



## Mary V. Vacca

February 6, 1947 - February 11, 2025

Mary Veronica Vacca 78, of Huntington, New York, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2025 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. She faced her final days with strength and grace, surrounded by her daughters.

Born on February 6, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York to John and Clara Sweeney, Mary and her older sister Teresa were raised in an Irish Italian family full of tradition, love, and faith. Mary attended St. Brendan's Catholic High School, St. John's University, and earned a Master's degree from Russell Sage College with a degree in English Education. Mary was an educator; teaching elementary school and eventually becoming a college professor at SUNY Farmingdale and Briarcliffe College where she taught English and Criminal Justice. Her time in teaching touched countless lives and left an enduring legacy of compassion and love of learning.

Mary was loving, brave, protective of her family, and had a great sense of humor. She was a devout Catholic, attending bible study and adoration regularly. Mary was also an avid reader, Days of our Lives fanatic, and enjoyed spending time with her family at her backyard pool and at the beach in Ocean City, New Jersey.

Mary was most proud of her family. Loving mother to her three girls: Claire (Ryan), Elena, and Maria (Brennan) as well as an adoring grandmother to her

three grandchildren, Madeline (Pip), Colin, and Robert (Robbie). She was preceded in death by her husband James, sister Teresa, and her parents.

# Previous Events

## Monday Visitation

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 18. 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Patrick R.C. Church  
400 West Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

# Tribute Wall

WV

“ *In loving memory of Aunt Mary. May she rest in peace with the Lord. A donation has been made in her name to the American Cancer Society. We love you all very much*

*Love Joe, Kara, Will, Chelsea, Dominic, and Sireen*

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**Will Vacca** - February 17, 2025 at 12:43 PM

BY

“ *Bob Feger & Emily Youngquist purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary V. Vacca.*



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**Bob Feger & Emily Youngquist** - February 15, 2025 at 08:42 AM

JP

“ *Mary's husband Jim and I were teachers at the Dr. Martin Luther King School in the early 70s. We became close friends. He told me his neighbor was selling her house. I inquired and bought it. Mary and my wife became close friends and our lives with children and friends flourished. We have fond memories of summer nights in their screenhouse sharing laughs and cocktails. Mary and Jim will be in our hearts forever. May she rest with Jim in eternal peace.*

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**Joseph Parillo** - February 14, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ Very sorry to hear this sad news. Mary was our “Mother in Love”. She was a wonderful person. Especially the love she showed with her three girls. The four of them have an unbreakable bond even with her passing. She was there for them and they were always there for her. All three girls beautiful, smart, successful and loving just like Mary. Mary knew the best restaurants and take outs. She would make a funny face of approval or disapproval of the cuisine. We would have never know what a bombalona was if it wasn't for her. She would look forward to Ri and Brennan visiting for several weeks in the summer on their breaks along with the other siblings. Backyard parties were a must. We will miss those. We will miss her pulling up to our house in her black SUV looking like an unmarked police car. It makes sense she taught criminal justice. Mary was simply just great. We will miss her forever. Love you Mary. Rest easy you done good. Love the Matuza's

Stephen n Cathi Matuza - February 14, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Uncle Ray,Rosa,Raymond,Greg & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



Uncle Ray,Rosa,Raymond,Greg & Family - February 14, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



February 13, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary V. Vacca.*



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February 13, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *Frances D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary V. Vacca.*

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**Frances D.** - February 13, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Mary was a great sister-in-law! She would put a smile on my face and in my heart each time I spoke to her which was a couple of times a month. So sorry we lived so far apart. I will miss Mary and send my love to her girls and grandchildren which I know she loved beyond the world. Love you and miss you rest in peace, Mary and in the loving arms of Jim.*

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**Carol Vacca** - February 13, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Vacca family. Mary shared some words of wisdom that ring so true: "This life is not a dress rehearsal." Those words bring inspiration & encouragement to many of my days. I treasure the times I spent with her. God bless.*

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**Tanya M.** - February 13, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary V. Vacca.

February 13, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



February 13, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ In loving memory of Mary Vacca. Mary always put a smile on my face and her giggle is forever engrained in my memory. Her silly voices and huge heart live on through those she touched.



*Wishing the Vacca sisters peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts until you meet again.*

*May Mary fly high with Jim and the angels. Always sharing their joy and laughter with their loved ones from the other side. Believe the signs when they come.*

Michelle (Rivera) Randazzo & Family - February 13, 2025 at 07:59 AM

LB

“ Love, Binsk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



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**Love, Binsk** - February 12, 2025 at 09:42 PM

CN

“ Chris Napolitano lit a candle in memory of Mary V. Vacca



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**Chris Napolitano** - February 12, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LC

“ Love The Crawfords planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary V. Vacca.

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**Love The Crawfords** - February 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

LC

“ Love The Crawfords purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



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**Love The Crawfords** - February 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

KA

“ Katherine A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary V. Vacca.

Katherine A. - February 12, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CC

“ So, so sorry to hear news of Mary's passing to heaven, there with her beloved Jim. Grateful for the loving care that Claire, Elena & Maria gave to her during her final days. May Mary rest in peace.

Catherine Croke - February 12, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MC

“ We are very sorry for your loss💔 I will miss Mary in so many ways..  
Mary Ann & James Carpenito



Mary Ann Carpenito - February 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

YB

“ Your student and friend, Ben Burgess. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



Your student and friend, Ben Burgess. - February 12, 2025 at 03:49 PM

OD

“ Family ❤️ I'll always cherish the time spent in OC together. Making bracelets, putt putt, bagels and scratchers, and sitting on the beach. So many memories. Love you Aunt Mary ☐



Olivia Dillingham - February 12, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CC

So, so sorry to hear that Mary has passed to heaven, there now with her beloved Jim  
Grateful her girls, Claire, Elena, Maria gave such loving care to her these final days  
May she rest in peace

Catherine Croke - February 12, 2025 at 04:22 PM

TH

“ The Tawfik family - Lorraine and Hazem purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary V. Vacca.



The Tawfik family - Lorraine and Hazem - February 12, 2025 at 02:56 PM

TI

“ Tiffany lit a candle in memory of Mary V. Vacca



Tiffany - February 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM