



Mary Toman Fogel

September 16, 2013

On Monday, Mary Toman Fogel, of Westvale, wife of George Fogel, mother of Linda Ball (Thomas Griffith), Donna Ball, James (Debra) Toman, John, (Kelly) Ball, Tim (Lisa) Toman and Michelle (Tracie Vacula) Toman; grandmother to Micah Adams, Jake Midlar (Brenda Bush), Chelsea Toman, Amanda Ball, Laura Ball, Kody Toman, Katie Hersom, Abby Hutton, Thomas Toman (Ashley); great-grandmother to Bradley, Zooey, Addley, Kennedy, Hunter, Logan and MacKenzie; stepmother to Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jessica (Raphael), Jaimee; step-grandmother to Tommy, Jesse, Kailynn, Gabriel, Ashton and Ophelia, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Mary was pre-deceased by her parents, Stephen and Mary LeClare and her beloved godmother, Margaret Devereaux.

She graduated from St. Patrick's High School and later in life, from Onondaga Community College. A proponent of education, she continued taking classes at University College at Syracuse University over the years. She enjoyed her role as a mentor to her many business colleagues. Mary lost her mother at a very young age. She experienced the particular loneliness of an orphaned child and understandably yearned for a family of her own. Her lifelong commitment to family is reflected in the very first sentence of this obituary; she knew of no higher calling. She joyously planned family holidays to bring all together to her beautiful home. As it expanded to the partners of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she would joyously sit back, observe

her family, and guide with love and care and wisdom the generations she created. The fruits of her labor were her pride and joy and when her family was raised and sent off to begin their careers, she looked to begin her next journey. She became a realtor. Her role as Mary Toman, Realtor gave an outlet for her amazing energy. She loved to be the person to help people find homes for their growing families. It was a continuation of her personal mission in life and she reveled in the challenges of real estate. She was remarkably good at it and was most proud of having nurtured thousands of families through the home buying process. She held the hands and wiped the tears, and celebrated the successes of clients and colleagues alike with much the same passion she perfected with her family. Her family was completed with her marriage to George Fogel over 9 years ago. He was her rock, her confidante, her friend and her love. All who knew the love of Mary Toman Fogel were blessed. Her family is comforted by the voices, concerns, love and care of you all and we stand humbled by your love of our mother and wife.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, September 18th from 3-8PM at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church on 1001 Woods Rd., Solvay, NY. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, at 9:30AM at church.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus, NY.
Entombment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Warners will be private following the mass.

It was Mary's sincerest wish that, in lieu of flowers, her friends support her commitment to one of the following: Hospice of Central NY 990 7th North Street Liverpool, NY 13088 Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Attn: Honor and Memorial Gifts PO Box 1245 Albert Lea, MN 56007 St. Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ I bought a house from Mary about seven years ago. Now, I'm looking to sell and was wondering why her name was no longer listed with Realty USA. I really could have used her wisdom and experience. She was a really wonderful person and I doubt that I will be able to find another realtor or person like her. I'm sure the Lord is happier having her near to Him.

Anthony Brady - February 10, 2015 at 05:02 PM

SD

“ Jim, Deb and Chelsa, I was so sorry to hear of your great loss. I was unaware because I just got back from vacation and the first time I have talked to Deb's Mom. I wish I could have made it to the services. You all are in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Love, Susie and Eric.

Susan Degnan - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Linda, Donna John and Tim and family Our sincere sympathy to you all and to the family. We were so sadden to hear of her passing. I will miss hearing her voice and that wonderful laugh of hers, she will always be in our hearts and prayers. I know she will be waiting in heaven with open arms for all of us. She was our second mother and to so many, her heart was so big, when she wrapped her arms around you it made everything better. She loved you all so much and spoke of you all on every telephone call and visit. She left us all her abundant love for life and family, I will miss her more than words can express. Evvy and Dick

Evvy and Dick LaComb White - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Mom, just reading these comments this morning. Even in your passing, you amaze me. To all who have left notes, shared stories, and spoke of our amazing Mother, please know that every word will be read, remembered, and so very much appreciated by all of us. Your memories will keep her spirit alive in all of us until we see her again. I guess we honor her life by living our to the fullest, although we are all somehow diminished by your far-too-early journey forward. To Brian Bush, our funeral director, guide, strong shoulder, patient listener, and exhausted companion over the last week, words cannot adequately express our gratitude to you and how you managed the impossible every hour. You held her wishes and our heart's desires as you would your own. Your care and compassion of Mom, and us, will never be forgotten.

