



# Mary Elizabeth LaFollette

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**M**ary E. (Chapman) LaFollette 83, of Bradenton, FL died peacefully on February 10, 2022 at Gulfside Hospice in Zephyrhills, FL. She was born February 20, 1938 in Indianapolis, IN, the daughter of the late Paul D. and G. Elizabeth (Wirtz) Chapman. Mary graduated from Manuel High School in 1955 and Butler University in 1958. She also married her lifelong love, William R. LaFollette, in 1958. They had 61 years together before he passed in 2020. She earned a master's degree from Indiana University in 1973 and worked for the Delaware Community School System as an elementary guidance counselor and school psychometrist for over 25 years.

Mary had many interests and activities she enjoyed including reading and yoga. She volunteered at Mote's aquarium in Sarasota, participated in the turtle watch program and volunteered at women's shelters. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni Association of Sarasota. She also was an active member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Bradenton, serving on many committees including liturgy as a Eucharistic Minister and as a greeter before the service.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Anne Bruno and her husband, William of Steilacoom, WA, Mary Katherine Sparenberg and her husband Jeffrey of Land O Lakes, FL. Her grandchildren include, Maria Bruno, Michael Bruno, James Sparenberg, Jonathan Sparenberg and his wife, Elise.

Family and friends will gather for a funeral mass on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 11am at Our Lady of the Angels, 12905 State Road 70 E, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. Those wishing to remember Mary in a special way may make a donation to cancer research or their local hospice in lieu of flowers.




## Events


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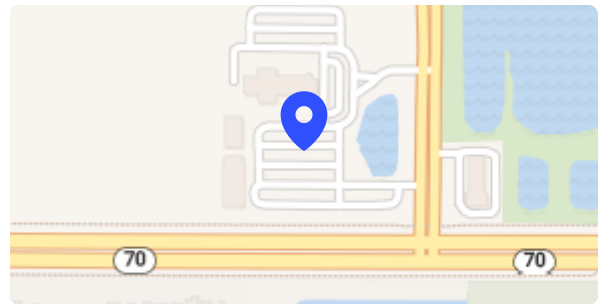
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### Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, February 26, 2022


 11:00 AM ET

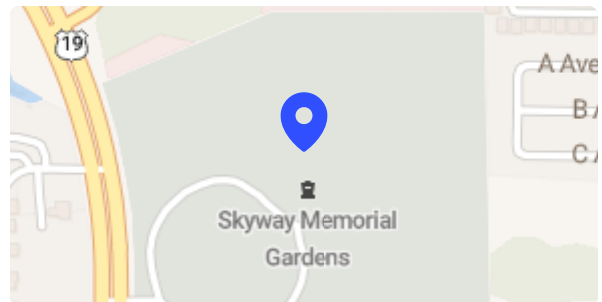
 **Our Lady of Angels**  
12905 State Road 70E, Lakewood Ranch FL  
34202



### Cemetery Details

 **Skyway Memorial Gardens**  
5200 US Hwy 19 N, Palmetto FL 34221

 **(941) 803-7626**





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the LaFollette family.



February 25 at 5:21 AM



**Eileen Bryan** posted:

The Palm Grove Board of Directors wishes to extend our Deepest Sympathy to the LaFollette Family on the passing of their Beloved Mary. To our Community, Mary was not only a wonderful Neighbor, but also, a Cherished Friend. Her warm inviting smile and kind words always brightened your day. She will be dearly missed by all. Eileen Bryan President, PGCA, Inc.

February 24 at 5:13 PM



**Margaret And Jim Lowry** posted:

Mary was a wonderful individual who we always enjoyed as a loving friend. She and Bill were fun to be with and we had many good times with them. Her yoga classes at Willow Lake will be long remembered. Our good friends, such as Mary and Bill, are getting fewer and farther away. Mary's memory will always be with us. Our condolences to Elizabeth Anne, Mary Katherine and their families.

February 24 at 12:46 PM



**Marjorie Crawford** posted:

Mary was and always will be a treasured "yoga friend." Her presence in class and at the studio were always enjoyed, as were her most astute contributions to yoga book group conversations. Much wisdom, much Love, endless Faith; both a student and teacher all at once. She is surely missed. Shanti, Namaste, and God Bless. Marjorie Crawford

February 24 at 11:26 AM



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**Jeff Hornsby** posted:

Mary and Bill welcomed us with grace to the Ball State community when I joined the Management Department. We have fond memories Mary always interested in how our young family was doing. My condolences to your family. Jeff Hornsby

February 22 at 5:52 AM



**Maria LaFollette-Bruno** posted:

Dear Grandma, It's hard to believe you're gone. You taught me how to appreciate the ocean, while at the same time teaching me about appearances and life. That nightshirt you and Grandpa bought me that says, "I don't do mornings" still makes me laugh! You lived your life with grace and kindness, and the world is a sadder place without you in it. Sincerely, Your favourite granddaughter (who will never again be able to make that joke), Maria LaFollette-Bruno

February 17 at 8:52 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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