



## Mary T. Keller

October 8, 1940 - July 13, 2019

Mary T. Keller, nee Andis, Beloved Wife of the late Elmer H. Keller. Daughter of the late Helen Diaz-Roman and Tony Diaz. Daughter-in-Law of the late Frank Keller and Frieda (nee Cieszynski). Loving Mother of Frank (Jennifer) Keller. Proud Grandmother of Emily and Allison. Cherished Sister of Kathleen Shemanski, Anna Diaz, Gary Diaz, and Robert Diaz. Dear Aunt and Great Aunt of many Nieces and Nephews, Cousin to Many. Mary was a gentle woman whose kindness inspired the absolute best in others. She spent her formative years at Saint Hedwig's Orphanage on Chicago's Northwest Side. Upon leaving the orphanage, she entered Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Oak Forest, Illinois, but she never took her final vows. She later worked as a CNA at Holy Cross Hospital where she met many dear friends (especially her best friend, and future maid of honor, Aldona Normantas). In 1975, she married the love of her life, Elmer Keller and they spent nearly 40 years together. In 1979, she gave birth to her son Frank. A beautiful mentor and nurturer, Mary cherished her role as mother and lived her own childhood vicariously through her son. A great cook and baker, Mary's legendary cupcakes and pineapple upside-down cake live on in the memories of many taste buds. A woman of faith, Mary dedicated herself to St. Bernadette and the miracles that happened in Lourdes, France. In 2015, she experienced what she deemed "the trip of a lifetime," as she overcame her fear of flying to travel to Lourdes. She loved St. Joseph Church and the many worshippers she met there. Later in her life, she forged countless friendships with her "pool

people” at the Chalet pool, in Willow Springs, and the Life Time fitness pool, in Burr Ridge. Her relationship with her precious granddaughters gave her strength after the loss of Elmer. Anyone who knew her fondly remembers how her smile lit up the room when talking about Emily and Allison. She certainly was a proud grandmother. Her faithful, four-legged friends, Tippy and Tinker, received the best possible care from Mary. A life-long Cubs fan, Mary exalted in the Cubs 2016 World Series Championship. Mary was a humble woman who always put the welfare of others before herself. She had a special spot in her heart for animals and children battling cancer. Mary definitely made the world a better place during her 78 years with us. She will be missed greatly, but we ask that all of her friends and family continue to honor her legacy by doing good to others.

Visitation Tuesday, 3PM to 9 PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just west of Harlem). Visitation Wednesday 9 AM until time of Prayers at 10AM at the funeral home. Mass Wednesday 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Church. Reverend Robert Stuglik presiding; Musical Ensemble: Wayne Messmer, Theresa Baricovich, and Ania Dron Ray. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of Flowers donations to St Jude Children’s Memorial Hospital or St Joseph Church would be appreciated. For information 708-458-0208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
(708) 458-0208  
[contactus@foranfuneralhome.com](mailto:contactus@foranfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

## Prayers

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Mass

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
7240 W 57th St  
Summit, IL 60501-1324  
(708) 458-0501

# Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary T. Keller*



**Foran Funeral Home** - July 16, 2019 at 11:05 AM

NE

“ *What a wonderful lady, the best neighbor anyone can ask for, had a heart of gold, she will be missed, we will miss you Mary, say hello to Elmer*

**Neighbor** - July 16, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Aunt Mary brought us joy and is loved by all of us. Now she is in a place without pain or worries and again with Uncle Elmer.*  
*Ralph DeRose family*

**Ralph DeRose** - July 16, 2019 at 05:52 PM

TD

“ *The Reavis Girls Swim and Dive purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary T. Keller.*



**The Reavis Girls Swim and Dive** - July 16, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary T. Keller.*



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July 16, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary T. Keller.*



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July 16, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - July 16, 2019 at 09:47 AM

DG

“ DeDe & Jack Grant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary T. Keller.



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**DeDe & Jack Grant** - July 15, 2019 at 04:55 PM

CS

“ I always looked forward to seeing Mary at the pool at Lifetime Fitness. She would make her way carefully through the shallow end with her cane, place it on the edge, within reach and get ready to go to work. We'd chat , but not for too long, she was determined to use her time well and get that exercise. When we did talk, it was usually about the grand kids, an upcoming birthday, a recent outing. When she found out I was going to France, she glowed as she talked about the surprise trip Frank and Jennifer took her on. The memory of their time at Lourdes was very special to her and it made my visit there special too. But before I went, we had our first dry-land meeting for lunch, with another lady, so she could show me her precious scrapbook from the trip, Designed with loving care by Jennifer, she was so proud as she turned each page and gave advice on what I should be sure to see. I will always remember the way Mary's eyes would light up and the way she almost stumbled over her words when she was excited to tell a story. She talked about how much she missed her husband and his collection which she still kept close. A lot of sunshine comes through the windows into that pool, but the place will never be as bright as it used to be. Rest in peace, dear. Charmaine Spencer

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**Charmaine Spencer** - July 15, 2019 at 10:05 AM

DK

*My sister and I met Mary at Lifetime Fitness also. Unlike Char our talks were usually about our dogs. I have a Doberman Pinscher and we talked about how much we loved our beloved pets, time spent with family, her beautiful grandchildren and how she needed a bigger freezer to store her frozen dinners. We had many conversations and they were all pleasant. Her smile lit up a room and we were so sorry we didn't know of her passing till now. Please accept our sincere sympathies. Mary will definitely be missed by all her pool pals.*

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**Debbie Koperski** - July 26, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary T. Keller.*



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July 15, 2019 at 09:58 AM