



Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor

November 5, 1955 - April 28, 2026

Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor passed away on April 28th, 2026 peacefully in her home. She was born on November 5, 1955 and lived a life defined by generosity, curiosity, and an unmistakable warmth.

Raised in Philadelphia, she had a deep love for all things Irish, shaped in part by her time spent living in Ireland during her younger years, and carried that spirit of culture, storytelling, and connection with her throughout her life.

Tricia dedicated her career to education as a special education teacher at George Washington High School in Philadelphia, where she made a lasting impact on her students through her patience, advocacy, and unwavering belief in their potential. In addition to her work in the classroom, she served as a swim coach, where she was known not just for building strong athletes, but for being a mentor and enthusiastic cheerleader to all who knew her.

Outside of her professional life, Tricia found joy in traveling, cooking, reading, and, most of all, bringing people together. Whether on the beaches of Punta del Este, Uruguay or along the Jersey Shore, she was always in search of sunshine, good times, and great company. She had a natural gift for entertaining, creating spaces where people felt welcome, seen, and celebrated. It wasn't uncommon to hear her share a cheerful "Sláinte" or a spirited "Go Birds!"—small but unmistakable reflections of her enthusiasm and

love for life. Whether through a thoughtfully prepared meal, a shared story, or a simple moment of laughter, Tricia had a way of turning the everyday into something joyful and memorable.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret O'Connor; her siblings, Peg Chernay (John), Kathy Shields (Chuck), Bill O'Connor (Maureen), Joe O'Connor (Susan) and Ann Senski (Bill); and her beloved nieces and nephews, who brought her immense pride and joy. She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her Funeral Mass will be held at St Christopher's Catholic Church in Somerton, PA on Monday, May 18th at 10:30 am. The family will receive guests from 9:30 am 10:15 am.

Tricia will be remembered for her kindness, her spirit, and the countless lives she uplifted through her encouragement, humor, and love.

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
13301 Proctor Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19116

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Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Trisha growing up in Somerton. I was a year ahead of her but we ‘hit it off’ I met her a few times in Ireland (she used to go every other summer for a month or two) I had friends in London so when I knew I was going to visit them, I let Trisha know, and we made plans to meet in Dublin. We had a ball closing the Pubs down! Such good memories. Slánleat my friend! I will see you again on the other side!

Nancy Hassell Llewellyn - May 19 at 08:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor.



May 16 at 08:24 PM

BD

“ Betsy & Kevin Donohoe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor.



Betsy & Kevin Donohoe - May 16 at 08:39 AM

IT

“ In loving memory, Donna Tschoepe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor.



In loving memory, Donna Tschoepe - May 13 at 10:18 AM

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“ In loving memory, Donna Tschoepe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor.

In loving memory, Donna Tschoepe - May 13 at 10:18 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. I will miss Tricia so much! I will miss our trips to the jewelry shows, eating at Jersey Mike's (her favorite), our yard sales (where we sold absolutely nothing), going to the movies and laughing over everything silly. But most of all, I will miss my friend so very much.

Donna Tschoepe - May 13 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ Jack, John and Eileen Bradley purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Patricia "Tricia" O'Connor.



Jack, John and Eileen Bradley - May 12 at 07:47 PM

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