomever she met. Farewell, my brilliant, quick witted, hilarious, friend. You were an inspiration to me from the day I met you. You inspired me to be a better, wife, mother and friend and I await with great anticipation our reunion.

Emma De

Emma DeGiralamo - December 27, 2012 at 10:24 AM