



Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald

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(January 2, 1955 - March 21, 2014)

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald, 59, of Mooresville passed away March 21, 2014 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center after a period of declining health. Mary was born January 2, 1955 in Fort Lauderdale, FL to Paul and Dorothy Fitzgerald of Port Orange, FL. She is survived by her parents of Port Orange, FL, her brother, Peter Fitzgerald of Ormond Beach, FL and his daughter, Casey Worley of Houston, TX and her brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Lori Fitzgerald of St. Petersburg, FL and their son, Padraic.

Mary graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School in the class of 1973 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Minor in Photography at the University of Florida where she graduated with honors. She also earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education at the Florida Atlantic University where she also graduated with honors.

Mary began a long career in bookselling in 1981 as an Assistant Store Manager for B. Dalton Booksellers. She progressed through many positions with that company until it was acquired by Barnes & Noble, Inc., where she

became Manager of Store Operations for the retail division. She worked in Manhattan with B&N until 1992, when she joined Waldenbooks in Stamford, CT. When Waldenbooks headquarters moved to Ann Arbor, MI in 1995, she made the move with them in the role of Manager, Store Communications. She developed and managed numerous store manager training programs as well as managed communications to over 900 stores. In 1996, she joined Waldenbooks sister company, Borders, Inc. as Manager, Store Communications and later Manager, Store Operations for 250 domestic book, music and café superstores. She took her store operations expertise to Borders international division in 1998. Mary traveled the globe, setting up new stores, in the UK, Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and Singapore. In all of these positions, she interacted with and supported hundreds of stores and thousands of people at all levels of the organization. It is no exaggeration to state that she was a beloved friend of many. In 2010, Mary brought her vast experience and knowledge of store operations, training and communications to Lowe's in Mooresville, NC where she worked in Store Communications as a Senior Specialist.

Mary had a deep love of books and music, was the proud owner of two Scottish Fold cats, and possessed a wickedly charming sense of humor.

Mary's life will be commemorated Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC at 6:30pm.

Memorials may be made in Mary's honor to the Book Industry Charitable Foundation BINCfoundation.org.

Tribute Wall



“ I was looking up folks from my past and came across tis notice. I am so sorry to hear that Mary has passed. I would have loved to connect with her. She was my boss at B. Dalton in Asheville many years ago when I was in college. I also visited her in New York soon after she moved there. She taught me so much, and I am so glad I knew her and could call her a friend.

Karla Jacobson Gay - June 01, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

YO

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Fitzgerald. Although I did not know her personally, I, too, have experienced the loss of a loved one some years ago and know it is a difficult situation to face. I pray that her family and friends can find comfort in God’s Word, the Bible, and continue to rely on Him in prayer. John 5:28, 29 talks about a hope we have of seeing our loved ones again when they are resurrected back to life. What a beautiful and exciting hope that is!

Yolanda - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ My deepest condolences... Mary was a great lady and I enjoyed working with her very much!! She will be deeply missed...

Dawn Monroe - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JL

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Julie Page, Lowe's - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JA

“ Mary had the work-ethic of an extreme triathlete, the heart of Mother Teresa, and a love for cats, books and her co-workers that was second to none. Mary loved Lowe's and we loved her. She will dearly missed. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Jeff Autry - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JD

“ Sincerest condolences to family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. Mary was a wonderful person who will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers for all.

Jay Deaton - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

RP

“ *Memories of Mary will be forever cherished for her continued support for the Lowe's Canada Team. I have not had the please of meeting Mary in person, however through our frequent emails, and phone conversations, I feel as I have know her for ages. You will be greatly missed.*

Rishi Puran - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Joey Boley - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

AN

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Angie - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

DW

“ *I only knew Mary a short time but I can honestly say she was one of nicest people I have ever met! She was always willing to help me and teach me (which is huge!) - never impatient! She will truly be missed by her coworkers at Lowe's. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Denise Watson - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

DP

“ May the promises fortold by our Heavenly Father provide your family strenght in this time of sorrow:1 Corinthians 15:22 "...also in the Christ all will be made alive."Revelation 21:3, 4 "With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.""

Darlene Pagan - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry about to hear that Mary is no longer with us. She has always been so helpful to me. She never said no and was always willing to help. She will be missed. I pray that her family finds peace.

Reshma Kunjbehari Moore - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

SE

“ I was saddened to hear of Mary's passing. Mary & I collaborated on a key energy management initiative last year when I joined Lowe's. I'm privileged to have known Mary and worked with her. Mary's family has my Christian sympathies.

Steve Elsea - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

GH

“ I enjoyed Mary's friendly smile and manner. She always spoke to everyone even when you could tell her day was challenging her physically. She definately will be missed by all of the people she touched at Lowe's and was absolutley considered a family member to all of us. Prayers of comfort to the family.

Gail Henderson - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

CP

“ I had the opportunity to work with Mary at Lowe's. She was always a gracious person and I will remember her kind spirit. I am so sorry for your unexpected loss. With deepest sympathy, Colleen Penhall

Colleen Penhall - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

NJ

“ My condolences to all of Mary's family, friends, loved ones. I was blessed to have known Mary through my years in the book industry. She was a wonderful person, and her time here on earth made a difference in so many people's lives. She will always be remembered for her kindness, wisdom, and humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nancy Johnsen - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was a fantastic person, who will be missed!

Chad Blackwelder - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

WE

“ Mary was an amazing individual, and a joy to work with. You could always count on her quick wit, and charming personality to infect your day.

William Edenfield - October 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM