



## MARY A. DELANOY

April 1, 1918 - December 29, 2020

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN MARY'S  
NAME TO:

DEMENTIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
[www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org)

VISITATION:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021  
4PM TO 7PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021  
10AM  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY RC CHURCH  
2823 ROUTE 23 SOUTH  
STOCKHOLM, NEW JERSEY 07460

INTERMENT:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021  
FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS  
RESTLAND MEMORIAL PARK  
77 DEFOREST AVENUE

EAST HANOVER, NEW JERSEY 07936

Mary Augusta DeLanoy, 102, passed away peacefully at home on December 29, 2020.

Mollie (as she was always known) was born on April 1, 1918, on Staten Island, NY, to Henry E. Mecke and Gabrielle (Reynaud) Mecke.

In 1933, the family moved to West Orange, NJ, where Mollie remained until 1983, when she and her husband Allen moved to Cedar Grove, NJ, to live with their daughter Suzanne and her family. In 2005, Mollie moved with Suzanne to a lakefront property in the Stockholm section of Hardyston Township, where she loved sitting with a view of the lake and watching the many birds and other forms of wildlife.

Mollie graduated from West Orange High School in 1936 and worked in department stores until 1942 when she married G. Allen DeLanoy, Jr., and became a stay-at-home mom who raised four children. Later, she worked in a pediatrician's office for quite a few years, then an ophthalmologist's office, and finally spent many years working for daughter Suzanne's word processing and office services business before she "retired" at the age of 87 when she and Suzanne moved to Stockholm in Sussex County. After the move to Stockholm, Mollie became very active at St. John Vianney RC Church, helping out with tag sales and various other events, until she stopped driving in her mid-90s.

From her early twenties until age 87, Mollie was very active in community theater, most notably at the Studio Playhouse in Upper Montclair, where she wore many hats, including directing, acting, designing costumes, and managing the box office (all volunteer positions). Husband Allen, who introduced Mollie to community theater life when they were dating, was active as a director and actor until his passing in 1990.

Mollie was predeceased by her husband Allen (1912-1990); her parents Gabrielle (1888-1981) and Henry (1889-1984) Mecke; her brothers Henry O. ("Bud") Mecke and Herbert Mecke and their wives; her sister-in-law Violet (DeLanoy) D'Alessandro; her son-in-law Bill Ward (1932-2002); and her two nephews Kenneth D'Alessandro and Andy Mecke.

Mollie is survived by her four children G. Allen ("Mark") DeLanoy and his wife Dee; Suzanne DeLanoy Ward; Stephen B. DeLanoy and his wife Mary Ann; and William H. ("Bill") DeLanoy. She will also be missed by six grandchildren - Allyson Maybaum, Thomas Dixon, Stephen M. DeLanoy, Laura Ward Malizzi, Chad DeLanoy, and Heather DeLanoy; her ten great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 4pm to 7pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place).

The funeral mass will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10am at St. John Vianney RC Church, 2823 Route 23 South, Stockholm, NJ 07460.

Immediately following the funeral mass Mollie will be interred beside her husband at Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to:  
Dementia Society of America: [www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org)

Log onto [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com) tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home  
187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney RC Church  
2823 Route 23 South  
Stockholm, NJ 07460  
(973) 697-6550

## Interment

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Restland Memorial Park  
77 DeForest Avenue  
East Hanover, NJ 07936

# Tribute Wall

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“ My memories of Mollie are from about 50 and 60 years ago, when Mollie "owned" the box office at the Studio Playhouse in Montclair. At that time the theater - - a former laundry - - was much different from the present building; Mollie was there from the beginning. My mother, Patricia Cone, frequently appeared in or directed plays there, and for a while I was the master electrician. Mollie was the sort of person everybody could rely on. When she said she would run the box office for the next play, there was a great sigh of relief. That was a tough job, requiring not only accuracy and attention to detail, but also endless diplomacy. And in the world of the theater, where some people look for applause and recognition, Mollie took genuine satisfaction in a "behind the scenes" job well done. I shall long remember her visits to my family's home for the informal parties of the "Monday Morning Efficiency Inhibitionists." Rest in peace, Mollie. I picture you beside Saint Peter, making sure every new arrival has a reservation.

