



Mary O'Connell

October 19, 1976 - April 19, 2009

Mary O'Connell passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the age of 32. Loving wife of Christopher. Dearest mother of Gabriella and Ava Grace. Beloved daughter of Frank J. and Linda Knechtel and daughter-in-law of Patrick and Simone O'Connell. Dearest sister of Andrew (Karen) Knechtel and sister-in-law of Scott (Keli) O'Connell. Dear aunt of Liam, Charlie, Sammy and Mason.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd
Macomb Twp, MI

Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I was friends with MARY while she worked for Cambridge Mortgage. My thoughts and prayers are extended to the family.##imported-begin##Michelle Moss##imported-end##

May 08, 2009 at 09:50 PM



“ Mary was such a wonderful person, always has something nice to say and always had a great big smile on her face. I got to know her by working with her at Cambridge Mortgage and will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Jennifer (Knoll) Keranen##imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 12:05 PM



“ Mary was a truly wonderful person in all respects. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. As a neighbor and friend we often talked over the fence while the girls were playing. She never once complained about anything. The generation gap between us never existed as we had many common concerns and interests. While we only knew Mary for three short years we feel privileged and honored to have crossed paths with her and her family.

She brought an extra sparkle of life and joy to us all.

Mary will be greatly missed.

Larry and Hope Reed##imported-begin##Larry and Hope Reed##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ Dear Family of Mary--

I never met Mary even though she became a part of my family by marriage. But I heard so many wonderful things about her through her sister-in-law Karen Knechtl (my sister) and the rest of my family (the Wilders).

Our family prayed many rosaries and Divine Mercy Chaplets for her. We were so relieved to hear that she died at the very hour of God's mercy (3:00) on Divine Mercy Sunday!! It is truly miraculous!!

We will continue to pray for all of you--may God's grace bring you peace.

Love, Jeniffer, Michael, Grace, Brendan, Bridget, Mary Clare and Noelle Powers--Coeur d'Alene Idaho.###imported-begin##Jeniffer Powers###imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 08:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Mary was a wonderful friend whom I wish I had more time to get to know. I'll never forget her beautiful smile, creativity, and "spunk" for life! I know she was an AWSOME mom who will be greatly missed by her lovely daughters, Gaby and Ava Grace, and husband, Chris. I pray that Mary's charm lives on through her girls and her love shines through all of those she touched during her short stay on Earth. Mary, may your face continue to shine like the sun as God hold's you now in the palm of his hand. God Bless You!###imported-begin##Amy & Julia Zael###imported-end##*

April 21, 2009 at 06:31 PM



“ Dear Linda --

I am Sylvia's friend who ran into you several months ago at The Christmas Tree Shoppe. You told me about your daughter's illness and introduced me to her. She was just lovely.

You must be very comforted to know that she now lies in Jesus' arms. When it comes to hugs, He gives the best.

Love,

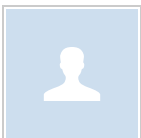
Linda###imported-begin##Linda Brady##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 04:13 PM



“ *It is truly sad when tragedy such as death takes a young person as your loved one. I am truly sorry for your loss and hope that you are able to find comfort in the memories you cherish about Mary. There is a book that assures us that Mary will have the opportunity to come back to peaceful conditions on this earth. Where death no longer exists and the earth is a paradise. I sincerely hope that these thoughts and your memories will be encouraging to you.###imported-begin##Nitisha Walker##imported-end##*

April 21, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ *With deepest heartfelt sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Denise, CMH Staff###imported-begin##Denise Mandrick##imported-end##*

April 21, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ *Mary was a spritely, beautiful, and fun Mom to her children. I will miss her beautiful smile and sweet demeanor.*

*Chrissy & Craig, Abbey,
Sydney, and Trevor Poinsett###imported-begin##Chrissy Poinsett &
family###imported-end##*

April 20, 2009 at 11:26 PM



“ *Please accept our condolences. You are in our hearts and prayers. Love Joanna Kala and family###imported-begin##Joanna Kala###imported-end##*

