



Mary Ann Melchiorre

May 2, 1936 - July 16, 2015

Mary Ann Melchiorre (nee Mellon), Born May 2, 1936, died July 16, 2015 from complications of dementia. Mary Ann was born in Philadelphia, PA, the youngest child and only daughter of the late Lawrence J. Mellon and Kathryn Pizzagno Mellon, RN. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years Joseph, her daughters Theresa (Joseph) Melchiorre Krettek, Regina (Stephen) Melchiorre Brown, Katharine (Kurt) Starsinic, three grandsons who were the great loves of her life, brother Lawrence J. (Ann) Mellon Jr, MD, brother John Mellon, a host of nieces, nephews, and many 'fourth daughters'. She joins her brother Charles (Patricia) Mellon in Heaven. Mary Ann was raised in Colwyn, PA, graduated from West Catholic High School and performed in many local theater productions. Upon graduation she worked for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and performed with the Philadelphia Savoy Opera Company. She and her husband Joe relocated from Colwyn to Ardmore, PA to raise their family. Mary Ann attended Temple University part-time while her children were in elementary school, earning a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. Upon graduation, she joined Janney, Montgomery, Scott, a stock brokerage firm in Philadelphia, eventually retiring as their Vice President of Compliance and in-house Counsel. She continued her education through Temple University's Evening Law School, earning her Juris Doctor degree. Mary Ann was active in human resources professional organizations, including serving as President of the Society of Human Resources Management. Upon retirement, she became an industry

representative and Judge for FINRA. Mary Ann loved her family, music, travel, theater and politics. A devout Catholic, she sang for many years in her church choir and participated in many church activities. She was a lifelong Democrat, serving for a time as a local committee person. She was a tireless and stalwart community advocate, particularly in issues of women's rights. She has now joined the Choir of Angels. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either Saunders House ATTN: Recreation Fund 100 Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood PA 19096 or the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St #102, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Cemetery Details

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

Springfield, PA

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

JUL **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Inc.
30 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
(610) 642-6303

Funeral Mass

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Presentation B.V.M. Church
204 Haverford Road
Wynnewood, PA

Tribute Wall

SO

“ she was my grandma every time I saw her she would give me a big hug i just never got to say goodbye

s017899 - November 13, 2018 at 12:35 PM

KM

“ My heart aches knowing I will never have the pleasure of seeing my dear Aunt again, never feel her wonderful hugs, never hear her infectious laugh here on earth. I still have fond memories of Aunt Mary Ann coming to my house in the summer and picking me up and taking me to Clayton and Colwyn. She made me feel special that she picked me out of all my brothers and sisters to go on her many adventures, and they always were adventures no matter where we went. Aunt Mary Ann was an amazing woman, who myself, my sisters, daughters, nieces looked up to as true role model and mentor. She was always available to talk too, with great knowledge and advice. She and my dad were the life of any party they attended. She always wanted to hear about you and how you're doing. My prayers go out to Uncle Joe, Theresa, Joseph, Joseph Jr. Regina, Steve, Ryan, Katharine, Kurt and Tristan.

Kitty Mellon - July 24, 2015 at 10:47 AM

CM

“ I did not know Mary Ann but I have only heard wonderful things about her from her sister in law, Marian. God bless you Joe, and keep you well. Carol Mazer

Carol maer - July 24, 2015 at 08:22 AM

JK

“ I had the privilege of getting to know Ms. Melchiorre when my brother, Jospeh, married her daughter, Theresa. She has a larger than life personality. She welcomed me and my family with open arms and lots of hugs. My mother, who is demure in comparison, immediately felt the love that was similar to her own Italian/Slovenian family. My mother bonded with her right away as they both raised families while pursuing their upper education. That is quite a feat, especially considering that each was able to raise children that went on to follow their lead to pursue higher levels of education, including Theresa following her mother into law. I appreciated Mrs. Melchiorre's intelligence and knowledge in her field. I enjoyed her style. She was the life of the party whether there was a party going on or not. I also appreciate the loving, caring, deep love she and her husband share with one another. They knew how to make marriage work and grew together into, as the Bible describes, one flesh. The world is a better place for having her in it and she will be missed.

Janet M Krettek - July 24, 2015 at 07:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Melchiorre.



July 23, 2015 at 08:00 AM

LA

“ Love, Beth & Andrea purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ann Melchiorre.



