



# Mary Catherine Bragg

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**M**ary Catherine (Duffy) Bragg, age 57, of Lewes, DE, passed away at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE, on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Mrs. Bragg was born December 7, 1953 in Washington, DC, daughter of the late John A. and Jeanne M. (Clokey) Duffy.

Mrs. Bragg was raised in the DC area graduating from Elizabeth Seton High School in 1972. From there she enrolled in Prince George's County Hospital School of Nursing program, graduating as an LPN in 1974. She married the love of her life, William Bragg, and moved to the Cape Region 36 years ago. She started nursing at Beebe Hospital, working on the 1st and 5th floor and respiratory for many years. She then moved to Beebe's Millsboro satellite to coordinate the facility, eventually taking the position of Property Manager for all Beebe sites. Mary also served on the Delaware Board of Nursing where she once served as President.

Mary was very active on the local sports scene, starting with Little League and YBL Basketball. She attended and supported so many Cape sports, but her biggest thrill was following Cape Henlopen Basketball and being in Cape's "house" at center court for an all-important showdown. She loved watching her boys and so many other children grow and learn through the years, and her infectious smile was always there to greet you. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and special friend to so many people.

She is survived by her husband and soul mate of 36 years, Bill Bragg, whom she has known since grade school; two sons: Jason Michael Bragg and his wife Katie of Milton, DE and Justin Matthew Bragg of Lewes; grandchildren William James and Kelly Cecelia; her brother Michael Duffy and his wife Judy of Alexandria, VA; her mother-in-law Louise Bragg of Lewes, and her sister-in-law, Carol A. Bragg of Gaithersburg, MD.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Raymond Forester on Friday, January 7, 2011, 12:00 noon, at St. Edmond's Catholic Church, 409 Kings Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.



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Friends may call at the church beginning at 10:30 AM. Interment will be private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Center, Milford, DE 19963 or to Pancreatic Cancer Research, The Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714.

Please visit Mrs. Bragg's Life Memorial Webpage and sign her online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)

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## Tribute Wall

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BJ

**Babs Jessen** posted:

Mary was put on earth as the mission of an angel. Her pureness, smile and compassion touched all she met. Her love for Billy and children is an example of pure love. She gave peace and now is at peace.

January 12 at 8:00 PM

JD

**John W. Dean II** posted:

Bill & Family, I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Sincerely, John W. Dean II

January 11 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jeremy Boyd** posted:

Mr. Bragg, Jason and Justin my families thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am sure she is looking down on you with the same smile she always had. God Bless.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Joanna Robertson** posted:

It was my pleasure to know and take care of Ms. Mary. My deepest condolences go out to Mr. William and his family.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

TW

**Tracy And Glenn Williams** posted:

Our thoughts are with you.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

LR

**Linda Reid** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Bragg Family. I had the pleasure of assisting Mary (and her husband and son) in her care during several of her stays at Beebe Oncology Unit. I could tell, just from the short time that I spent with Mary, that she touched all those that entered into her life.

January 6 at 8:00 PM



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SC

**Sue Cadwallader** posted:

my prayers are for you and you family

January 6 at 8:00 PM

HM

**Helen E Moody** posted:

Mary...a very special lady. You will be missed by many.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

VE

**Vicki & Mike Evick** posted:

Bill, Jason & Justin & family our hearts go out to you on your loss. Mary was a wonderful smile in everyone's life she touched.....She is now an angel looking down on you all. Our prayers are with you.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Doris J. Hoover** posted:

Mary is no longer with us but will continue to live on in our thoughts, memories, and in our hearts. With deepest sympathy to the family.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Judith Henry** posted:

Mary has been my friend for 30 years. I will miss all the great times we have had. My deepest sympathy to Billy and the rest of Mary's family. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

CT

**Carol Thomas** posted:

Mary was a wonderful friend and co-worker. She was always willing to listen and to help others. I will never forget Mary. My deepest sympathy to your family.

