



Mary Alice Dooley

May 8, 1938 - February 27, 2015

Age 76, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Mary Alice was born May 8, 1938 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Raymond B. and Lorene A. (Hutchinson) Marshall. On September 12, 1959 in Detroit, MI, she married Thomas M. Dooley and he survives. Mary Alice was an avid golfer and tried to go golfing every day. Survivors in addition to her husband include their children Thomas (Jan) Dooley, Bridget (Ed) Kozlow, Brian (Catherine) Dooley, Anne (Tim) Huyge, and Cathleen Dooley. Other survivors include their grandchildren Erin, Megan, and Maureen Kozlow, Brian Huyge, Jack Dooley, Tom Huyge, and Aidan and Liam Dooley. Mary Alice was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Jack Marshall. Cremation has taken place. A Rosary Service will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline with Deacon Paul Ellis, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made out to American Heart. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may begin calling on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. until the time of the Rosary service at 7:00 P.M. Burial will take place privately at the Lodi Township Cemetery in Lodi Twp., MI. To sign Mary Alice's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Township Cemetery

Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline
Road
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Dooley*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Tom and Family,
It goes without saying that Mary Alice is one of the dearest people to many people, and that includes me. She was a woman that I absolutely loved to be with and enjoyed every time I saw her smiling face. I looked forward to every opportunity to see her. Her sense of humor and wonderful spirit will forever be missed on earth, but I know she is spreading her joy in Heaven. May God comfort you in this very difficult time, and keep you reminded that she is still smiling but in a different place. She will always live in your hearts and those of us who love her very much.
Rest in Peace Mary Alice knowing you were very loved.
Suella and Tom Tecco*

Suella Tecco - March 04, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ *Dear Tom and Family,*

Our sincere condolences on the passing of your wife and Mother, Mary Alice. We enjoyed the time we spent with her. We learned to be ourselves at the Club because of the way she made us feel. We only wish we could have spent more time with her. We hope that God's love will ease your pain at this difficult time. May she rest comfortably in Heaven.

Mark & Betty Schick

Mark Schick - March 04, 2015 at 07:49 AM

AF

“Joining Travis Pointe was a great decision for our family in 2000. Somehow Mary Alice and I were paired together on a Thursday spring morning. She was so easy to talk and laugh with. She loved the game and treasured every minute of it. Simply put she had been to hell and back with colon cancer and her priorities were in order. As I took the reins of the TWGA for a second term I “drafted” Mary Alice into coordinating special tournaments. She threatened to serve macaroni and cheese at an event. Of course, Denise Curdy ensured that a different menu would be served. As 9/11 had just taken place Mary Alice decided a patriotic and comfort-food theme would be appropriate for the member guest. Every one had a great time and was adorned in red white and blue that day. While Mary Alice was quite the joker I managed to get her back with a box of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese!

Mary Alice loved Notre Dame football most especially when they were playing the Wolverines! It seemed a shame when the teams went on hiatus for a few years. But when they returned, she was right there cheering the Irish on. There was only one problem, many TP members along with Mike Areddy and his staff were rabid Wolverine fans. Mary Alice loved the fact that her friend, Anne Marie loved the Irish just as much. But it was in the early hours on a Sunday morning after an Irish victory that she snuck over to the club and placed shamrocks over the pro shop locks!! And when Michigan prevailed she was gracious in defeat.

As Alexander got older I had a little more time to play golf with her. She never wore golf shoes but wore running shoes instead! She would talk about her adventures with Tom toting horses all over the east coast! And she would drive to Chicago to visit family and always managed a quick stop to pray at the Grotto at Notre Dame. Chances are good that she checked out the bookstore and bought some Irish souvenirs for her grandchildren.

In 2005 the Fallek family embarked for an adventure in Texas. She spoke of her visit to the Cotton Bowl when Notre Dame played. While we were 1500 miles apart our visits now consisted of phone calls. Caller ID can be dangerous as Tom would recognize my phone number and say, “Yeah what do you want!??” It was not long

before he handed the phone over to his bride and we would catch up. We never missed a Sunday morning chat after the annual Notre Dame-Michigan football game!

In 2007 we were chatting and she inquired that maybe I might like to come and play in the Invitational. Carolyn Hess would be her partner and I would play with Alice. We did not do very well but we had a great time. I returned the following year as well for more fun and frolic with Mary Alice.

