



# Mary Elizabeth Conwell

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**L**ong time loving wife, lifelong sailor, boater, and gourmet cook, passed away peacefully in Palmetto, Florida from a lengthy battle with cancer on September 17, 2022.

Mary was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma to Ed and Dorothy Keefe on July 7, 1950. Her family moved to Oklahoma City, where she lived until her marriage to Jeff Conwell in 1976.

Mary traveled extensively with her parents during her father's service as President of Kiwanis International. To travel, she skipped her senior year in high school and completed correspondence courses, at local colleges until she enrolled full time after her year of traveling. She continued to travel to destinations in Europe and the Caribbean and on Cruise ships before she graduated from college.

She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, with minors in French and English and during her senior year at Oklahoma City University, she was named Outstanding Senior Woman and graduated cum laude. She was a member of Alpha Phi sorority, where she was elected president during her senior year. After graduation she went back to school to obtain her teaching certificate in Oklahoma.

Mary taught senior level Spanish and English in the Edmond Oklahoma School District. She married and moved to Texas with her husband, Jeff and taught Spanish, French, and English in middle school in the Garland Texas School District.

She and her husband moved to San Antonio, Texas and bought an old house that needed a lot of work, so Mary took on the job of coordinating the repairs and developed an enjoyment of outdoor gardening and made the house and yard the envy of the neighborhood. She will be remembered for the fantastic Christmas parties where she cooked her special treats for all the many guests.

In 2007, she and Jeff embarked on a sailing trip that took them from Texas to Florida through the Intracoastal Waterway. They ended up in the Florida Keys for the winter of 2008 and proceeded to make a trip to the Chesapeake Bay. The following winter they made it back to the Keys and have been spending winters there for 12 years, making many



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close sailing and boating friends along the way.

In 2021, Mary and Jeff sold their house in San Antonio to move to Palmetto, Florida to be closer to the boat that Mary loved and bought a condominium very close to the marina. The thing that Mary enjoyed most in life was making other people happy. During her 7-year bout with cancer, she hardly ever complained, and went through with the treatments to keep up the life that she loved. She even managed to cook some of those gourmet meals while on the boat as well as during the summers at home.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Edward C. and Dorothy C. Keefe. She is survived by her husband, Jeff Conwell and cousins Kai Jai Conner and Vanessa Brown, both of Houston, Texas.

A graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Burial Park, 6001 Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118 at 11:00 A.M. on September 28, 2022. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, can be made to The American Cancer Society in Mary's name [https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=honormemorialpage&giftType=hon&\\_ga=2.183843366.1458107193.1665156056-564937049.1665156053](https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=honormemorialpage&giftType=hon&_ga=2.183843366.1458107193.1665156056-564937049.1665156053). Arrangements have been entrusted to Skyway Memorial Gardens, 5200 US Hwy 19N., Palmetto, FL 34221.




# Events


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## Graveside Service


 **Wednesday**, September 28, 2022

 11:00 AM CT

 **Rose Hill Burial Park**  
6001 Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City OK 73118



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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CS

**Chris Snyder** posted:

Mary Conwell who I knew as Mary Krefeld who we grew up as kids living next door as neighbors in Oklahoma City, OkWe were always riding our bikes in the neighborhood or picking bag worms off our hedges lol. Our parents were often getting together in the evening and Mary and I would go play upstairs.I was so shocked to learn of her cancer and passing. She was a wonderful person and will miss her even though I haven't seen her since high school age.ChrisSnyder

May 11 at 8:46 PM

MF

**Mary Fischer** posted:

We fondly remember Mary and Jeff from Marathon Marina. Jeff kept Serrano in good condition while Mary made it comfortable. We enjoyed sharing meals and good times with our gang. Mary was always upbeat and cheerful no matter what. I'll always remember her smile and easy laugh.Mary and George Fischer

September 28 at 2:33 PM

PS

**Patrice And Michael Sharp** posted:

Our hearts are saddened with Mary's passing. She endured her illness with notable strength, courage, and optimism. We were so fortunate to have Mary and Jeff as dockmates in Marathon. "A life well lived" is an understatement. Our thoughts are with Jeff, family and friends as they carry their grief.Patrice and Michael Sharp, Friendswood, TX

September 27 at 10:00 AM

SH

**Stan And Laura Hall** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary was a dear friend. She and Jeff welcomed us into the neighborhood over 6 years ago. We enjoyed sitting on the top deck of their yard watching the 4th of July. The cookout we're nice as well. Mary was a great hostess making you feel welcome in their home. We missed Mary and Jeff when they moved to Florida, but I made sure to keep in touch.



September 27 at 6:10 AM



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BM

**Bill Mcvey** posted:

So many wonderful memories with Mary and Jeff mostly during the time they were members of Canyon Yacht Club. Chief among them was being amazed at Mary's knowledge of racing, foredeck work and strength, especially wrestling the spinnaker pole during Jibes in strong winds and rolling decks on their Olson 25! The apex of these was the big national regatta in San Francisco when the winds were howling. Mary loved it!! Later when they lived in Dallas, Mary and Jeff invited Millie and me to stay with them and Mary crewed with us on our Flying Scot for a major regatta and of course was a big help. Later still, when they had their Morgan 40 and were living at the Gulf Coast, when the Flying Scot Assn held their National championship at Houston, and I decided to go, Jeff and Mary volunteered to bring their Morgan up and host my crew and me in it for the entire 4 day weekend! That's just who they were, full of love for their friends and fellow sailors!

September 25 at 9:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Conwell family.



September 25 at 9:31 AM

BM

**Bonnie And Al Mclellan** posted:

Our thoughts are with you. Mary will be missed by all. Al and Bonnie McLellan

September 22 at 1:32 AM

JC

**John Conwell** posted:

Sandy and I are so grateful that we made the trip to FL this past Spring and also that Mary was well enough to spend time with us and participate in the tours around the area that Jeff took us on. Even with all her struggles, she was still able to be charming and welcoming. We will certainly miss her.

September 21 at 8:29 AM



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**Robert & Helen Kovach** posted:

Great Photo of Mary. My wife Captain Helen and I are convinced that Jeff & Mary's visit and spending the night onboard our Trawler Power boat M/Y ALLEZ! was instrumental in their decision to sell their sailboat and buy their trawler "SERRANO" Having met them in the Keys Mary was one of the group of women who rode their bikes each morning from the marina to work out. We have stayed in touch with Jeff & Mary over the years, and have throughly enjoyed their company and friendship. They both always were their to lend a hand and give sage advice. Mary will be missed but not forgotten. She is sure to have fair winds and following seas.

September 21 at 8:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Conwell family.



September 21 at 8:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Conwell family.



September 21 at 7:26 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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