



Mary L Tomasulo

July 22, 1926 - September 10, 2024

Mary Tomasulo was a devoted mother, wife, daughter, aunt, friend, and neighbor. She was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, to Joseph and Mary Elliott. She was soon joined by two brothers, Joe and Bob. The boys adored their big sister, but couldn't pronounce her name and called her "Beezy." The name stuck, and Mary Louise remained Beezy to her family for the rest of her life.

Beezy briefly attended Douglas College during the height of World War II. She returned home within a year and started working for Lighthouse for the Blind. Soon after the war, Beezy bought the first television in the neighborhood, to the delight of Joe, Bob and many of the neighbors. She also played the piano and traveled extensively, to Europe, especially England, to Canada, and to Mexico.

She eventually met and married Benjamin Tomasulo. Together they bought the house across from Beezy's childhood home and had a son, Sebastian. Beezy returned to work as an administrative assistant at Bamberger's, where she stayed for many years. As many of her cherished family members grew ill, Beezy was a devoted caretaker. She lovingly nursed her parents, aunt, husband, and most tragically, her adored son through their final illnesses. She was an unflagging nurse for them all.

Throughout this time, she also drew strength and comfort from her deep faith and the dear friends she had through her many decades at St. John's Episcopal Church in Montclair. Her devotion to the church gave her great joy

throughout her later years. Beezy was baptized at St. John's and remained a member of the church community for all 98 years of her life.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by her many loving nieces and nephews and devoted friends. A special thanks to Mrs. Lorita Jackson, of St. John's, who provided Beezy with solace, comfort, and a fierce advocacy during the last decade of Beezy's life.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Cemetery

748 Schuyler Avenue
Kearny, NJ 07032

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve known Mary Tomasulo since I was a 6 years old. My family moved into Glen Ridge, onto Laurel Pl, November 1969. Her son Sebastian and I became fast friends. Laurel Pl was a great street to grow up on. Mrs Tomasulo was one of the main reasons for that. She was wonderful to all of us kids. Her parents lived across from their home. They were so nice to us too. We all played street kick ball, base ball, bikes sledding down the hill, tree forts. I can’t count how many times we played match boxes on their living room carpet. Mrs Tomasulo would always feed us. Shepard pie was our favorite. It was a Norman Rockwell America growing up there. I will always be glad that I was able to make my way from Pennsylvania to visit her one last time and talk about the old days. Although Mary’s body was failing her, her mind was sharp and she remembered and reminded me or several things that I had forgotten. She is now with Ben and her beloved son Sebastian. I am a wealthier man just by knowing such a wonderful soul.

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