January 6 at 8:00 PM



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RW

**Ralph And Bonnie Williams** posted:

Bill, you and your sons, Justin and Jason will continue to be in our prayers. May the Lord comfort you in His loving arms. We all who love her will truly miss her.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

KL

**Karen Lloyd** posted:

I would like to extend condolences to the family on behalf of Milford Senior Center Board of Directors, Staff and Members. We had the pleasure of Justin doing his college internship with us and know how much he cared and loved his Mother and how much he will miss her. Justin, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this trying time. God Bless you all.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

DM

**Dave Mccann** posted:

Mary will be missed. It was my pleasure to know and work with her. I am sorry for you loss.

January 6 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Mary Catherine Bragg.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

AL

**Alygia Lopez** posted:

Mary will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. Staff of Radiation Therapy

January 6 at 8:00 PM

DZ

**Darlene Zacharias** posted:

I will always remember Mary as being so kind and upbeat everytime I saw her. I am so sorry for her loss and I am praying for all of you. love darlene zacharias

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LW

**Linda M Wright** posted:

My many wishes of love and peace to the family. I've worked with Mary for many years and considered her a good friend, She is in peace now and pain free. God Bless the family and may you continue to move on through your grief and just celebrate her life...Love you Linda

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JW

**Judy And Norm Woods** posted:

Bill, Justin, Jason and Katie...May God wrap His arms around you all and give you peace. Mary was always smiling and a joy to know. She would be pleased to see so many of her "basketball boys" all in one place to pay tribute to her.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

DW

**Denise Z. Westbrook** posted:

I had the pleasure of Mary's friendship, particularly during the opening of the route 24 Surgery Center. She always welcomed me with a smiling face and offered her assistance beyond my needs. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. May they find comfort in the fond memories and embrace the thought that she is laughing and dancing with the angels! God bless.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Janet E. Maull-Martin/J.D. Maull** posted:

Billy, Jason, Justin, We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Words can't begin to comfort you at this time, but please remember how much you are cared about, and know you are being kept in thoughts of deepest care and love

January 5 at 8:00 PM

DC

**Debbie Craft** posted:

Beebe Physician Network Physicians and Staff will always remember Mary's beautiful smile and kind words. She was always a phone call away when help was needed. We will all miss her very much. We will cherish her friendship and memory forever.

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RR

**Richard And Karen Reed** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, Sorry for your loss of Mary

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AM

**Anna Misener** posted:

While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mary as well as the rest of my family did, I know she was a very kind and delightful person. My sincere sympathy to all of you, her family and close friends, during your time of sorrow. Fondly ~ Anna Misener

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MM

**Marie Michael** posted:

She is forever in our hearts. Our prayers go out to her family.

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TA

**Trish Rickards-Arnett** posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the Bragg family. I grew up knowing you all through little league and through school. Mrs. Bragg always had a smile on her face and always supported all the children on every sports team. May God Bless you during this difficult time.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Randy Miller** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mary Bragg. Randy Miller ED/ADMISSIONS Patient Access Department Beebe Medical Center

January 5 at 8:00 PM

PH

**Patty Houston** posted:

Mary will be dearly missed by her friends and family at Beebe Medical Center. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

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RT

**Roberta Thomas** posted:

May the Grace of God be you and your family in this time of sorrow. Mary was a wonder friend here at Beebe and a very important part of my life.g

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MM

**Michael Moeser** posted:

Mary, you will be greatly missed

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LB

**Linda Bosworth** posted:

Mary was an angel on earth and now she is an angel in heaven. Mary was someone you loved instantly when you met her. She was warm, caring and had a great laugh. I will miss you.

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PT

**Peggy Callahan Tenly** posted:

a colleague and friend, always with a "can do" smile. With great respect and much sadness. Peggy

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SD

**Susan Dodge** posted:

We'll miss you, Mary.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

LC

**Linda Coco** posted:

Precious giving person, delightful woman, Beebe team member with a totally positive attitude, who achieved so much for Beebe Medical Center, nurturing it to where it is today. May your spiritual rewards surround you with peace and rest. I will always hold you in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. You are a legacy and meant so much to so many; I will miss you. Hugs In His Love, lc

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WS

**Waqas Shahid** posted:

"May God Bless Your Soul" You will be in our prayers.