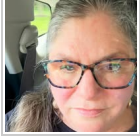
Love, Beth & Andrea - July 22, 2015 at 08:28 PM

LS

“ Lori, Bill and Lisa Starsinic purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann Melchiorre.



Lori, Bill and Lisa Starsinic - July 22, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ Years ago when I was first working in Philadelphia there was this beautiful woman who carried herself so regally that used to get on the R5 at Suburban Station. At that time I never knew who she was but used to marvel at the way that she carried herself and that never before or since have I ever seen a woman where a business suit as well.

Eventually I found out who she was when she hired me at Janney Montgomery Scott and she was the Firm's Chief Compliance Officer. I hated the job and left after a few months but stayed in touch with Mary Ann for years.

Then I lost track of her and life continued on and I met this woman my own age who became my friend. I knew her only as Regina Brown. Then one day someone said her maiden name and a lightbulb went off and I realized whose daughter she was. Thanks to Regina, I had her mother in my life for a few more years.

A few years ago, before her memory escaped her, Mary Ann once again took the time to mentor me professionally. I was going through breast cancer and holding down a Compliance Officer's job of my own at that time, and she gave me advice that helped me so very much.

Regina, your mother was a force of nature and beloved to so many. I am but one of the people so grateful to have known her.

God bless all of you at this time.

Carla Mudry - July 21, 2015 at 01:37 PM

TD

“ I first met Mary Ann when I traveled to Philadelphia for her daughter (and my best friend) Regina's wedding to her husband Steve. Throughout all the hustle and stress of a large family wedding, she was always nothing but kind to me and made me feel nothing but welcome. Over the years since, my husband and I had several more opportunities to visit with Mary Ann and Joe and always had a lot of fun in their upbeat and witty company.

We always enjoyed our visits with Mary Ann and we will always have fond memories of her.

R.I.P Mary Ann - you will always have a special place in our hearts and your family is in our thoughts.

Todd Drashner and Chris Spiel

Todd Drashner - July 20, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DW

“ Mary Ann was always a cheerful and sweet person. Met her when I married into my husbands family, the Weller's. Mrs Peg (Donovan) Weller was a dear friend of Mary Ann's Mom. Lost track of Mary Ann & Joe for several years, until after my husband passed away. When I moved to Lakebridge in Deptford, NJ, lo and behold, guess who was already residing in Lakebridge. Both Mary Ann and Joe are what I consider to be accomplished artists. We enjoyed hours of laughing and encouragement, while having fun at Lakebridge Art Club.

Will miss her distinctive humor, quick smile and charm.

Deepest sympathy to her dear husband and family, on their loss of such a wonderful person.

Dottie Weller

Dorothy Weller - July 20, 2015 at 06:03 PM

RN

“ I worked with MaryAnn at JMS back in the mid to late 80's. I was her assistant and she drive me crazy!! But that was a part of her charm. She was always very good to me. RIP My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Ruth Odgers Nagle

ruth odgers nagle - July 20, 2015 at 02:18 PM

TK

“ Don't know the year but there was a major transit strike in the Philly area in the early 80's. My wife and I drove in to the city every day with a co-worker of mine and picked up MA in ardmore on our way in. Needless to say that traffic was horrific so we had to leave very early and on the way to Ardmore the three of us in the car were tired and quiet, well that ended quickly in Ardmore when MA entered the car! Even that early in the morning she was raring to go and got us all quickly into conversation and laughs. Her wealth of knowledge astounded all of us so one morning we decided to 'stump her' we each picked something very old and obscure to discuss in a variety of topics. Well needless to say from subjects from sports to travel to old college drinking songs MA couldn't be stumped, she knew it all and had great anecdotes for each that kept us awed and entertained on our ride into the city, Needless to say that was only time we tried to stump her!

Mary Ann will be fondly remembered by us and we are assured in our belief that such a kind, caring and wonderful person is now enjoying her well earned rewards in heaven.

Tom & Deidre Koerick

Tom Koerick - July 20, 2015 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ I have very fond memories of working with Mary Ann from her days as a board member of DELVACCA the Association of Corporate Counsel's local chapter in the Philadelphia Delaware Valley area. It was such a pleasure knowing her and she was so sweet and caring. I have thought of her often over the years and was saddened to hear of her passing. Joe, not sure if you remember me but please accept my deepest sympathy and that of DELVACCA and it's members.

Chris Stewart - July 19, 2015 at 05:54 PM