



## Mary Ellen Colburn

December 20, 1936 - April 23, 2016

Mary Ellen (O'Neill) Colburn, 79, passed away on Saturday April 23, 2016 in the comfort of the home she shared with her loving family for 50 years. She was born on December 20, 1936 in Groveland, MA, the daughter of the late Sydney and Marjorie O'Neill. She graduated from Haverhill High and attended Salem State Teaching College for two years before moving to Heidelberg, Germany.

Mary Ellen was the devoted wife of the late Frank Colburn with whom she shared 53 years of marriage.

Mary Ellen's greatest joy was her large spirited family - mother of 8, grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of 3. Her passions included traveling with friends and family, baking for all occasions and lending a helping hand to all in need. Never one to pass up a clearance table at a department store, Mary Ellen knew how to stretch a dollar - she could make one can of tuna fish feed her entire family.

Mary Ellen is survived by 5 daughters and 3 sons. Lynn and Richard Gendron of Kissimmee, FL; Michael Colburn of Tewksbury, MA; Susan and Michael LaRocque of Nashua; Stephen Colburn and his companions Maureen and Alida of Hudson; Jane and Daniel Clarke of Hudson; Kevin and Kristine Colburn of Hudson; Brenda Wygant of Hudson; Donna and Rusty Smith of

Nashua. Her 19 grandchildren include Jonathan, his wife Stephanie and Amie Gendron, fiancé Bill; Donny and Bradley Nelson and Randy Colburn; Andrea, James, Michelle, fiancé Tyler, and Christine LaRocque; Daniel Clarke Jr and Kayla Peach; Alizah, Harper May, and Sidney Colburn; Colby and Raleigh Wygant; Braedon, Cohen, and Meredith Smith. And if you are still following this, she adored her three great-grandchildren, Madilyn and Raegan Gendron; and Kadence Peach.

Also survived by siblings Patricia Dewhirst, Linda Campbell and her husband Ken, and Patricia (Colburn) Howes and her husband Arthur and Robert Colburn and his wife Janet.

Special thanks to Alvirne Adult Day Care, Home Health and Hospice, and Dawn Perry; all of whom cared for Mary Ellen.

Visiting Hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-8pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated the following morning beginning at 10am in St. Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. All To Meet At Church. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hudson. In lieu of flowers, Mary Ellen requests donations be made in her memory to the following organizations – Gateways Adult Day at 144 Canal Street, Nashua, NH 03046 or Home Health and Hospice Care at 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

75 Derry Rd.  
Hudson, NH

# Previous Events

## VISITING HOURS

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH  
50 Ferry Street  
Hudson, NH 03051  
(603) 882-9431  
[info@dumontsullivan.com](mailto:info@dumontsullivan.com)

## MASS AT CHURCH

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kathryn's Church  
4 Dracut Rd.  
Hudson, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ellen Colburn*



**Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes** - April 27, 2016 at 06:57 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Colburn*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Colburn*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *Jennie & Martin Salazar purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



**Jennie & Martin Salazar** - April 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



April 26, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



April 26, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



April 25, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ *Mary Ellen was like a Grandmother to our daughter!! What a blessing it was for us to be "next door neighbors" for 21 years. The door to Mary Ellen's House was always open and inviting...and we found ourselves walking through it quite often!! Mary Ellen and Frank are now together again. Praise God for two lives well lived!! We love all the Colburns...and we miss you all!! Love from Joe and Kathleen MacLean and Sr. Miriam*

**Joe and Kathleen MacLean** - April 25, 2016 at 09:32 PM

DM

“ I met Frank and Mary Ellen when Frank and I coached Little League back in the 1970's. I soon learned what classy people they were and what a fine family the Colburns were. To Mike, Lynn, and all of the Colburn kids I want to offer my sincere condolences on the loss of their wonderful mother.

David McNeil - April 25, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.



