



Mary Louise Koehl

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Mary Louise Koehl (Raftery), 76, of Huntersville, died peacefully at her home on Monday, February 13, 2023, after a heroic three-year battle with cancer. Mrs. Koehl lived in Huntersville, North Carolina, where she and Dexter, her husband of 53 years, settled after retirement. A long-time parishioner of St. Mark Catholic Church and a devout Catholic, Mrs. Koehl found her greatest strength and comfort in the practice of her faith. Mary Louise was unfailingly kind to all and devoted to her family.

Born in New York City, Mary Louise graduated from Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia and met Dexter, while they both worked for American Airlines. As newlyweds they found it cheaper to fly to Paris or California on a Friday night, than to go out for dinner in New York City. Mary Louise moved throughout her childhood and adult life, living in 11 different states and Puerto Rico, but she always had a special place in her heart for her childhood home of San Diego – likely due to her other sources of joy: sunshine and good weather.

Mary Louise was preceded in death by her proudly Irish parents (Mary and Pat Raftery). Mary Louise is survived by Dexter and their three children: Amy Goduti (Fred) of Huntersville, NC, Patrick Koehl (Lisa) of Chicago, IL, and Mary Kate Sparrow (Justin) of Alexandria, VA, as well her 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren who knew her as “Nonni”.

A Funeral Mass will be held for Mary Louise at St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville, NC on Saturday, February 25th at 11:00. She will be interred afterwards at Northlake Memorial Gardens in Huntersville. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral in the narthex of the church.

Anyone who wishes to honor Mary Louise may make a contribution to St. Joseph College Seminary (stjosephcollegeseminary.org) where her grandson studied for the priesthood.



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James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

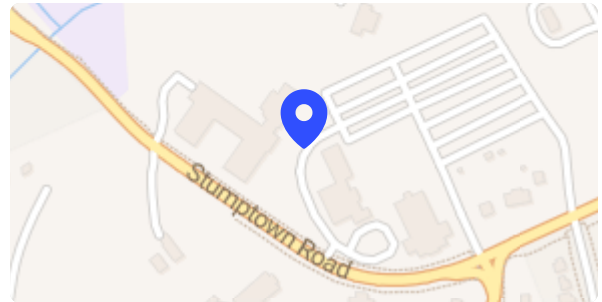


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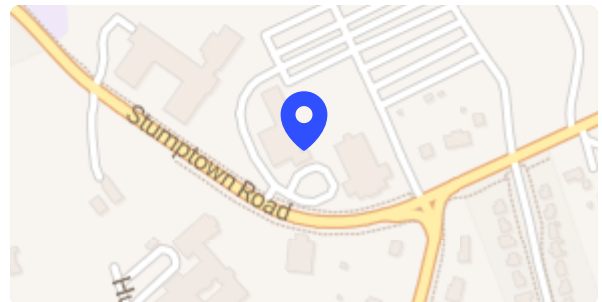
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, February 25, 2023
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- 📍 **St. Mark Catholic Church**
14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville NC 28078



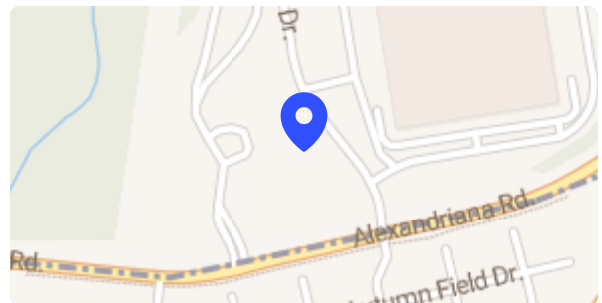
Funeral Mass

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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **NorthLake Memorial Gardens**
11001 Alexandriana Rd, Huntersville NC 28078
- 📞 **(704) 584-9004**





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Koehl family.

February 22 at 7:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Koehl family.

February 22 at 1:00 AM



R. Horace Conner, Jr. posted:

Mary Kate, We are deeply saddened by the loss of your beloved Mother. We know that she was a wonderful, loving mother because of the way you were raised...always so sweet to all of us. Kathy and I wish you much love and pray for comfort during your time of grief. We also lift prayers for you Mom and the entire Koehl and Sparrow families. God bless and keep you in His presence. Love, Kathy and Junior Conner.

February 21 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Koehl family.

February 20 at 2:58 PM



Msgr. Richard Bellow posted:

Dear Dexter and family, it is with great sadness that I recall Mary Louise's passing. She was a wonderful, caring, dutiful, loving wife and mother. I remember our wonderful conversations in your kitchen. She was very faithful to the Lord in serving Him on sunny days as well as painful days. She was an inspiration to me and to many others. Her family has always been an example of faithful, loving parents and grandparents. I know that she will soon be happy at the Lord's table praying for all of you and for me as well. She will always be in my prayers, as well as you and all the Koehl family. With prayers and blessings, Monsignor Richard Bellow

February 20 at 2:47 PM



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Steve & Joan And Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Koehl family.



February 19 at 10:33 AM



Laurie Mann shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

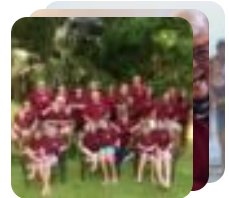


My mom and the entire Mann family send our condolences. Mary Louise was such a dear friend to my mom and dad. Whenever I called Mary Louise to ask how she was feeling the response was " Enough about me, how are your mom and dad doing? Her smile would light up the room. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest. As I told Fred, it is comforting and somewhat joyful to know my dad and Mary Louise are taking this beautiful journey together. God Bless

February 19 at 6:40 AM



Patrick Koehl shared 3 photos to the **Mary Louise Koehl** album.



February 19 at 4:52 AM



Dee And Family. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Koehl family.



February 18 at 8:55 AM



Mary Mcclusky posted:

Oh Mary Kate, I am so sorry to hear the news of your mother's passing into the next life. May God bless you with what comfort can be received at this difficult time. Tom and I will pray that sweet Jesus and Mother Mary wrap your mother in tender, sweet mercy and the fullness of eternal life and rest.

February 17 at 1:06 PM



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Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Koehl family.

February 15 at 6:24 AM



Joann Somerville posted:

Tons of hugs and prayers!!Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,and let perpetual light shine upon them.May the souls of all the faithful departed,through the mercy of God, rest in peace.~Amen~

February 14 at 1:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Koehl family.

February 14 at 1:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Koehl family.

February 14 at 12:51 PM



Bereavement Ministry Team posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

February 14 at 11:14 AM



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Maria Garabis posted:

Mary Kate and the Koehl family. My heart is broken for you! May God grant you all comfort and peace during this time of profound grief. Your mom was the classiest woman I've ever met. She was generous, wise and truly lovely. May she be welcomed in to paradise by all who went before her. Love you all!

February 14 at 4:49 AM



Kathy And Dave Rennie February 20 at 6:07 AM

From your friends when you lived in Minnesota. Mary Louise was always the sweetest. Very sad to hear about her death but she has gone to her real home now. May she rest in peace. Kathy and Dave Rennie



Cheryl Miller February 15 at 6:03 AM

I have such fond memories of Mary Louise from our days as neighbors. She was such a wonderful and gracious person. I am so sad for the family but know she is with the Angels of Heaven now. Love to you all and God's blessings. Cheryl Miller



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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