



## Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo

December 27, 1932 - May 6, 2025

Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo 12/27/1932 – 05/06/2025

Beloved wife of the late P. Russell Rizzo; devoted and loving mother of Joe (Valerie)

Rizzo, Anne (Craig) Hering, Holly (Mike) McGinnis and Shari (Joe) Vitro; proud and

loving grandma to Christian (Danielle) Clark, Russell (Casey) Rizzo, Jocelyn (Sean)

Herbert, Colin (Chris) Page McGinnis, Emily (Barrett) Crowder, Connor (Natalie) Prims

McGinnis, Joey Hering and Lizzy (Steven) Riley; and great grandmother to Isla, Audrey,

Eliza, Topher Aaron, Lilly and Liam. Also survived by many nephews and nieces that

she cherished.

Mary was originally born and raised in Tonawanda, NY. After marrying Russ in 1959,

she moved to North Tonawanda where she spent most of her life. She devoted herself

entirely to her faith, family and friends. She was very involved in volunteering at church

and in her children's and grandchildren's schools and extracurricular activities.

As their family grew, both she and Russ willingly opened their home to their

children's

many friends. Mary enjoyed getting to know them and was like a second mom to many.

Mary truly treasured time with her immediate and extended family. She loved decorating

for every holiday and hosting gatherings. Family time was everything to her.

She

frequently shared these happy memories as she aged and eventually became the

matriarch of the family.

Mary will always be known to family and friends alike for her delicious and much

requested apple pie and cheesecake. She was always being complimented on her

beautiful complexion and pretty red fingernails. Her hobbies included sewing, ceramics,

gardening, reading and Pinochle. She also enjoyed making puzzles and playing board

games with her grandchildren. As a lifelong resident of western New York, Mary was an

avid Bills fan. She diligently recorded the final scores for each game and could often be

heard saying, "Go Bills, Go!"

A Committal Service will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery on May 17, 2025 at 10am.

Those who wish to attend are asked to assemble at the cemetery office where everyone

will then proceed to the Chapel together.

In lieu of flowers, Mass offerings are graciously accepted or donations in

Mary's

memory may be made to the Bright Focus Foundation for macular

degeneration

research at <https://donate.brightfocus.org/bff/donate>

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave.  
Kenmore, NY 14217

# Previous Events

## Committal Services

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Kenmore, NY 14217

*Please assemble at the Cemetery office.*

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Judson, Brandee, Taylor, Courtney Boothe purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo.



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**Judson, Brandee, Taylor, Courtney Boothe** - May 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JB

“ Judson, Brandee, Taylor, Courtney Boothe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo.

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**Judson, Brandee, Taylor, Courtney Boothe** - May 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JM

“ I just read about the passing of Mary. I remember her as a devoted wife to Russ in life and also in his ventures in political office. I will remember Mary as a kind and friendly lady who always greeted me with a smile. Sincerest condolences to the Rizzo family. Jeff Mis

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**Jeffrey Mis** - May 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ Dear Rizzo Family, Our deep condolences for the passing of your special Mom. I have such lovely memories of Mary, especially as I was growing up. May God give you all peace and comfort. Sincerely, Cindy Nassiff Adcock



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**Fred & Cindy Nassiff Adcock** - May 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo.



May 07, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ Love, Greg, Tamela, Ben and Sam Spitzer purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo.



**Love, Greg, Tamela, Ben and Sam Spitzer** - May 07, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Frances (nee Keane) Rizzo.



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