The Fallek family decided to move to Pittsburgh and in 2013 Mary Alice hatched the idea of our partnership in the Invitational and Alice invited Nancy to play. She told me of her health challenges and said her playing might be compromised. Frankly our partnership was so much more than 36 holes of golf. As luck would have it we started on the 16th hole and she had a par but also got 2 strokes. Bingo Mary Alice had a 1 on that hole. That evening our team was in the middle of the flight and not playing in the shoot out. On Friday it was warmer and she managed to play most holes. When our team had the "hole under control" she was encouraged to rest up since she was missing her dialysis appointment. We had a decent score and I thought to myself maybe our team has a chance of finishing in the money. I was never so happy to see Mary Alice finally win! And many of her friends came to me and expressed joy for her success. She gave her fuschia Adidas jacket to her granddaughter.

Anne Marie Fallek - March 03, 2015 at 11:14 PM

AF

“ Health challenges continued to prevail along with thrice-weekly dialysis treatments and our conversations continued. Last summer she asked if I could play again in the Invitational. She did hint to me that her energy was decreasing. Our team returned intact our goal was a little different. Mary Alice needed to have some fun and let's not finish d*** a** last!!!!:) And that we did. Mary Alice and I said good bye and hugged. Driving home I was pretty sure that this was her last Invitational! I wondered how we could keep her involved in the Invitational.

Mary Alice was technologically challenged but with the help of her grandchildren she joined the Ipad world and played Words with Friends with family members and me. She would complain to me about her win-loss record but never once resigned from a game. We would also chat through the message function of the game. We were still playing and messaging until the day before she died! I was playing a platform tennis tournament on Friday morning and finally beat a team that my BFF and I had been losing to for the past 3 years! Maybe just maybe Mary Alice intervened. I walked off the court and looked at my Iphone and saw Florine had called and left a message. There was no good way to tell me since everyone knew how close we were! I called Florine and told her that I had no regrets since I had spoke with Mary Alice the week before. It seems she ate a huge hot dog and landed in the hospital with another rhythm disturbance. She told me how good the hot dog tasted. In retrospect I am so happy she finally ate something she truly missed since dialysis robs you of eating and drinking anything that tastes good. I had no regrets with regard to our friendship since I had kept in touch and played in the invitational.

I made calls to my Travis Pointe friends, Mike Areddy, Pat, FLorine and Alice. And then I received a phone call from Teresa Gannon and an email from Sandy Reagan. They knew how special our relationship was! Yes it was so special and so giving on both sides. Mary Alice sent me some special “Irish” charms for my running shoes. She just always surprised me.

While a Mass would have been nice and I am sure friends will offer a Mass for her, the Rosary was special to her. So special that when

Tom and Mary Alice arrived at our home for a Ryder Cup party her gift (from Ireland!!:) was a Beleek Rosary holder. Yes that was Mary Alice!

Mary Alice you were so special to me and taught me a life lesson. When life gives you lemons, do not dwell on the negative but be happy and smile. And by all means try and play golf even if it is only one hole. Yes your glass of beer was always half full. It may seem to be a trite saying but it is appropriate to say "well done good and faithful servant"!!! I am sure heaven is learning of your Irish exploits and you are no longer suffering from colon cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attacks, asthma. Travis Pointe will never be the same but your family and friends will celebrate every bad shot they hit and maybe curse and laugh because that is what you would do.

Also I had the privilege of sharing my memories with Anne the other day! We laughed and cried together. I did not make it to Ann Arbor today since the weather did not cooperate! If you would not mind could you please talk to God and tell him it is time for the sun to shine, the ground to dry out and the golf course to open.

I love you and will miss you!!

Love you always,

Anne Marie

Anne Marie Fallek - March 03, 2015 at 11:13 PM

JC

“ *John and Cheryl purchased the Peaceful White Lies Basket for the family of Mary Alice Dooley.*



John and Cheryl - March 02, 2015 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of your wife / mother's passing. May the memories you have of her always put sunshine in your soul!

Sue Holley (Metz)

Sue Holley - March 02, 2015 at 12:08 PM

CP

“ Offering Leo's and my condolences and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely, Cindy and Leo

Cindy Petherbridge - March 02, 2015 at 05:36 AM

GD

“ To Tom and Family, my wife and I send our sincere sympathy. May Mary Alice rest in peace.

George and Agnes Dikeman

George Dikeman - March 01, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Dooley.



