



Mary E. Tracy

July 25, 1956 - May 18, 2020

Mary Elizabeth (Barbar) Tracy, age 63 formerly of East Chicago, IL (20 years), and of Crown Point, IN., passed away at her home surrounded by family and friends on May 18, 2020. She was born July 25, 1956 and graduated from Bishop Noll High School in 1974, and is an alumna of Valparaiso University (1978) for her undergraduate, and of Purdue University (1994) for her master's degree. She worked as an elementary school teacher and early childhood reading specialist within the Crown Point Community Schools until her retirement in 2014. Mary was a dedicated member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and the founder of Sunday's Child, a group focused on providing underprivileged mothers and children with essential equipment to get them started in their new lives. She also enjoyed shopping (especially when there was a sale to be had or shoes were involved), catching up with her family and friends on the phone, and traveling throughout the country via car, RV, boat, or spyder, chasing sales along the way.

Mary is survived by her fiancé David Dunn; son and daughter - Ryan (Erin) Tracy, Lauren (Jessie) Lukas; five grandchildren; Ryan, Mallory, Sawyer, Genevieve, Khaleesi, and one aunt; Ange Raczak. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry V and Therese K Barbar. Private funeral arrangements for family members will be held with a public memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made Sunday's Child at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ag7h6y> or by calling 219-663-2160. Burns

Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to Ryan and Lauren. Mary was an amazing person for the time I got to know her.

- Ashley Marcotte

Ashley Marcotte - May 27, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ I have another fond memory of my cousin Mary Elizabeth to share. A couple years ago in the Fall I flew from Phoenix, Arizona my home to Munster, Indiana to visit our Aunt Ange. One day Mary Elizabeth joined us for lunch. I remember we laughed over silly stuff and enjoyed our meal. While in line to pay our bill Mary E. sees two African American Vietnam War Veterans behind us and immediately shakes their hands and thanks them for their service and that she was honored to meet them. Again, that's just Mary Elizabeth💖. I miss you! Diane



Diane Barbar - May 25, 2020 at 02:00 AM

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“ My cousin Mary always had a beautiful smile! She was funny, too and had a quick wit that you didn't see coming until it passed you by and made you smile! To think she founded "Sunday's Child" even while fighting stage 4 cancer is AMAZING!!! Well that's just Mary Elizabeth💖. I miss you yet I am JOYFUL to know JESUS walked you to HIS eternal home in heaven. From my heart💖 Diane



Diane Barbar - May 23, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss!! I have so many wonderful memory's as a child being around her all the time (was best friends with her daughter Lauren) practically lived at her house.. she was such a wonderful mom, friend and person! She will be missed

Robin DeVries

Robin - May 22, 2020 at 10:37 PM