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Mary Anne "Molly" Mabe

August 2, 1934 – February 8, 2022



Mary Mabe (Molly) of Binghamton, New York (formally Co. Wexford, Ireland), passed away peacefully at Mercy House in Endicott, New York on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. She was predeceased by her husband William Mabe, mother Annie (Doyle) Breen, father Maurice Breen, and siblings Matthew, Annie, and Margaret. She is survived by siblings Josie and Mike, children Nuala and Sean, extended family, and cherished pets.

Molly's upbringing shaped the loving and compassionate person that she was. Growing up in abject poverty provided none of the opportunities afforded to most. As a child, she wore hand me down clothes often patched until they fell apart, grew the family's food in a small garden (mainly potatoes), and heated water in an iron kettle hung in the fireplace which doubled as the only heat source in the house. Determined to make a better life for herself, Molly moved to England and became manager of a prominent hotel. She sent much of her income home to support her family and to purchase small gifts for her younger siblings. All other monies reserved to allow travel home once a year to see her beloved family.

Later immigrating to the United States, she met her husband, and raised her children. She was part of the committee that established the first Saint Patrick's Day parade in Binghamton and was a founding member of the Binghamton AOH. She also participated in many American Civic Association activities. Her interests included travel, music, dancing, gardening, wildlife watching, photography, walking her dogs, making crafts, and drinking tea with friends and family.

Molly's gentle nurturing spirit touched all who were fortunate enough to have crossed her path. Having a profound respect for all living things, and a kind and calm demeanor, she provided a sense of serenity and comfort for both people and animals alike. Her laugh was infectious, her concern and empathy for others genuine, and her optimism unflinching. Our hearts are full of wonderful memories never forgotten. Until we meet again Molly, may you be held safely in God's hands. Slán abhaile.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later announced date. Those wishing to donate in Molly's memory may contribute to Mercy House in Endicott, New York.

Kindly share your reflections of Molly on her guestbook at Chopyak-Scheider.com.