April 20, 2009 at 11:21 PM



“ *There are but a few times in our lives when we meet someone, who is so special, that person changes us forever. With her radiant smile, warm, open charm and unselfish disposition, Mary was, is, and always will be, one of those special few. To her loving husband, and her beautiful girls, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences. To her parents, and other family members, we thank you for allowing us to know Mary. Humbly, we are honored to have known such a beautiful lady. May the Angels greet and welcome her as one of their own.###imported-begin##Howard, Diana & Angel Minto###imported-end##*

April 20, 2009 at 11:02 PM



“ Frank & Linda,
I am sorry for your loss, I remember her as the sweet little girl I used to baby sit for. I still remember playing Strawberry Shortcake with her. Please know you all are in my prayers. May God give you all strength and peace at this time of sadness and may you have His joy knowing she is in Jesus' loving arms.##imported-begin##Zoann (Cook) Beck##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ Dear Knechtl and O'Connell Families,

My family and I are so sorry for your loss. Mary was a beautiful, spunky, creative woman who will be missed. Her spirit will live on in her beautiful daughters and those who knew and loved her. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help, during this challenging time.

Love,
Dayna, Paul, and Isabella Caradonna##imported-begin##Dayna Elfont-Caradonna##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 04:22 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to grow up with Mary being my dearest friend. The Knechtl's felt like they were an extension of my own family. My childhood memories are full of happy times spent playing and spending time with Mary. She was so special-and I always remember wanting to be exactly like her, even down to her hairstyle. I am so sorry and will always remember her and her family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Andrea Gulisano##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mary. She was a great friend and always had a smile on her face that will never be forgotten!!!! I enjoyed spending time with her and her girls we have fun times. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family.##imported-begin##Christine Miller##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 10:03 AM



“ Mary was a fun woman, fully and strongly involved in her daughters lives, they were her life. She was a most proud mother and that is all that you can ask for in life. Her daughters were her life's work and she has left 2 beautiful blessings behind to carry on her legacy. God was merciful on my sister in law. The Divine Mercy Chaplet answers all prayers.##imported-begin##Karen Knecht##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 09:54 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Tracy Miles##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 09:05 AM



“ To our dear friends the Knechtl's and O'Connell's,

You have our most heartfelt and deepest sympathies for the loss of Mary. I will always remember her as a loving caring and smiling girl (our next door neighbor) who grew into a wonderful daughter, sister, wife and mother of two beautiful girls. Chris, may God grant you the strength to carry on her legacy and the peace of knowing that she will always be watching over your girls. Frank, Linda and Andy, may the Almighty grant you consolation during this very difficult time and in the days ahead. Always hold in you hearts the tresure and the gift of dear Mary's life. May God Bless you all always and grant you his peace.

Russ, Trisha, Joseph, Michael and Anthony Ortisi###imported-begin##Russ Ortisi###imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 07:02 AM



“ *I was a new member to MOPS this year so I never had the pleasure of getting to know Mary personally. I was part of the "Mary's Prayer Warriors" and prayed for her often. Many of the ladies at MOPS spoke of Mary often and how she touched their lives. I know she was a wonderful Mother and a special friend to many. I will now continue to pray for her family. I am so very sorry. I hope in time that family & friends will find comfort knowing that one day we will be reunited in the Holy Kingdom with Mary. May God Bless you, Susan Bingham###imported-begin##Susan Bingham###imported-end##*

April 19, 2009 at 09:46 PM



“ May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead and take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you. Chris, Gabby, Eva, Linda and Frank you are in our prayers.

Brad and Carol###imported-begin###Carol Kumaus###imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 09:41 PM



“ Mary was an awesome woman and an outstanding mom. She will be missed by everyone. She touched so many lives. Mary and her family will remain in our prayers. God's blessings, Kristin, Kelsey, Emily and Katy Oprita###imported-begin###Kristin Oprita###imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 08:28 PM



“ Mary always reminded me of an angel on earth. She was beautiful inside and out, so loving and full of life. Chris, Gaby and Eva my heart goes out to you and ache for you as Mary will always live in our hearts.###imported-begin###Nathalie Roethemeyer###imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 02:48 PM



“ I loved Mary. The impact that her friendship has had on my life cannot be measured. I am a better person and mother because of her. My heart aches for the loss of this wonderful women. She will not be forgotten...she will live in the hearts of the people who loved her forever.###imported-begin###Melanie Barker###imported-end##

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