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BD

**Brenda And George Dietrich** posted:

Mary will certainly be missed. She was such a wonderful and caring person. May you have peace in this most sorrowful time. Always cherish the memories, they are what will get you through. We are all much better people because of how Mary touched our lives. God bless you all.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

AF

**Allison And Ann Funds** posted:

You will be missed and your family is loved!

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PW

**Pat Walls** posted:

Mary was a wonderful person to know. We worked together when she was the satellite coordinator. We have laughed, joked and cried together. Her memories will help you Bill, Jason and Justin through this trying time. She had a beautiful smile and I loved to hear her laugh. Your family will always be in my prayers. Hey girl you are at peace. Love, Pat

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DS

**Diana Smith** posted:

Oh Mary, we had so many fun times getting the New Sleep Center up and running. I will miss our talks and your kind words. You will be missed her on Earth but, I look forward to seeing you again in heaven. I pray that GOD's love will comfort your family as they go through this journey of gref.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

JL

**Joyce Lynch Layton** posted:

I worked many years with Mary on the 3rd floor. her smile would light up a room. I am so sorry for your loss.

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NC

**Nancy & Bob Cirelli** posted:

We will miss Mary, but now she is continuing her conversations with Gail in heaven.

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BB

**Bonnie Burke** posted:

Mary was one person who always had a kind word and a smile. Billy and family -- I know your heart is broken, but just know that she is up there looking down on each of you with that sparkle in her eye. May God bless Mary and each of you during this time. My prayers are with you.

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RB

**Ruth Ann Beideman** posted:

There are no words that can ease the pain and loss you now feel but may it be of comfort to know that others care and hold all of you close in thought and prayer.

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MP

**Margaret Porter** posted:

I have know Mary for 35 years, we started @ BMC around the same time. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you her family.

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TB

**Tommy And Michelle Benton** posted:

Jason, Justin , and Bill we are so sorry for your loss. Mary was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Much Love

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JM

**Jerry A. Mclamb** posted:

Your Mother was a very special Lady and will be missed greatly. My prayers are with you daily.

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TW

**Terri Wyatt** posted:

Mary was such a phenomenal person and an excellent nurse. I worked with her from the late 70's at Beebe. My heart is filled with sadness hearing of her passing.

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PK

**Pat K.** posted:

To Mary's Family-- Words cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mary was a kind, happy, thoughtful and wonderful person who touched so many lives and although I knew her only such a short time compared to many in her life, she has touched a piece of my heart forever. I will miss her.k

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VE

**Vicki Evans** posted:

sorry i cannot attend. i will be thinking of you mary and your family during this difficult time. thoughts and prayers are with you. sincerely, vicki evans, rn.

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EC

**Emilie Crosser** posted:

I worked with Mary when I work out at BHC for quite a few months....will miss her spirit and her always getting the job done! Take care in knowing her BB family will miss her!

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FN

**Fran Needham** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mary was a great co-worker and friend.

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JF

**Jil, Carl & Jessica Froelich** posted:

Mike - We are so sorry at the loss of your dear sister. We know she was much, much loved by you and that you will miss her tremendously. Our hearts go out to you and Judy and the whole family.

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TH

**Terri Hastings** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Mary for many years at BMC and she will surely be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this trying time.

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KW

**Kimberly Westcott** posted:

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

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KJ

**Kathy Lee Jones** posted:

I think I remember Mary's laugh the most. It seemed there was always a pause before it just exploded out of her.

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GS

**Gail Nowakowski Stenger** posted:

Such a beautiful lady, both inside and out! Mary's love for her immediate family as well as so many Cape athletes, who considered her "mom", is such a tribute to her. This should inspire all of us to reach out to others. First row, center court bleacher will never be the same. Love and prayers to Bill, Jason, Justin and the rest of the family.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

TP

**Tom Pavlic** posted:

My deepest condolences and warmest thoughts to your family. Missing you always....Forgetting you never...