Jim Toman - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ To Mary's Family: You had a great lady in your lives that always had the desire to help others. She was a great landlady and friend-first realtor to me. She will be greatly missed. I'm happy to say I knew her. My sincere sympathy to all of you.

Vicky Roth - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To the family and friends of Mary Toman, please accept my deepest sympathy. I have known Mary and loved Mary for many years. My husband Brian and I called on Mary for her real estate expertise to assist with our relocation nearly six years ago from Syracuse to Rochester. She kept us calm and in control for the sale of our Syracuse home and purchase of our present home. Mary knew me well, and referred us to the team of agents that were a perfect match. Mary knew how to do it. I would not have hesitated to call her again for our next move. I guess we will have to send some prayers up to heaven and see if she can secure some nice property up there for us - don't worry Mary, I'll be good. With love, Donna & Brian

Donna Roulin - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dearest Family of Mary, I share your loss and sorrow. My heart and thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. How bless we have been to have had Mary in our lives. All the shared memories will warm our hearts and keep her memory alive. Mary was a woman who had the wonderful capacity to care and love and embrace each one of us,so we felt special. She was a woman of genuine qualities. Mary lived life fully and gave us the examples to live by. My life was enriched by Mary and her passing creates a sad void. God bless you all and may He see you thru these difficult times ahead. Love,Debbie

Deborah L. Kozielec - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ To the Family of Mary Tomen, I was so saddened to read of the death of Mary, she was a wonderful person and an inspiration to all women. Whenever she and "bad girl" came to Mama Nancy's she was always such a pleasure to wait on. When I made the decision to go back to school after many years she was such an encouragement, listening to my fears and cheering on each accomplishment. Her passing leaves a huge loss to everyone she touched. She was truly a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy to all, Clare Rothschild

Clare Rothschild - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ A very special lady and dear friend. Our deepest sympathy to her beloved family. Jean & Dick Berberian

jeansells@aol.com Berberian - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mary sold my husband and I our very first home in the Strathmore area. We were getting married and buying a home at the same time. Needless to say, stress was big. Mary made us feel like her very own children and had such a way of making us feel that "it's gonna be ok". We went on to hire Mary 3 years later for our 2nd home as we now had started a family and we were blessed with our daughter, Olivia - hence, we needed "room to grow". Unfortunately, in the midst of transitioning from one home to the other our daughter died at the age of 20 months very unexpectedly. Our world had caved in - yet, Mary, being a Mom herself - comforted us and not only orchestrated a collection for us at the then Gallinger head office with her colleagues, but she contributed to our memorial garden that we had designed in the shape of a heart in our back yard - she bought a "weeping pea" to be placed in the center of the heart. Mary continued to check in on me and Rick and we will never, ever forget her compassion and generosity during the most difficult time in our lives. We love you, Mary - and I know our Olivia has already greeted you in Heaven. You will be so missed by us and countless others, whose lives you have touched just like ours. God speed.....xxoo and until we meet again.....

Colleen & Rick Wager - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family of Mary Toman Fogel. May you find solace in the memories you share of your mother/sister/grandmother/freind/wife

Alice Chico - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Linda, Donna, Jimmy and Johnny, I was one of "Mary's girls" back in 1966-67 living upstairs at your Hamilton Street home and eating meals with all of you every day. You were my family away from home that year. I remember your Mom with a lot of love. I actually talked to her on the phone after 47 years a few weeks ago. She remembered me! We had a good chat and she spoke to me like she had just seen me the day before catching me up on everything. I'm so very glad we were able to connect after so many years. I will always remember "Mrs. Ball", that's how I knew her, with a beautiful smile and a huge heart. To all of the Ball, Toman and Fogel family I wish you all the best. Mary will be remembered by many of us who lived upstairs at that Hamilton Street home. Lynn Farrell Dobkowski

Lynn Dobkowski - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OD

“ To the beautiful family of Mary Toman: Mary was a very special lady. She was always very kind and always helpful in all that she did. Please know that she will always be in our hearts and truly missed. All that knew her loved. Olga

Olga W Doyle - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ George and the Toman Family; Even though we couldn't be there, we share your grief. Mary was a special person that I had the privilege to know. She will always have a special place in my heart. You are all in my prayers. Love you all. John Lupi

John Lupi - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I was lucky enough to have Mary years ago. She was truly an amazing woman. My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. RIP Mary!

