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Mary Estelle Roy, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully at home on October 14, 2025, at the age of 82, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on May 18, 1943, in Washington, D.C., Mary was the beloved daughter of the late Bernie and Estelle Gallagher. She graduated from the Academy of Notre Dame, where her grace, intelligence, and athleticism first began to shine. Mary went on to build a meaningful career, beginning with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, where she met the love of her life, Louis V. Roy. The two were married on June 12, 1965, at St. Xavier Church in Washington, D.C., beginning a beautiful life together.

Mary's professional journey was as varied as it was inspiring, reflecting her strong entrepreneurial spirit. She brought her talents to companies such as Arbitron, Pizza Express, and Shop & Check, where she worked as a secret shopper. In every role, Mary was known for her integrity, work ethic, and warm presence.

A devout Catholic, Mary had the special honor of serving as May Queen in the procession to the Blessed Mother — a role she cherished throughout her life. Remarkably, the procession took place along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. She was also an exceptional athlete—especially in softball—and maintained her competitive edge, often triumphing in spirited games of Rummikub and cornhole. Mary found her greatest joy in her family. She was ahead of her time when it came to filming all of her sons' athletic accomplishments and never missed an opportunity to celebrate their milestones.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lou Roy. She is survived by her devoted sons: Victor Roy and his wife Marlee, of Annapolis, MD; David Roy and his wife Kristen, of Fernandina Beach, FL; and Joseph Roy of Rehoboth Beach, DE. Mary also leaves behind her adored grandchildren: Tyler Roy, Ryan Roy, Cole Roy, Amanda Roy, and Ashley Roy; and her cherished siblings, Patricia Shutello and Bernard Gallagher.



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Mary's legacy of love, faith, and strength will live on in all who were blessed to know her.

A funeral Mass will be held at 9:00 AM on November 15, 2025, at St. Mary's Parish, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401. Reception to follow at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing center.

Please sign the tribute wall at this site.



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Roy family.

November 14 at 9:08 PM



Jeff And Lori Graybill sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Roy family.

November 12 at 6:53 AM



Jeff And Lori Graybill planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

November 12 at 6:53 AM



Jo Saunders posted:

My fondest memory is knowing Mary since 1978 as a wonderful friend and a great mom to her sons And a loving wife she was always dressed beautifully with lovely red hair and tried to make a lady of me she will always be a special in my life.

October 17 at 11:06 PM



Brenda Schilling posted:

I was lucky enough to be one of Mary's many friends! She was the original "Hostess with the Mostest! Her love of life was contagious! It was impossible to be down in the dumps around her! I have the honor of sharing Grandmother joys to Ryan, Amanda, and Ashley with Mary. We had many great adventures, shared many joys as well as sorrows. I will miss her dearly! I love you Mary! Brenda Schilling

October 16 at 7:50 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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