*Kit Cone  
Madison, NJ*

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**Kit Cone** - February 03, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ Your Grandson Tommy and the Dixon family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.



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**Your Grandson Tommy and the Dixon family** - January 03, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.*



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January 03, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.*



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January 01, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mollie lit up a room. I have never met someone so full of life and personality. I am grateful to have been blessed by her presence!*

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**Dana Preziosi** - January 01, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *todd purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.*



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**todd** - January 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ My memory of Grams will always be her smiles and laughs. Her eclectic taste of clothes, broaches and colors. She was always making food too. Such a unique soul. I am grateful for the Ward house that always took us “girls” in with their love ❤️. And of course, how could I ever forget Granpa Delanoy!! And his caps he wore, his jokes and little jigs. Such a blessing!!

Shevaun Shamon - December 31, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.



December 31, 2020 at 05:53 PM



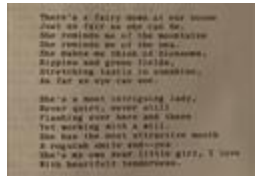
“ Heather DeLanoy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MARY A. DELANOY.




Heather DeLanoy - December 31, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ A poem Great Grandma Gabrielle Raynaud Mecke wrote about Grandma Mollie, her daughter.



Heather DeLanoy - December 31, 2020 at 03:07 PM

  
Heather  
DeLanoy

“ 25 files added to the tribute wall



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Heather DeLanoy - December 31, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album

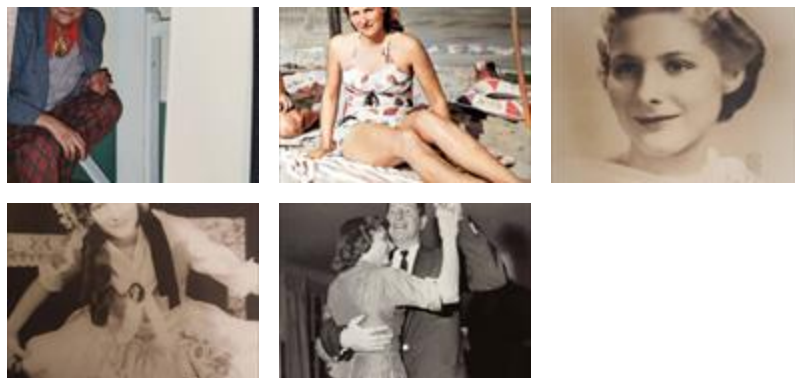


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LAURA S WARD MALIZZI - December 31, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ 26 files added to the album Memories Album

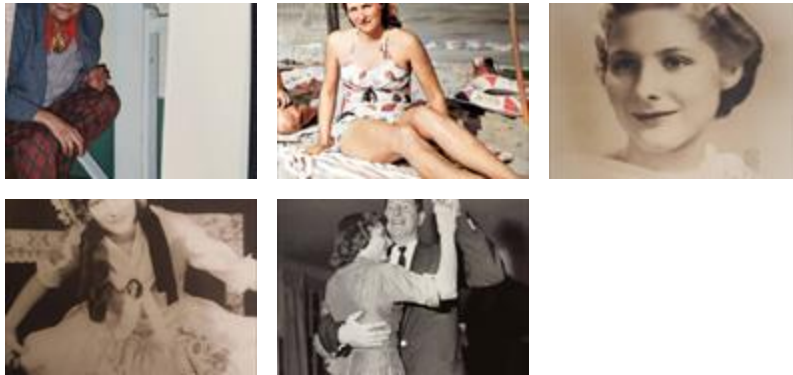


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Laura Ward Malizzi - December 31, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Laura Ward Malizzi** - December 31, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *My sincerest and loving condolences to all the Mecke-Delanoy family. Mollie has touched all of our hearts . . . it has been very comforting to know the love you all have shared in caring for Mollie. I am so grateful for being able to see Mollie and many of you at her 100th birthday celebration. Love to you all! Carolyn Mecke Andors (meckefarineau@gmail.com). Rest in peace, dear Aunt Mollie.*

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**Carolyn Andors** - December 31, 2020 at 01:14 PM