April 25, 2016 at 07:02 PM

CR

“ Colburn Family ( Robert&Janet) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.



Colburn Family ( Robert&Janet) - April 25, 2016 at 04:46 PM

TD

“ Kevin, Steve, Brenda ~  
Your mom, your parents, your family, are key ingredients to what made our parish, our neighborhood and growing up in Hudson such a blessing.  
I have so much admiration and gratitude for The Colburns...  
— Tina Dussault

Tina Dussault - April 25, 2016 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ Jerry and Jo Anne Richard purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.

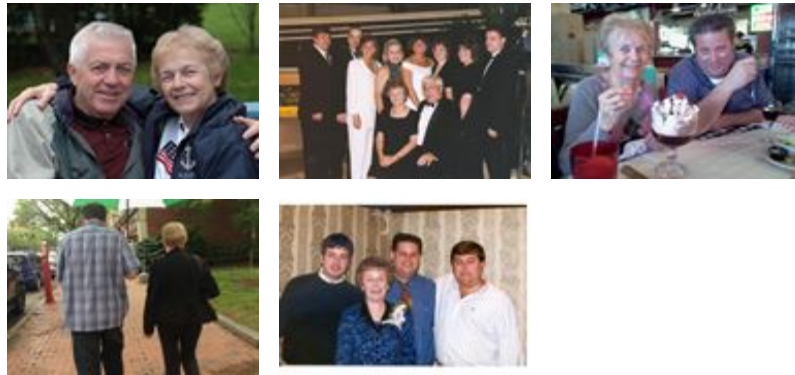


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**Jerry and Jo Anne Richard** - April 25, 2016 at 01:11 PM

DUMONT-  
SULLIVAN  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes** - April 25, 2016 at 12:07 PM

MS

*How very special* ❤️

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**Mary Ellen Szuksta** - April 25, 2016 at 06:42 PM

NW

“ Nils Wygant purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.



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**Nils Wygant** - April 25, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



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April 25, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



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April 25, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ *Mary Ellen was a close friend, neighbor and mentor always ready to help anyone in need. She set an example for us as we raised our family. When our kids tried pushing the limits we could always ask them "are the Colburn kids allowed to do it"? We will miss her very much and cherish the many memories we made together, especially the late night pizza parties we had with her and Frank on our breezeway. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the entire Colburn family. She will always be in our prayers along with Frank. We will never forget her.*

*Bob & Judy Vokes*

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**Bob & Judy Vokes** - April 25, 2016 at 09:17 AM

AW

*Our deepest sympathy to the entire family but especially "uncle steve"  
Rhona charbonneau  
Alida weergang*

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**alida weergang** - April 25, 2016 at 10:49 AM

AE

“ *My Condolences to Mary Allen's entire family  
and friends.  
Even though I have never met this beautiful  
lady I knew she was very special just because  
her son Mike often spoke of how she was  
such a loving and wonderful Mother.  
R.I.P with all your loved ones until we meet one day.*



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**Ana Maria Estrela** - April 25, 2016 at 09:00 AM

BF

“ *Dear Jane and Family,  
  
Our sincere condolences to you in the recent loss of your mother.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Bob and Terry Fournier*

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**Bob Fournier** - April 24, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Mary Ellen's Family and Friends. She was a remarkable woman, mother and friend. ”*

*Cis and Dayna Strout*



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**Dayna Strout** - April 24, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



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April 24, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Colburn.*



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April 24, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ *My mother must be very happy to have one of her dearest friends with her now. My deepest sympathy to the Colburn family.*

*Michael Boulay*

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**Michael Boulay** - April 24, 2016 at 04:45 PM

LG

“ *I will miss Auntie Mary Ellen. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends.*

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**Lenny Greaney** - April 24, 2016 at 04:45 PM

RW

*my deepest sympathies to the Colburn family*

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**Rhona wollenhaupt** - April 24, 2016 at 06:55 PM