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SR

**Sam Roberts** posted:

I worked with Mary while the Tunnell Cancer Center pharmacy was being constructed. She was such a delight and so efficient. We always shared a laugh about all the goings on. I will miss her smile

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DB

**Doug Beasley** posted:

Mary was a great person to work with. She was always there when I needed something done at the TCC Pharmacy. She will be missed dearly.

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DG

**Dustin Gooch** posted:

Mom, from the first time I met you at a basketball game, you had the smile that lit up the gym. Supported the team at every game no matter home or away, or how great or poorly we played. We have lost our 6th man. I will love you always and a day will not go by, when I don't think of you. It's never goodbye, its seen you soon.

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RS

**Roger And Arlene Simms** posted:

We will always treasure our good times together, your laugh and smile were so infectious! You were a great wife, mother and friend and we were blessed to have you in our lives for so many years. We know you're with the angels now and will be looking over all of us each day. You will always be in our hearts, we love you girl!

January 5 at 8:00 PM

CG

**Carole R. Gibson** posted:

SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR MARY'S FAMILY. MARY WAS ALWAYS CARING AND CONCERNED FOR OTHERS WELFARE. SHE WILL BE MISSED DEEPLY.

January 4 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Richard O. li ,Marilyn Barton & Family** posted:

All of our love and thoughts are with you all. We will always have fond memories of great times together.

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MD

**Mary Dent** posted:

There is so little that words can say to express words of sympathy to help comfort you in the loss of Mary. My thoughts and prayers are with you, as they have been through this entire journey. Hey girl! You are loved and missed.

January 4 at 8:00 PM

NC

**Nancy Cummings** posted:

A special lady will be missed. I can still hear her saying "hey girl" whenever I called. Her collection of sea turtles is legendary. Her kindness, her compassion, her understanding, her smile when you needed to someone to talk to will stay with me. I will miss you - my friend. Heaven is a little brighter now that you have arrived. Rest in Peace and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon You. Love, Nancy

January 4 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Dan And Beth Igo** posted:

Jason and Katie, We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a great lady. If there is anything we can do for you during this time, please let us know. Love, Dan and Beth Igo

January 4 at 8:00 PM

DO

**Dolores I Oleary** posted:

You are loved in both worlds

January 4 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Connie Heindel** posted:

My dearest friend, I am going to miss you so much. Working together these past 6 years, have been a blessing for me. You were my boss, my partner, my friend. We laugh, cried and complained together. What a blessing you have been to me and you have touched my hear forever. I love you, my friend Bill, You were Mary's right hand man and she loved you so much. I thank you for being with Mary every second of this journey she was on. I love you and your family and am here for you all. Love you all Connie

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JD

**Joan Davis** posted:

jiMary and I became best friends when she was only 19 years old. She was so beautiful and loving. She changed my life and made it what it is today. Every sunrise and sunset she will be in my thoughts and heart. I love you, Mary.

January 4 at 8:00 PM

PG

**Peggy Gatti** posted:

Mary was a delight to know, with a warm, beautiful smile and an easy way about her. I have been blessed to know her all these 24+ years. I will miss her sorely. My deepest sympathies to her wonderful family. Mary was fortunate to have your loving care. God bless you all and comfort you in your grief. Love Peggy

January 4 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Diane Payne** posted:

Mary, your laughter, smile, friendship, hugs and strength will forever be in my heart. You were a rare gem! Such a giving and loving woman, that I have had the pleasure to call my friend. Miss and love you, girl.

January 4 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Janet Spinelli** posted:

The sorrow of the faithful is not that of permanent loss, but the tender sense of sadness that comes in saying good-bye for now to someone we love. May today's sorrow give way to the peace and comfort of God's love. My deepest sympathy

January 3 at 8:00 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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