March 01, 2015 at 04:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Dooley.*



March 01, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ *Mary Alice was one of the first people I met when I moved to Michigan and joined Travis Pointe. She was one of the most honest and sincere people I have ever met. You always knew where you stood with her. She always spoke her mind and made no excuses for her opinions. She was a very special lady and she will be missed.*

Mike and I will not be there to say goodbye but Tom and all of her family will be in our prayers.

Teresa and Mike Gannon

Teresa Gannon - March 01, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ *Tom and family of Mary Alice, Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Mary Alice was one of my favorite people at Travis Pointe. In addition to her great sense of humor, Mary Alice had a wonderful resolve and approach to life. She will be missed greatly by me and many others who knew her.*

Andy Eggan

Andy Eggan - February 28, 2015 at 12:24 PM

CR

“ I am so sad to hear about Mary Alice's passing. I have admired her, and always enjoyed her sense of humor these many years, when we did exercise class together, early in the morning. What a hoot she was.

I feel very lucky to have known her.

Colleen Rheam - February 28, 2015 at 12:17 PM

LL

“ My very dear friend. I love you and will miss you more than my words can ever express. There are wonderful stories, they could fill a book.

To Tom and the Dooley family, you are in my prayers. What a treasure you had. I know your close bond will carry you through this very difficult time.

I'd give anything to hear Mary give me guff about being happy in the morning, just one more time.

Lynda Laycock

Lynda Laycock - February 28, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MO

“ Mark and Susan extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mary Alice. We miss you.

The Dooley family's peace and comfort are in our thoughts and prayers.

We will miss your lively sense of humor, quick wit, and our weekly dinners

And Mary Alice remember to KEEP the FILTERS OFF!

Mark & Susan Obert - February 28, 2015 at 07:23 AM



“ I am so heartbroken over this. Mary has always held a special place in my heart...even when she was giving me a hard time. It was a pleasure taking care of such a great women for over 4 years. Prayers go out to the entire family. I am truly going to miss Mary more than anything. She always put a smile on my face. RIP and don't forget the Jelly up there in heaven. (Inside joke) I love you Mary and Tom! Love Jamie Knapp, DaVita

Jamie Kilgore Knapp - February 27, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JG

“ We are heartbroken here in Ann Arbor Davita. We loved our Mary and pray for you Tom and the rest of your family. She will be truly missed and never forgotten! Jodi/ Jamie and all the davita crew

jodi good - February 27, 2015 at 11:13 AM

SL

“ To Mary's wonderful husband Tom and family. I was blessed to meet Mary over the past few years in Ann Arbor and saw her weekly at the clinic. I adored her and share I your sadness today. I recall her speaking with pride about her children and grandchildren! She always kept us up on all their accomplishments. I laugh while thinking about the story of "miss turkey." Please know I send my love and prayers to all of you. Mary was a VERY special lady. Sue Leslie

sue l - February 27, 2015 at 10:59 AM

DD

So very sorry to hear about Mary. She was a lovely lady and was always kind. I worked at Travis Pointe Country Club for 25 years and she was a very good friend. She will be missed and I am sending love and prayers to her family.

Denise DeDinas

Denise DeDnas - February 28, 2015 at 08:16 AM

DL

A wonderful witty, kind and giving lady. Driving to Windsor together belly laughing about the quirks of our lives at that time are some of my fondest memories you both! Tom you and your children are in my prayers.

Leach-San

David Leach - March 01, 2015 at 05:50 PM

BF

The angels are rejoicing in heaven at the death of this saint! Yes, Mary Alice was a character with a wickedly funny sense of humor, which included numerous pranks of legendary proportions, but she had a heart of gold. She and Tom were the first to sign up for the annual golf fundraiser for the Saline high school golf teams every year since its inception. Mary Alice initiated several raffles of prizes she donated (including U of M v. Notre Dame tickets one year!) with the proceeds benefiting the teams. All this was done quietly, without fanfare on her own. She loved golf but true to her generous spirit, she equally loved promoting the game to the younger generation.

I feel very blessed to have known Mary Alice and only wish I could have know her even better. She was truly one of those unforgettable people who enrich your life and encourage you to aspire higher. Dave and I send our prayers to Tom and the Dooley family on the loss of your very loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed!

Betsy French - March 04, 2015 at 10:39 AM

RO

Not sure if you all will see this but so sorry.. I am on face book and would love to talk and see you!

robyn.martindale@ge.com - August 21, 2015 at 07:54 PM