



Margaret "Mardee" Mary Corbett

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Margaret Mary “Mardee” Corbett (nee Powell), age 77, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Mardee was born on August 28, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Villa Maria Academy High School and Rosemont College. In 1963, she married Michael A. Corbett, Sr. Mardee and Mike lived in New York and New Jersey where they raised their three children. She earned her Master’s degree in Education from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mardee was a passionate, life-long educator, teaching at several schools in New York and New Jersey, including St. John’s on Long Island, New York and St. Patrick’s in Bedford, New York. She finished her 31-year career in education at Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, New Jersey where she tirelessly gave of herself coaching tennis, coordinating food drives and Christmas toy collections, serving on numerous committees and announcing plays from the booth as the voice of the Green Knights football team. Mardee was genuinely beloved by her students. Her innovation in the classroom, tireless dedication and genuine concern for her students earned her “Teacher of the Year” in 1990 by the school’s faculty.

In 1998, Mardee and Mike retired to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Mardee enjoyed bridge, tennis and golf as a member of Kings Creek Country Club. She was a huge supporter of the Jean and Joan Cancer Fund as well as many other charities. Mardee had a passion for life, for her family and her friends. All who met Mardee were touched by her genuine kindness, honesty, sincerity, wisdom and forthrightness. Mardee will be deeply missed.

Mardee is survived by her daughter, Sharon Corbett (Calvin Jaber) of Wilmington, Delaware; her sons Michael A. Corbett, Jr. (Lillian) of Florham Park, New Jersey and Brian P. Corbett (Lee) of Baltimore, Maryland; eight grandchildren - Amanda, Ian, Michael, Adam, Lily, Jack, Maggie, and Patrick; sister Isabel Martin (Guy); and brothers Sydney J. Powell, III (Katherine), Kevin R. Powell



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(Irene) and Gregory J. Powell (Marie); her sister-in-law Linda (Cordell) Berman, brother-in-law Jack Brennan, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Dr. Sydney J. Powell, Jr. and Margaret Mary (Valentine) Powell, Mardee was preceded in death by her husband, Michael A. Corbett, Sr. and her sister Cynthia Brennan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 21, 2018, at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mardee's name to the Jean and Joan Cancer Fund or to the Tunnell Cancer Center, both c/o Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes, Delaware 19958.

Please sign Mrs. Corbett's online guest book located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES.



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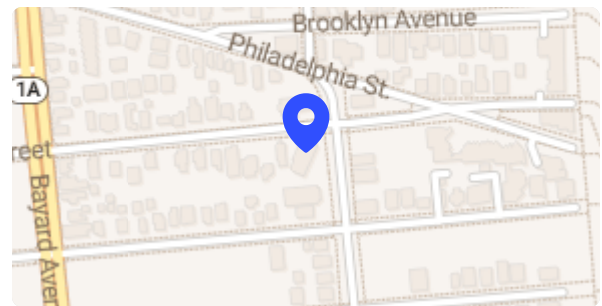
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Visitation

 **Friday**, September 21, 2018


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**
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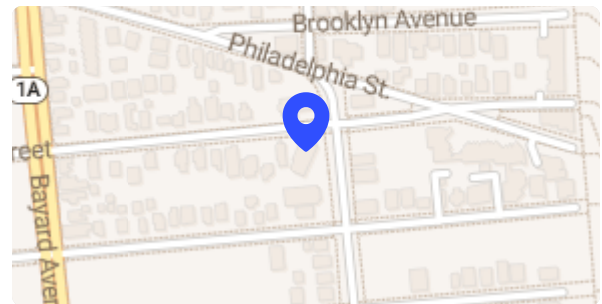


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The Denney Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Corbett family.



September 20 at 4:31 AM



Cara Denney posted:

We love you "Granny" and you will always hold a very special place in our hearts! ~ The Denney Family

September 20 at 3:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Remembrance Spray to the Corbett family.



September 20 at 1:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Corbett family.



September 18 at 8:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Whisper to the Corbett family.



