



## Mary Begeal

May 8, 1934 - August 11, 2018

Mrs. Mary M. Begeal of the Lutheran Towers passed away Saturday morning August 11 at 9:03 AM after a lingering illness from complications of a stroke. She was the daughter of the late John and Catherine McElroy and is survived by her husband of 63 years Quentin G. Begeal, a resident of the Lutheran Towers, her daughter Elizabeth Pendergrass, son-in-law Michael Pendergrass, two sons Jeff and John Begeal, daughter-in-law Christine Begeal, and two grandchildren Ashley and Grant.

She was born May 8th 1934 in Brooklyn, NY and resided there until she was 9 years old when her parents moved the family to upstate NY. She attended Sydney High School and graduated as one of the top students in 1952. She was awarded a full scholarship to Syracuse University and graduated Cum Laude class of 1956. After graduation she became a school teacher. She taught for many years in several places as the wife of a military career man. She taught her last ten years in Orlando, Florida at St. John Vianney Catholic School. Mary enjoyed volunteering for many things. Some of these included cub scouts, little league, United Cerebral Palsy and Canine Companions for Independence.

Mary was a member of St James Cathedral Church of downtown Orlando, which is where funeral services will be held Monday August 20th at 10 AM. At her request the viewing will be private for family members only but all are

welcome to attend funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Canine Companions for Independence, PO Box 680388 Orlando, FL 32868.

Burial will be at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1  
Mims, FL 32754

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Cathedral  
215 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ My name is Terry (Heyob)Tomasetti. I saw the obituary in the Sentinel and immediately recognized Mary, Mrs. Begeal to me. She was my eighth grade teacher at St. John Vianney the 1996-1977 school year. She was such a nice person! I remember we had a math section on the metric system which I failed completely. Being that I was normally a straight A student, she asked me what happened. I told her it just wasn't clicking with me. I don't remember her exact words, but I know that she never made me feel bad about it and she understood that things like that happen sometimes.

*I am very sorry for your loss. I'm sure that she was a positive influence on many students, as well as the other people in her life. God bless you and your family.*

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**Terry (Heyob) Tomasetti** - August 19, 2018 at 09:03 PM

FM

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Quentin and family, as you grieve the loss of Mary, a lady dear to so many. May our merciful Lord receive her into eternal life.

*Fr. Bill Slight, M.S.  
Knights of Columbus  
Faithful Friar , Assembly 162*

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**Fr. Bill Slight, M.S.** - August 16, 2018 at 06:24 AM

MJ

“ I am very sorry for your loss. May our loving Heavenly Father grant you peace, strength, and comfort during this most difficult time. Soon God promises to wipe all reasons for tears from our eyes, we truly can look forward to this time!

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**Micah Johnson** - August 15, 2018 at 06:27 AM

FC

“ Dear Quentin, Sorry for Mary's passing. She will be missed by all.

*Fr. Frank Cooney, M.S.*

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**Fr. Frank Cooney,M.S.** - August 14, 2018 at 02:59 PM

GG

“ one of our favorite ladies at the hall. Knights of Columbus, 2112.

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**Greg Gregg** - August 14, 2018 at 10:31 AM

BS

*Dear Quentin, We were so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing away. When I spoke with her by phone, I felt she was recovering from the stroke and would soon be well again. Bob and I have such lovely memories of you and Mary attending Mass and other activities at the Knights of Columbus Hall. She and I got such a kick out of the fact that some folks got us mixed up with each other, so each time we met, we'd call each other "Sis". Now our "Sis" is experiencing eternal life with her Lord Jesus and her deceased family members - never to be ill again. Of course you will miss Mary very much, and we want to leave you with this this comforting thought:*

*Forever Safe - Forever Free - Forever with her God is she.  
Our love and prayers, Bob and Carol Schonefeld*

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**Bob and Carol Schonefeld** - August 14, 2018 at 10:48 PM

LP

*Dear Quentin, We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing from Mike and Liz. Mary was a kind, thoughtful and very caring. She is with our Lord and not ill. There is no sorrow for her. As you grieve, may you feel the Lord's presence. Blessings, Joe and Lee Ann Pendergrass.*

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**Lee Pendergrass** - August 15, 2018 at 07:20 AM

TF

*Quentin I am really sorry for your loss, I am sure that she is in a better place with the lord. My deepest sympathy to all your family.*

*Tom Fusco*

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**Thomas Fusco** - August 17, 2018 at 09:37 AM

RS

*Dear Quentin, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God grant you comfort and strength during this difficult time.*

*Rachel & Joe Sposaro*

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**Rachel & Joe Sposaro** - August 17, 2018 at 03:36 PM