



Mrs. Maryanne Kresse

June 26, 1947 - January 27, 2020

Maryanne Kresse passed away peacefully on January 27, 2020, surrounded by her family at home. She was 72 years old. Maryanne had bravely fought and beaten breast cancer five years ago, only to have it return and take her far too quickly.

Maryanne was the first-born of six children to James and Ethel (Shaw) O'Shaughnessy and grew up in Westfield, N.J. She graduated from Marquette University and attended graduate school in language at New York University. She taught English for many years to her Japanese students and was a licensed real estate broker in Greenwich, CT before retiring, with her husband Fred, to their home on Lake Keowee in Seneca, SC. The career she loved most, though, was that of a devoted wife of 45 years to Fred, mother to her two sons Philip and Michael, and grandmother "Mimi" to their children. Maryanne was beautiful and energetic, a hilarious mimic and with a keen intellect that meant that no conversation with her was ever dull. She possessed a sharp comic wit, but her love for all in her family was genuine and warm. To her friends, siblings and family, she was the "go to" resource, savvy and informed on all matters from finance to child rearing, medicine, travel and great home cooking. "M.A." had an artist's eye and developed into an accomplished oil painter, capturing scenes from her homes in Connecticut and her beloved lake community in South Carolina. She loved a good fast walk, a game of tennis, a great book and a competitive game of bridge. A devout Catholic, Maryanne was an active member of St. Andrew's Catholic

Church, recently founding the Healing Payer Ministry there that helped many parishioners through their personal challenges with the support of a loving and prayerful community.

Maryanne is survived by her loving husband Fredrick Kresse of Seneca, SC, and her sons Philip (Jennifer) Kresse and their daughters Alyssa, Kathryn and Stella of Belmont, MA, and Michael (Jessica) Kresse and their son Damon and daughter Eva of Irvine, CA. In addition, she is survived by her siblings Kathleen (George) Klitsch of Stamford, CT; Elizabeth (Jerry) McTigue of New York, NY; James (Andrea) O'Shaughnessy of Medfield, MA; Eileen (Patrick) Grasso of Old Greenwich, CT and Margaret O'Shaughnessy of Santa Rosa, CA, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A mass will be held in her memory on February 29, 2020 at 11:00 at Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Clemson, SC. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society AstraZeneca Hope Lodge Center, Boston, MA: <http://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/boston/support-us.html>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Andrew Catholic Church
209 Sloan Street
Clemson, SC 29631
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<https://saclemson.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Maryanne Kresse*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *Maryanne and I first met in a prayer group, and supported each other as triple-negative breast cancer ‘survivors’. We chatted regularly and lunched periodically until my husband & I left Lake Keowee for Charlottesville Virginia to be near one of our daughters. Then email kept us in touch. She shared her diagnosis last December, we exchanged emails as recently as January 22. When later email went unanswered, I searched and found this beautiful story of her life, I was amazed to read that she had gone to God on January 27th...*

I guess we never talked of college, so I was amazed to read she’d gone to Marquette because I had too (albeit about 8 years ahead of her)! No doubt such knowledge would have led to sharing of some good stories!

*Fred, please share my condolences with your family. Art went to God last August 27th, so I have a good sense of the loss you are experiencing. I think of them sharing a greeting of peace as they did when we were all attending St. Francis... Her smile is a loss to many, but to none more than you and your family. God bless you all with the assurance you have your own angle interceding for you in Heaven,
Ruth Henahan*

Ruth Henahan - April 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM

WH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Maryanne's passing at the Relay for Life event on March 6. I too had been trying unsuccessfully to reach her and I hoped her silence meant that she was able to go to California after her trip to the Northeast to help with (or at least meet) her new grandbabies. We met through Clemson Area Bosom Buddies, a breast cancer survivor group in the Clemson area. She was such a wonderful member of our group, encouraging and kind. We will miss her lovely smile and generous support of others. What a blessing she was to us.

Wendy Howard - March 10, 2020 at 02:24 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry to see this obituary. I have been trying to get in contact with Maryanne for such a long time and now I know why. We met through the Breast Friends group at the Oconee Hospital in Seneca and we became instant friends. We met each other for lunch every other month. We shared so many stories. She became my precious friend. I will pray for her! I miss that smile but I know she is safe with God. She had such strong faith. Please know what a remarkable woman and friend she was. Amy Cheff

Amy Cheff - March 02, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SG

“ Dear Family Members of Maryanne,

As I was searching the internet today for a family member's phone number, so I could get an update about Maryanne, I came across this very sad news about her, and my heart broke as I read the news. I'll miss my dear friend of many years.

*God bless her soul and may she rest in peace for all eternity!
I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to the mass for Maryanne in SC on Feb 29, but if you have any type of gathering or memorial in CT, I'd love to share in remembering and celebrating her life with you.*

Wishing you all strength at this time of great sorrow!

Sending you all my deepest condolences and keeping you all in my prayers,

Suzanne Thresher Garzon

Suzanne Garzon - February 21, 2020 at 02:51 PM

MP

“ Marilyn Parke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryanne Kresse



Marilyn Parke - February 18, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryanne Kresse.* ”



February 18, 2020 at 12:10 PM