



## Mary A. Cranna

August 30, 1920 - January 14, 2020

In memory of Mary Anne Cranna who was called home on January 14, 2020, to be with her husband James P., her children Katherine Anne and William, her grandchildren Liam and Serenella, and the whole Murphy clan that she will enthusiastically reunite with.

Mary was born to the late Frank and Mary Hughes on August 30, 1920. She was hopeful for 100 years, but 99 was quite enough. As she would tell us, "It's hell to get old, but it isn't a disgrace". To put it in historical context, as a young woman, our mother worked at JC Penny's, except that she would say good morning to Mr. Penny himself.

A mother first, she is survived by her children, Donald J. (Melissa), Kenneth G., Thomas P., and Robert J. She also leaves behind her grandchildren Bryan (Kristin), Amy Clark (Mike), Brendan (Lauren), McCailey, Patrick, Colin and Austin, and many beloved greatgrandchildren.

A small woman who gave birth to six large children, she always reminded us with a laugh and a smile that as big as we got, she could always kick us in the shins. Nothing gave Mary more pride than her family. She always relied on prayer and good example to lead the Cranna family. Mary had a great sense of humor that was nurtured and sharpened by her treasured Irish Heritage. She loved to quote her mother in an effort to bring relevance and direction to most situations in ten words or less. We'll never forget "eaten bread is soon forgotten", "put a beggar on horseback and they'll ride to hell", and "here she comes, one arm as long as the other". All subtle lessons that were taught to us through her keen sense of fairness and equity.

Mary was a volunteer, a woman who saw her service as a gift of her faith and a love of her community. She tried to provide to others the opportunities that she had earned through hard work and perseverance. Mary drew strength from raising a large family and from her unbending faith and dedication to Christian service. You, Mary Cranna taught us that "God fits the back to bear the burden he gives you. Not one inch too long, not one ounce too heavy". So Ma, thanks to you, we know that "curses don't fall on stones", and "it's a great life if you don't weaken", and if you can't find something, get a hold of St. Anthony.

Relatives and friends may call at the Bates & Anderson Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home on Thursday January 16, from 4:00-7:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10:30am from Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish Hudson, NY. Interment will be in

Cedar Park Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated nurses and staff at Whittier Nursing Home, along with the doctors, nurses and staff at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Mary will especially miss her fellow "Golden Girls" Lisa and Sally who looked out for our mother and helped make her stay at Whittier a pleasant one.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Catholic Charities.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Park

Hudson, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

## Mass

JAN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish Hudson

# Tribute Wall



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Cranna*



February 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM

SN

“ *Our condolences to the Cranna family - i loved Mary Cranna and hope that she's happy in heaven- RIP special lady*



**Sheila Nytransky** - February 02, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CM

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the Cranna family on the loss of their loved one.*



**Carolyn Mayfield** - January 31, 2020 at 12:39 AM

SN

“ *Suanne Nitsky lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Cranna*



**Suanne Nitsky** - January 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM

NG

“ Our sympathy to the Cranna family. Mary was a special lady and good friend to my mom in their twilight years... enjoying one another's company and sharing old time stories on my mom's porch at the mobile park. My mom would always make Mary a mince pie at holiday time and send along a plate of cookies for good measure. We always loved to have her at our family gatherings when she wasn't busy with her own family which was often. Rest in peace Mary and I know you have caught up with Mom now in heaven.  
*Lynch/Griffith Families*



Nancy Griffith - January 17, 2020 at 11:29 AM

VC

“ Condolences to the Cranna Family.

Viki (Osswald) Cross - January 17, 2020 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ I have a long list of great memories of Mary Cranna: first as a pre-teen going to Catholic Daughters of America events with my Mom. Then as a most sympathetic friend when we lost our first son. Mary had recently lost her dear, sweet and loving only daughter. Not long after that, I had the good fortune of teaching French to Kenny when St. Mary's High School closed and Hudson High was the benefactor of all those wonderful students. Mary always was a concerned but practical parent. As President of the Board of the Hudson Area Association Library I had the genuine pleasure of the great help I received from our treasurer, Billy. Mary was a strong supporter of our fundraising events. Never will I forget all the wonderful years at Clover Reach with so many Cranna offspring and the most wonderful times enjoyed by all. I truly loved Mary and will never forget the wonderful example she set for so very many people in Columbia County. Rest in Peace, Mary. I am certain you were greeted by many many welcoming friends and family on the Other Side. *Mary Bartolotta*

Mary G Bartolotta - January 16, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DT

“ Debbie Trowbridge lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Cranna



Debbie Trowbridge - January 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LM

“ Mrs. Cranna as we all knew her will be missed greatly. Sending our deepest sympathy to the entire Cranna family  
Laura and Keith Mortefolio

Laura Mortefolio - January 16, 2020 at 02:42 PM

ND

“ My sincere condolences to the whole Cranna family.

Nina Dolan

Nina Dolan - January 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM

BE

“ RIP Mary. You were Mrs Cranna to me when I was little and as I grew up you became Mary. Many long talks on the porch at Wortman Sq. about life, family, neighborhood You and your family have always held a special place in my heart. You were a strong lady, great sense of humor along with no-nonsense on many subjects. I recall your expressing you delight that your granddaughter Amy, was friends with my son, George, Continuity of families and friendships. Condolences to all of the Cranna family. Becky (Horning-Meicht) Siegel

Becky - January 16, 2020 at 10:14 AM

EM

“ Rest in Peace, Mary you will be remembered by many especially those that grew up in our neighborhood.



Ellen Groll Miller - January 16, 2020 at 08:43 AM

DD

“ Debbie Disko lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Cranna



Debbie Disko - January 15, 2020 at 10:22 PM

DO

“ Frank and I send our deepest condolences to the entire Cranna family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Frank, Donna, Tiffany and Frankie*

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**Donna Oneil** - January 15, 2020 at 08:56 PM

AF

“ Rest in the Peace and Heavenly Love of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The reward for a loving life well lived. Peace, a friend.

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**A Friend** - January 15, 2020 at 07:05 PM

ML

A very nice lady. Remembered as a wonderful mom not just to her own but any child she met 😊😊😊

*Peggy Fino Kidder SMA*

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**margaret peggy fino liddler** - January 17, 2020 at 01:23 PM

CM

*My deepest sympathy to the Cranna family on the loss of their loved one.*

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**C.R. Mayfield** - January 30, 2020 at 09:12 PM