



Mary Teresa Giesenhaus

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Mary Teresa O'Day Giesenhaus, 92, passed away surrounded by her family on December 23, 2025, at the home of her daughter Cathy in Frederick, Maryland.

Mary was born in New York City on November 10, 1933. She grew up in the city with her sister Noreen until the passing of their mother in 1939. Mary was then lovingly raised in Smithtown, Long Island, by her great-aunts Margaret, Kate, and Julia.

Mary graduated from High School in 1951 and moved to Brooklyn Heights at age 17. While working at Western Electric, she met the love of her life, William Frederick Giesenhaus. They married on November 16, 1957, beginning a devoted 41-year marriage that lasted until Bill's passing in 1999.

As their family grew to include four children, Mary and Bill made homes in Jersey City, NJ; Middletown, NJ; and Lutherville, MD, before settling in Vienna, Virginia, in 1970. Mary dedicated herself to managing the household, volunteering at school events and in the community. She worked part-time throughout the years and found joy in bowling, beach trips, swimming, and cruising.

In 1997, Mary moved to Rehoboth Beach, where she became an active member of the Old Landing Social Club. She loved planning events with her neighbors and cherished the friendships she made there. Whether heading to the casino, going out to eat, shopping, or thrifting, Mary embraced every outing with enthusiasm. She traveled often with her family – cruises, beach vacations, mountain trips, and weekend getaways – and treasured every moment spent together. She delighted in having visitors at the beach and thrived in the lively bustle of a full house. Mary was always ready for fun and never turned down an adventure.

Mary is survived by her four children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, all of whom will miss her dearly.



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A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE. Visitation will begin at 10:00AM. A Graveside Service will follow at 12:00PM at Epworth Methodist Cemetery. 187 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE.

Please sign Mary's Tribute wall at this site.

FLORIST NOTE - DELIVER ALL FLOWERS BY 3:00 PM TO LEWES LOCATION ON MONDAY JAN 5, 2026.



Events

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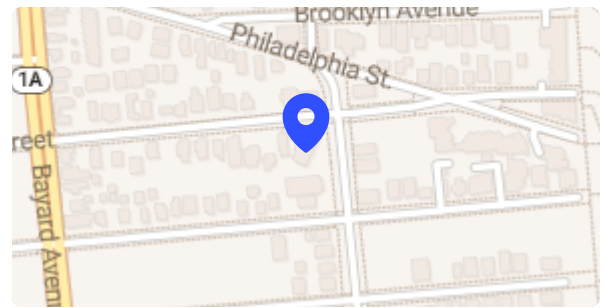
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Viewing

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Edmond Catholic Church
409 King Charles Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

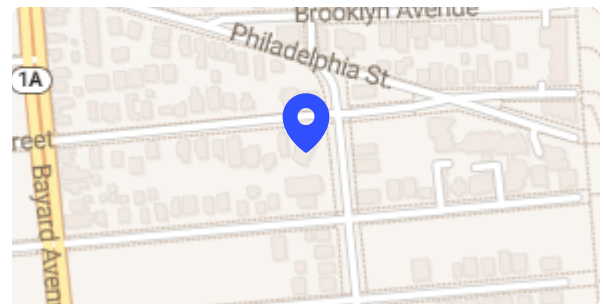


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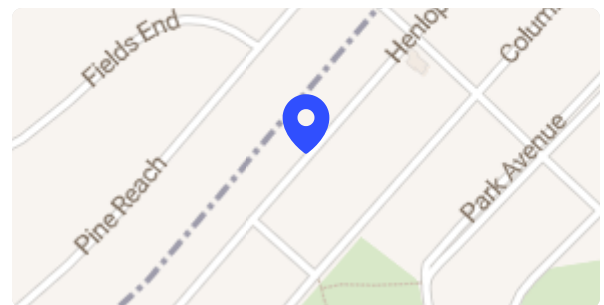


Graveside Service

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM ET

Epworth Methodist Cemetery
159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





Tribute Wall

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Sandra And Adele planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

January 5 at 11:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Giesenhaus family.

January 5 at 11:35 AM



Dorothy & David Gaskin sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Giesenhaus family.

January 4 at 10:33 PM



The Warnecki & Waggoner Families sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Giesenhaus family.

January 4 at 11:52 AM



Love Jimmy And Joann Giesenhaus sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Giesenhaus family.

January 3 at 4:37 PM



The Vool Social Committee planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

January 2 at 8:38 PM





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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Giesenhaus family.



January 2 at 8:38 PM



Kathy Kate Kennedy posted:

From Mary Sullivan Kelly Cousin! have many memories of Mary and her sister Noreen visiting my parent's apartment in New York City. We all always enjoyed their company. I was delighted to be in Mary and Bills wedding party!! We had fun! Thrilled that you and your family shared in our Celebrations . I will miss you ! Love and prayers until we meet again Cousin Mary Kelly

January 2 at 6:25 PM



Joann & planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



January 2 at 8:32 AM



Betty & Brien Jason planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



December 31 at 7:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Giesenhaus family.



December 31 at 7:58 PM



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Joann Giesenhaus posted:

I just loved being with Aunt Mary. She was a bright light and she all-ways made me laugh. It was so easy being in her company because she made me feel comfortable and care free. Our Thanksgivings in VA and our times at the beach were amazing and crazy fun too. I miss my Aunt Mary so much however when I close my eyes I see her beautiful smile and I can hear her calming voice. Thank you 🙏 for all the memories and all the love you have given to me. Miss you and love you. ♥

December 31 at 5:15 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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