September 18 at 6:55 AM



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NT

Natalie Treanor posted:

Mardee and I met 43 years ago when our sons, Brian and Marc were in preschool together. I invited her home to have lunch with me and we played bridge and socialized for the next 7 years until they moved away. Over the years we visited Mike and Mardee at each of their new residences. Once they retired to Rehoboth and we realized what a nice vacation spot it was, we decided to rent a vacation home for a week every 2 years, so our rapidly expanding family could enjoy it too. It was always nice to get together with them and catchup on family events. I am happy we were able to stop and see Mardee last February on our way home from Florida. She looked good and she seemed happy. We are going to miss her, but we certainly won't forget her! Natalie and Bill Treanor

September 15 at 8:49 AM

KW

Kimberly Ward posted:

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember meeting your mother at Sharon's house many years ago; she was such a vibrant person. We will be thinking of you. Kimberly Ward & Stephen Dal Nogare

September 14 at 4:33 AM



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IM

Isabel Martin posted:

Our Sister Mardee will always be cherished. As is the case of a 1st born, parents instill a sense of duty and faith, and nature delivers resilience and courage and fortitude. As a giver, of herself to you, she would share openness and kindness, all her life. Surprise, Mardee could sing and play the piano! Mother was assured by Sister Marie Angela, SM, that Margaret Mary, in 3rd grade, was a natural, sheer talent at the piano. Thus, a piano was hauled through the 2nd flr front windows, for practice and culture, of course! Mother's insistence took us from the paper keyboard on the kitchen table to a pure, awakening talent. My stint was much shorter but, I could dance. So, between the two of us, we were thrust into the living room to "entertain" many an unassuming guest, but always assured by loving Grandparent's, Powell & Valentine, we should pursue our talents..... By the way, that cherished piano traveled from Phila., to Wynnewood, PA, to NY and NJ, because we all knew it rightly belonged to Mardee. And as for her voice, she would sing in the high school operettas, in college choir, at Mass, at a funeral, always loud and on key as she knew both music and the words. One summer evening in OC, NJ, after dinner, since it was still light, and the three boys were playing on the dunes, and Cynthia was waddling around the porch under the watchful eye of Mother and Dad, we decided to take a final bike ride up and down Seacrest Rd. At the top of the road, we typically would race back to the house, but, not that night. In launching herself on the right foot pedal the bike lurched forward side-ways and she plunged into the gravel along the side of the macadam. She did a real job to her knee, crying in pain and temper that she would not finish the race as she had planned. Daddy drove up in the car, and we placed her in the front seat, leg extended, bloody and black w/pebbles, and off to Shore Memorial he sped. Emergency did what it could to scrape out the gravel but she carried that tender knee for years. She could study with the radio blaring, was athletic on the basketball squad, liked to swim but not on the team, better in the Ocean, played not so friendly family badminton on the side lawn, made neighborhood girl friends, different than the girls with whom she attended school, and babysat siblings Friday nights, broiling English muffin pizzas @ 10PM. We watched Liberace and giggled at his flamboyance, prayed the family rosary w/parents to keep us safe from Hurricane Agnes, and then she learned to drive, fast, and it was fun. Along came high school graduation, college, bridge between classes and graduation, a nice courtship with Mike, which too, included bridge, a beautiful wedding and three handsome and charming cherubs, who today, have their own cherubs. God is good, He does deliver if we believe and pray for His guidance. So, until we are family again in Heaven, I love you and miss you dear Mardee, but, knowing that you have the joy of His Beatific Vision in heaven joined with Mike, Mother and Dad, Cynthia, Aunt Belle, Grandparents Powell, Valentine, Callahan, Divenny, loving in-laws Maud and Mike, Sr., extended family and friends, gives me peace, and may peace be with you. Lovingly, Belle

September 12 at 3:18 AM



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JB

Joan Bodie posted:

Mardee was my bridge "guru". Ever the teacher, Mardee explained things in a way that made sense. She was honest, but in a loving way. I will think of her when I play bridge and think, " Mardee taught me that.". Certain that she continues to teach. Joan Bodie

September 13 at 9:16 AM

KN

Kathy Nave posted:

Mardee was very passionate about life! You always knew where you stood with her and how she felt about everything! She was a very special lady and will be missed terribly! She lives on in our hearts and thoughts! God bless her and her family!Kathy Nave

September 13 at 6:40 AM

FR

Fran Russell posted:

I met Mardee 5 years ago when I joined a bridge group....she was so encouraging and I felt so welcomed. I think we may have known each other in another life....she will be truly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

September 12 at 3:42 PM

PL

Pat Lewis posted:

Mardee had so many good points, would fill up the book, also a great Bridge player.God Bless You Mardee will miss you. Pat Lewis

September 12 at 11:36 AM

BA

Barbara Ayres posted:

Mardee was one of the most honest people I ever knew. You always knew how she felt about things. She will be missed by all who knew her. God bless you Mardee!

September 12 at 5:29 AM



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Candi posted:

I will miss her smile that she always had for me when walking in the doors of TCC. I know she is at peace. God Bless.Candi CorsigliaTCC

September 12 at 3:18 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret "Mardee" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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