



## MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA

September 18, 1940 - March 16, 2023

Mary Ellen Olivia, 82, of Solvay, passed away Thursday at home surrounded by her loving and devoted children. Mary Ellen was born in Syracuse on September 18, 1940, the daughter of the late Timothy McConnell and Mae (Collins) McConnell and was a graduate of Syracuse Central High School. She pursued her life-long dream of nursing when her children were in high school. In 1985, Mary Ellen graduated from Central Tech Nursing School and cared for others in their homes as an LPN. Mary Ellen dedicated her life to her husband and children and was instrumental in supporting her husband's electrical company and her children's goals and dreams. Mary Ellen embodied compassion, gentleness, grace, love, and was known for her quick-witted humor. She enjoyed short trips to NYC to see Broadway plays, traveling to Georgia and time spent with her granddaughters. Mary Ellen had a love of history and Ireland and would often refer to herself as a "Royal Watcher." Mary Ellen, loved dearly by her granddaughters and many nieces and nephews, was affectionately called Nana and Aunt Mye. She was a communicant of St. Marianne Cope Parish-St. Cecilia Church. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter "Bud" Olivia and her parents and brother, Barry E. McConnell, sisters-in-law Margaret McConnell, Ann Marie Paladino, Lorraine Lavine, and Margaret Morrisette and brothers-in-law, Anthony Paladino, Sanford Lavine, Denis Huppmann, and Patrick Olivia Jr.

Mary Ellen is survived by her two daughters, Elizabeth, of North Syracuse and Deborah, of Suwanee, GA, two sons, Peter, of Marcellus and Daniel

(Meaghan), of Onondaga Hill; her granddaughters, Grace, Clare, Emma, and Sarah; a sister, Sally Block and a brother, Timothy McConnell, a cousin, George Tackley, a sister-in-law, Carol Huppmann and brothers-in-law, Lawrence (Mary) Olivia and Clarence Morrisette, and many nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank Zina Chandler, Paula Straughter, and Lareea Chisholm for their unwavering love, care, and above all friendship that they wholeheartedly gave to Mary Ellen over the last several years. Additionally, we would like to thank Dr. Todd Lentz, her primary care physician, for his attentiveness and empathy shown to Mary Ellen and Dr. William Berkery, her cardiologist, for his compassionate care and friendship over the years.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 PM Monday March 20th at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay. Funeral services will be held 9:15 AM Tuesday March 21st at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 AM Tuesday March 21st at Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Dr. Syracuse. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to Holy Family School, 130 Chapel Dr. Syracuse, NY 13219 or Bishop Ludden Junior Senior High School, 815 Fay Rd. Syracuse, NY 13219.

Please share online tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Assumption Cemetery

2401 Court St.  
Syracuse, NY 13208  
(315) 454-3841

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME  
2601 Milton Avenue  
Solvay, NY 13209  
info@bagozzitwinsfh.com  
<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

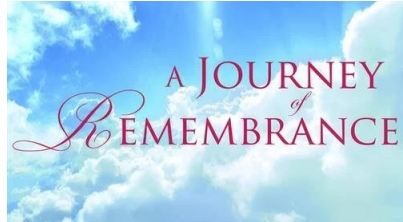
MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church  
127 Chapel Dr.  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 488-3139

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA*



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - March 19, 2023 at 11:03 AM

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“ *To the Olivia family, May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ grant you all, pease, comfort, and understanding, at this difficult time. God bless.*

*Ray Keough*

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**Ray Keough** - March 22, 2023 at 09:54 AM

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“ *May all the happy memories you share of your mother help you thru this difficult time. May our thoughts and prayers are with all the Olivia family;*

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**Marianna Masterpole** - March 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA.*



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March 20, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA.*



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March 20, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA.*



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March 19, 2023 at 07:28 PM



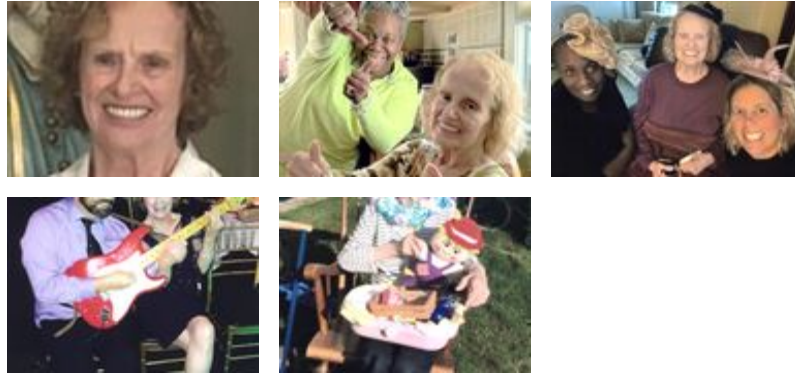
“ *The Central New York Syracuse Chapter of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition wishes to acknowledge the nursing career of Mary Ellen Olivia LPN. We honor Mary Ellen for the difference that she made in the lives of so many patients and colleagues. Our sincere condolences to you, her family. May the love of family and friends give you comfort. May the love of God give you peace. Sincerely, Faith Terry, RNC, Coordinator  
CNY SYR Nurses Honor Guard*

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**Faith M Terry** - March 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - March 19, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of **MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA**.



March 18, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Gary and Beth purchased the Country Basket Blooms* for the family of **MARY ELLEN (McCONNELL) OLIVIA**.



**Gary and Beth** - March 17, 2023 at 04:08 PM