



Rose Mary Mittenzwei

April 26, 1940 - October 9, 2020

Rose Mary was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. The daughter of Charlotte McGee and Sidney Cox. Right there, on 4th Avenue and 44th Street, in Saint Michael's Parish, Coxie's Army began with Rose Mary, her cherished brothers Jimmy and Gerard, her beautiful sisters Catherine, Charlotte and Theresa who was her beloved "kid sister". The stories of their childhood bring you to that glorious place where laughter and crying meet - your sides ache, your heart bursts and the tears are streaming! Poodle skirts, rolled up t-shirts, peddle pushers and bobby socks. Dances, tiny waists, the Copa Cabana, cigarettes and Red Label & Water.

Rose Mary had the voice of an angel and the legs of Cyd Cherise. It was a young man, who grew up just a few streets away, that would become her forever sweetheart and dancing partner, Frank. Frank (Snake) and Rose Mary (his button nose) fell in love and married in 1960. For 61 years they were sweethearts and almost never spent a day apart. Their marriage, their friendship, and their devotion to one other was indescribable and is the heart of our family.

What an amazing life they built together! Francis (Frankie), Rose Mary (Sissy), Michael, Ann, Veronica (Roni), Charlotte, William Joseph (Billy Joe), Melissa and Thomas (T.J.) are their nine children. Rose Mary was a force of nature driven by her devotion to her family. Her children never wanted for

anything even when there were only pennies in the bank - she found a way. Celebrations were her specialties - Christmas, Easter and every 'birthday lunch' in every restaurant on the island! But her greatest gift to her family was not wrapped in bows or decorated or celebrated - it was the gift of her strength. Rose Mary, our mother, walked through unbelievable heart breaks and she always found her strength to carry on, to laugh, to sing, and to celebrate again. When our heartbreaks came - she was the one phone call, the one voice to reach, the hand you held. Somehow, through the impossible, her strength carried us through.

Rose Mary was that for every one. As a Nanny to 21, a Great - Nanny to 6 and to her many nieces and nephews she had a profound impact in their lives and who they are. Many say that she was their biggest fan and it was so true!

She lit up the room, became fast friends with strangers, ran the show, organized everyone and everything! Co workers, neighbors, and family friends became part of her family and they relished the moments they got to spend with her.

Reaching 80 years old meant that her strength needed to take a new form in order for her to continue to carry and guide us. Rose Mary's strength and love will be with us, all through our lives, from her place in heaven where so many of her loved ones were waiting for her light to be among them. May she find comfort and rest peacefully. Although it is more likely that she is running the place now.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Cremation will be private.

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn

at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 40-50 person in room policy is in effect, please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

OCT **13.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Mary Mittenzwei*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 12, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 12, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *Love from Sissel and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



Love from Sissel and family - October 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 11, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 11, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 11, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *So many games of Celebrity (KARL MALDEN), so many Christmas parties, so many hugs and so much love. Much love and peace to the family, we love you.*

Sarah Steiner - October 11, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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So very sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mom. 🙏🌹
Laurie Johnson Esposito

laurie Esposito - October 11, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 11, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Mittenzwei.*



October 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Last call from ' ! "Nosy Neighbor" Love you will miss you safe journe*

Kathy klippel - October 11, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ *I loved the party's for all holidays especially Easter eggs hunts for all the grandchildren it's was always a great time she will be missed by so many god bless rest in peace 🙏💕*

Erik moser - October 10, 2020 at 03:16 PM