



Mary Elizabeth Moody

March 30, 1954 - July 21, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Moody, a beloved sister, aunt, teacher, and friend, passed away on July 21, 2025, at the age of 71.

Mary was born in Washington, DC and grew up in La Plata, MD. She attended Archbishop Neale School and graduated from Notre Dame of Maryland University with a degree in education. Teaching was more than a career – it was her calling. Mary spent over four decades in the classroom, beginning with her first classroom at Archbishop Neale and leaving her mark during more than 30 years at Dundalk Middle School in Baltimore, where she taught language arts and inspired generations of students.

Mary was the heart of her close-knit family, known affectionately as “Itzy,” a nickname lovingly given to her as a newborn by her older brother Denny. Mary was sunshine personified – she brought warmth, humor, and joy to every room she entered. A generous listener and an animated storyteller – with the memory of an elephant – Mary made the people in her life feel seen, heard, and deeply loved. Her presence was magnetic – full of wisdom, wit, and contagious laughter. She poured herself into the happiness of others, especially her nieces and nephews, who adored her.

Mary had a deep love for music, especially Harry Chapin, John Prine, and Bruce Springsteen, whom she saw perform just last year at Camden Yards.

She loved baking (her signature chocolate chip cookies were legendary), reading, and traveling. Last year, she made the journey to Egypt for her niece Laura's wedding, and she was eagerly planning a trip to Greece this fall. Whether she was working on a puzzle, enjoying a glass of wine, or simply sitting on the beach, Mary brought lightness and joy to every moment.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eleanor Moody. She is survived by her siblings: Madeline (Don) Henderson of Burke, VA; Ann Moody of Sterling, VA; Martha (Robert) Nielsen of Boyds, MD; and Dennis (Learose) Moody of Youngstown, OH. She was a devoted and cherished aunt to Brian (Perri) Henderson; Jill Loven; Gina Moody; Andrew (Kim) Moody; Alyssa Moody, John (Theresa) Nielsen; and Laura (Ahmed) Nielsen, and 11 great nieces and nephews.

Her absence leaves an unfillable space in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Indian Head, Maryland, at 11am on Wednesday, July 30th to honor and celebrate Mary's beautiful life. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 29th from 6-8pm at Raymond Funeral Service in La Plata, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to Archbishop Neale School, an act she would have deeply appreciated.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Glymont Cemetery

Indian Head, MD 20640

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Prayer Service

JUL 29. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church
30 Mattingly Avenue
Indian Head, MD 20640

Burial

JUL 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Glymont Cemetery
Indian Head, MD 20640

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dianne H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Dianne H. - November 07, 2025 at 03:46 PM

JR

“ James and Rob purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



James and Rob - July 30, 2025 at 05:58 PM

JR

“ James and Rob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

James and Rob - July 30, 2025 at 05:58 PM

CC

“ Colton Comstock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



Colton Comstock - July 30, 2025 at 09:48 AM

GR

“ Gail R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Gail R. - July 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BL

“ Bobby Prevatte , Letha & Joe Lysaght purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



Bobby Prevatte , Letha & Joe Lysaght - July 29, 2025 at 09:52 AM

BL

“ Bobby Prevatte , Letha & Joe Lysaght planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Bobby Prevatte , Letha & Joe Lysaght - July 29, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MF

“ Mary Jude and Michelle and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



Mary Jude and Michelle and families - July 28, 2025 at 10:26 PM

KJ

“ KERRY, AND MICHAEL j purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



KERRY, AND MICHAEL j - July 28, 2025 at 05:49 PM

KJ

“ KERRY, AND MICHAEL j planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

KERRY, AND MICHAEL j - July 28, 2025 at 05:49 PM

TM

“ Terry M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Terry M. - July 28, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LD

“ Love, Tom, Lucy, Jennifer, Maria, John D purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



Love, Tom, Lucy, Jennifer, Maria, John D - July 28, 2025 at 04:00 PM

LD

“ Love, Tom, Lucy, Jennifer, Maria, John D planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Love, Tom, Lucy, Jennifer, Maria, John D - July 28, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DT

“ Mary was my next door neighbor and we were very close. We sat outside together frequently and always enjoyed each others company. We continued to kept contact and would speak frequently after she moved. I am very very sad but she will always be in my heart. I feel for her family and they are also in my heart. Her family was very dear to her. Will always love her! This has broken my heart. Diane Torre

Diane Torre - July 28, 2025 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ Danny Casey and Mary Anne MacLeod purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.



Danny Casey and Mary Anne MacLeod - July 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ Danny Casey and Mary Anne MacLeod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

Danny Casey and Mary Anne MacLeod - July 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM

CG

“ *Mary, thank you for your light. You were the happiest person I’ve ever met. Your joy was contagious. Thank you for being my friend*

Chrissy glassner - July 28, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.*



July 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SK

“ *Steve and Melody Knott purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.*



Steve and Melody Knott - July 28, 2025 at 10:37 AM

AA

“ *Aunt Vila, Marcia, Marilynn, Michele, Melinda, & Amy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.*



Aunt Vila, Marcia, Marilynn, Michele, Melinda, & Amy - July 28, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Moody.*



July 27, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Elizabeth Moody.

July 27, 2025 at 08:37 AM