Tracy Dowd - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am Jeff, I am Mary's step-son, I just want to send my condolences to all of the family of Mary.

Jeffrey Fogel - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Dear Family - I was so happy to connect with Mary after 40 years- and to know that she would be the realtor to sell my home. almost daily, I thought about her challenging and victorious times. She was remarkable and you have expressed her so well in the wonderful obituary. I was planning to get to her calling hours and funeral but have a family emergency which demands my attention. I know she has always felt blessed by all of you and was actively guiding you through her final journey. I am sure there is some heavenly real estate awaiting her. Blessings and peace to you all- Nancy Calhoun

Nancy Calhoun - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I am so glad that me and my mom saw you,spent time with you and your wonderful family,my heart is broken, but love is for ever and always, love bridget and mary ellen

bridget armstrong - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mary helped me sell my mom's home after she passed in 2000. Her warm and sympathetic manner always impressed me at a very difficult time. My prayers go to your whole family at this time. Mary is now spreading all her love with her family already in Heaven. God Bless your whole family now and forever, Amen

Cynthia Muhl - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Mary was an amazing woman and it was a pleasure to know her. She was so kind and loving. She will be deeply missed. Love you Mary!! Lynne

Lynne Petrie - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My sincerest sympathies to your family on the loss of Mary. She was one of the sweetest, kindest women I have ever known. Her beauty was in her heart and in her smile. She will be missed by so many.

Cheryl Palmer - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Dearest Mary, your beautiful smile and bigger than life heart will forever be missed.

Chris Yaro - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Mary Toman, a dear old friend of mine. May she rest in the Peace of the Lord Our God Eternally. With Beautiful Thoughts and Loving Memories, Karen Tallerino-Kinney

Karen Tallerino-Kinney - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ John, Kelly and family, we were saddened to hear about your mother. We didn't know her very well, but she seemed like a nice lady. With sincere sympathy. Gordon & Joanne

Gordon & Joanne Cole - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Mary Toman was a dedicated and gifted real estate lady. A true "natural" in her field. The "void" she leaves in the Syracuse real estate community, will not easily be filled. I was saddened to hear of her passing, and I send condolences to her family.

Patricia Tom - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ To Mary's loving family, It is sad to know I will not be able to talk with Mary again. I have known Mary as a professional and a dear friend for about 17 years. Whether it was through the purchase or sale of 4 homes or dining at our home or out, she was always a joy - always sharing her knowledge and expertise - her professionalism - her faith - her most sincere friendship. She often spoke of her family members - a wonderful woman. We joined Mary & George for their wedding reception and witnessed with others the love she had found. God bless you Mary - God bless Mary's family. Rest in peace my friend. Love, Nancy

Nancy Ciampi - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Linda, donna, Jimmy and Johnny.. I am deeply saddened to receive word of your mother's passing. Words cannot express. Memories flood back from the time when we were all children and our families would get together. I was also one of those clients that she helped through the home buying experience. She had the knack of taking something as scary as buying a home and turning it into a wonderful joyous experience. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with you all. I am sure Art has already met her at those Pearly Gates and and is "showing her the ropes". Much love, Mary Jo

Mary Jo Morgenstern (Kaltenborn) - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mary was so kind....thoughts and prayers are being sent.

Jody Fava - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ It was always a pleasure to know and do business with Mary thru the years. She was one of the best!!!!My deepest sympathy to her entire family at this sad and difficult time.

Kathee Bailey - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dearest Mary, You were a special lady and friend. You helped us get a home when I thought all was lost. You remained my friend through some tough times and through some joyful times and I'll never forget you. My love to those left behind. Sarah

Sarah Benoit-Beechinor - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Mary was a wonderful person who always put others first. She was extremely kind, considerate and thoughtful. A remarkable lady, she will be missed.*

Camille Walker - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Our Sympathy to Mary's family. She was a dear friend to our Aunt Florence. May she rest in Peace.*

Kent & Kathy Russell - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies. Mary was a great woman and will be missed by many.*

Pam Putrello - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My sincere sympathy to Mary's family. She was a pleasure to know and to work with. Always a smile and a gentle manner...we will miss you Mary, rest in peace. Sue*

Sue Fiero - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM