



## Mary Catherine Rossman

May 12, 1933 - March 5, 2015

Mary Catherine Rossman of Orlando, Florida went home to everlasting peace and joy with her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ on March 5, 2015. She was born on May 12, 1933 in Norwood, Ohio. She was raised by her grandparents, Cora and Roland Smith in Elmira, New York.

Mary (also later known as "Kitty") got married at 18 to George Gordy and had six children, including twins. She worked as legal secretary to the Judge in Elmira, New York. She married again, to Donald Simmons of Sayre, PA and went on to pursue Interior Decorating. She received her certificate at The New York School of Interior Design, in New York City and then opened her own store, Designers Habitat in Sayre, PA. After she left Sayre, she moved to South Florida where became a licensed Real Estate Broker in Palm Beach County. She met the love of her life there, Lewis Rossman, and they lived in Florida many years. Her final business triumph was opening her own home-based medical transcription business.

Mary enjoyed watercolor painting, beading and jewelry design, she loved dogs and adored cats. Mary made friends easily wherever she went; she had an easy, gentle, loving spirit that was very inviting and fun to be around. Her sense of humor was wonderful, a good laugh was always enjoyed with her. Her sense of style was a gift and her creative spirit was truly inspiring. Mary loved her six children dearly and besides her husband, Lew, they were always

the focus of her life. The last several years were spent at Plantation Oaks Senior Living in Orlando, Florida, where she enjoyed bingo, yoga, bible study and spending time with a very special friend, Fernando Del Castillo, who was truly an angel to her and she to him.

Her eldest child, Deborah Lopez, was her very excellent caretaker and saw her through her illness to her last moment. She is predeceased by her husband, Lewis Rossman of 16 years in August 2010. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Lopez of Orlando; Victoria Hallman and her husband, Richard Hallman of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; her daughter, Judith Dennis and her husband, John Dennis of Apopka, FL; her daughter, Julie Gordy of Boston, MA; her son George Gordy of Ft. Myers, FL; and her son, David Gordy of Malden, MA; six grandchildren: Cassidy Keshishian, Christopher Hallman, Taylor Gordy, Alexandra Hallman, Zoe Gordy, Logan Gordy and two great grandchildren: Aviana Parkman and Olivia Hallman.

Memorial service will be held on March 28, 2015 at Plantation Oaks Senior Living Center at 9309 S.Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32837 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ hello mom, 1st. knowing that your with our father is such an awesome thought and feeling. mom i"m so grateful and proud to have class&sophistation with your spirit andd beauty I:m truly blessed llove you forever and yes sometimes walking down the st. I get the notion to call you.then remember your sharing the gift of knowing the lord lwe are all together mom.I feel so heavy and together withyou I thank you for giving birth to me. Can.t explain enough gratutude& blessed I am for your being mom in my life. I love your forever and ever. thank you.I feel alot of likeness with you mom! Your youngest daughter! love always, Julie Anita xoxoxoxoxo

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**julie 4th child** - March 20, 2015 at 03:47 PM

DG

“ Mary Rossman, my mother, always let others relax in her company. Even more so, the high-charged businessmen in her life were given the gift of relaxation by her presence. My mom had a relationship with Jesus, and Jesus is central to her family's heritage.

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**David Gordy** - March 19, 2015 at 12:06 PM

CH

“ Chris Hallman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Catherine Rossman



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**Chris Hallman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:44 PM

JD

“ My precious mother went into the arms of Jesus Thursday, March 5, 2015. She had many attributes but the strongest being her sense of humor and love of people. She lite up the room with her presence. My mom was extremely successful at everything she did and the most memorable trait I have of her is her sense of style and strong work ethic. I will miss you Mom but I know we'll be together again. With deep love & appreciation your daughter, Judy

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**Judy Dennis** - March 10, 2015 at 12:42 PM

DG

My mother was a compassionate women with a heart filled with forgiveness. I am familiar with her forgiveness first hand. My mom had class, style , and always carried herself with a smile that would light up any room no matter where she was. You knew my mom was in the house. I believe my mother raised 6 children in the only way she knew how , thru love and tolerance of the unforeseen. She had grit. My mother saved my life without doubt. For that as we talked about in her last few months I am forever grateful for having the courage it takes to step in and do what I'm sure was difficult. I'm so very happy for you mom. If I am able to endure just half of what you've endured I know I will be fine. With God in yours and my life. I get it. I will always carry our last conversation we had very close to me. Your passing has inspired me to become that man that you've always wanted me to become. I'm with you in everything I do. Thank you for your Un breakable strength that you possessed and encouraged me to go forward in my life. I just can't say enough. I will always have you in me. I love you and miss you.

Your loving Son  
Donnie

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**Don Gordy** - March 10, 2015 at 02:49 PM

PB

I did not know Mary very long but she treated me like family all because I was friends with Donnie and for that lam truly grateful . You are a awesome lady and you will be missed

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**patrick bastin** - March 10, 2015 at 03:18 PM