



Mary Boylan Cordova

August 27, 1950 - October 20, 2021

Mary Boylan Cordova was born in Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland on August 27, 1950 to parents Henry Boylan and Mary Campbell. Mary grew up in a little town called Carrickmacross as the eldest of 11 children in a very family-oriented household. By 19, she was ready to spread her wings and see the world. She started by traveling to New York and toured America on the greyhound bus. Over the next 10 years, Mary would find her independent spirit by working in England, Germany, and France. Motivated by the prospect of experiencing a completely different part of the world while helping others, she moved to South America in 1980. During her years living in Venezuela and Bolivia, she married Ted Cordova and began raising her son, Isvar, and her daughter, Fiona.

Mary found her calling while in Bolivia and completed a Psychology degree from the Bolivian Catholic University in La Paz. In 1996, Ted suffered a debilitating stroke that prompted Mary to uproot her entire family to the United States, where she went on to apply her life lessons and academic credentials in the Craven and Pitt County school systems for over 25 years. Mary cherished the connections she made with her North Carolinian community as she worked in a myriad of roles, including teaching Spanish to young children, teaching English in the evenings to adults, testing preschool age children for learning disabilities, and aiding children and teachers in classrooms with special education needs.

She enjoyed spending time with family, drinking red wine, eating cheese, sewing, and planting flowers. She was a natural gift giver who loved seeing joy on the face of her recipients, from family and friends to strangers in need. At the end of the day, no job or favor felt too menial for Mary to devote her time and energy, as she was always willing to go above and beyond for the people around her.

She passed away at the age of 71 on October 20th, 2021 after a brief illness. Predeceased by her husband Ted and her parents Henry and Mary. She will be sadly missed and forever remembered with love by her family, including her son Isvar and her daughter Fiona, son-in-law Kenan and daughter-in-law Fanny, her adored granddaughter Arya, her siblings Pat, Finbar, Harry, Anthony, Dermot, Ken, Anne, Joan, Ita and Kirsty, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, relatives and friends.

Please use the link below if you wish to participate in the Funeral Mass via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83431148337?pwd=aVp3bTd6czVGUzB1YVh3Mnduc0Y4Zz09>

Cemetery Details

Historic Oakwood Cemetery

701 Oakwood Ave,
Raleigh, NC 27601
<https://historicoakwoodcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery
7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Holy Name Of Jesus Cathedral
715 Nazareth St
Raleigh, NC 27606
<https://www.raleighcathedral.org/>

Tribute Wall

KE

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



kevin - October 29, 2021 at 09:19 PM

KB

“ 4 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Kevin Boylan - October 29, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of *Mary Boylan Cordova*.



October 29, 2021 at 03:09 PM

EC

“ I am so sorry for your loss.
I worked with Mary at Lakeforest Elementary. She was always kind and loving towards others and children. She even once came to my class and shared about her culture and even cooked Irish stew. We showed it to the children and she gave a piece to me! I will miss our little talks. The children drew pictures for you. I will try to upload them to the photos section.

Take care,
Elaine Coleman

Elaine Coleman - October 29, 2021 at 03:05 PM

JB

“ Mary was always cheerful and helpful. I worked with her for many years in Pitt County with the Pitt County Schools' Pre-K Programs. Mary was a huge asset in so many ways. She helped us bring an innovative program (Learn and Play Groups) into nearby communities to help Spanish speaking mothers learn easy ways to help with their children's education. She did a lot of testing for me, translated documents, and served as an interpreter for our program. I have many happy memories of working with Mary at the Third Street Pre-K Center. My condolences go out to her family & friends. So sad to lose her so soon.

Judy Beckert-Jones.

Judy Beckert-Jones - October 28, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 28, 2021 at 07:48 PM

CN

“ Chris, Lesley, Spencer Newman purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



Chris, Lesley, Spencer Newman - October 27, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CA

“ She was a very kind woman, very sorry to hear about her passing. Rest in peace <3



Chaise Ann - October 27, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 27, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 27, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.*



October 27, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *We are with you with all our heart in these sad moments and from Belgium we will participate in thought during the ceremonies organized in memory of Mary.
We will always remember her good mood, her enjoyment of live, her erudition, her desire to help others, her enthusiasm.
We will miss her but we will keep in mind the souvenirs of a very friendly person.*

Michèle and Paul

BESEM Michèle and Paul - October 27, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Matthew Neiheisel purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.*



Matthew Neiheisel - October 27, 2021 at 11:19 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. She was such a beautiful lady. May she Rest In Peace 🙏🙏



Susan McMahon - October 27, 2021 at 10:15 AM

TR

“ Nous pensons très fort à vous dans ce moment difficile. Nous sommes de tout cœur avec vous Pierre, Murielle, Estelle, Amelie

Troisfontaines - October 27, 2021 at 01:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 26, 2021 at 09:13 PM

 Irene Besem

“ Toutes nos pensées vont pour la famille. Nous vous souhaitons beaucoup de courage pour passer ces moments difficiles. Bisous de Belgique . Irène Nila et Elia

Irene Besem - October 26, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 26, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 26, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Boylan Cordova.



October 26, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ Keeping your family in my prayers during this time. -Brandy Smith from Virginia



Brandy Lynn Smith - October 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM

SB

“ *I'm sorry to learn of Mary's passing. She was a wonderful person.
I'm sure there is a special place in heaven for her.* ”

Sean Boylan - October 26, 2021 at 11:45 AM