



Mary Louise Rossano

October 25, 1928 - April 19, 2024

Mary “Ting” Louise Steele Rossano passed away peacefully on Friday morning, April 19, 2024, at the age of 95.

She is survived by her three children and three grandchildren: Joseph Gregory Rossano, a renowned artist living in Arlington, Washington, with his wife Lisa, an art historian; Thomas Michael Rossano, a commercial producer residing in Larchmont, NY, with his wife Catharine, a communications executive, and 10-year-old daughter Lucy; and Marianne “Annie”

Greven, a banker living in Mamaroneck, NY, with her husband Philip, a development director, and 17-year-old twin boys William and Nathaniel. She also leaves behind eight nieces and nephews and their families. Mary lost her husband of 55 years, Paul Gregory Rossano, on November 30, 2016.

Mary was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on October 25, 1928, the first child of Jefferson Milton Steele, “Bunt” and Harriet Rebecca Cowling Steele, “Tootie”. She was

preceded in death by her brother Patrick Jefferson Cowling Steele, "Pat," who passed away on January 30, 1984, at the age of 52, and her sister Anne DeWitt Steele, "Annie" who died on February 5, 1938, at the age of 4.

Her father's position as Manager of the Colonial Sugars Company led to her early upbringing in Cuba until the age of five. The family then relocated to New Orleans, where Mary became actively involved in her community. She attended Country Day and Sacred Heart schools. She earned her BA from Sophie Newcomb in 1951 and an MASW from Tulane in 1959. While at school she was an active member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. As was customary in New Orleans, Mary was formally presented as a Debutante at several Mardi Gras carnival organizations' balls beginning in January 1950.

Mary met her husband Paul as a result of mutual friends carefully curating a blind date. On July 16, 1961, they were married at historical St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans French Quarter. Soon after, they relocated to Lexington Kentucky, where Paul attended medical school at University of Kentucky and they started their family. In 1965, they moved to New York where Paul completed his medical residency at the

legendary

Bellevue Hospital. They settled in Locust Valley, NY, and later retired to Round Top, NY.

Mary spent her final years at Sarah Neuman in Mamaroneck, NY, where she could be closer to family.

Mary was dedicated to service, starting in early education at Sophie Newcomb Nursery

School. After becoming a social worker, she worked in therapy and education roles at

Southeast Louisiana Hospital and Kentucky Village. As she prepared to return to work

after a 15-year hiatus raising her family, she specialized in geriatric care. She spent 15

years at Montclair Nursing Home in Glen Cove, NY as the resident Social Worker. At the

same time, she built a robust private family practice at which she continued to work into

her early 80s.

Mary enjoyed being active and was a competitive recreational athlete. She was the

captain of her high school basketball team and also enjoyed modern dance, league

tennis, and fishing with friends. As a member of Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club,

Mary enjoyed competitive sailing in her all-wood Seabird. Every August she looked

forward to family trips to Montana where she would horseback ride in Big Sky

country.

She took up golf in her 60s, quickly mastering the sport as a near scratch golfer. She never stopped moving, and well into her 80's she practiced calisthenics. She was also a passionate gardener and an avid reader, participating in local garden and book clubs.

A true southern lady through and through, Mary was known for her politeness, grace, and elegance. She always presented herself socially and was ready for the activities of any day.

Mary, "Ting", Mom, and Grandma will be deeply missed, but her powerful presence will continue to live on in each of us.

Two services will be held:

May 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 18 Cherry Ave in Larchmont followed by a reception at Hampshire Country Club @ 1025 Cove Road, Mamoroneck, N.Y., 10543.

May 31, 2024 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church, 35 Church St., in Cairo, NY followed by her burial at Round Top Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her husband Paul.

Lunch will follow at The Winter Clove Inn, 557 Winter Clove Road, Round Top, New York, 12473.

Because Mary , "Ting" so enjoyed music, dance and all the creative activities while in residence at Sarah Neuman, we request, in lieu of flowers, you make

donations to The New Jewish Home. Checks should be addressed and sent to:

The New Jewish Home Sarah Neuman

845 Palmer Avenue

Mamoroneck, NY 10543

Attention: Administration

In the memo section, please include for TR Dept = Music & Art programs.

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Local funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, NY, 12413.

To leave condolences for the family please visit the Tribute Wall above / or you may go to www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Round Top Cemetery

South Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Previous Events

Reception

MAY 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

Hampshire Country Club
1025 Cove Road
Mamaroneck , NY 10543

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Augustine's Catholic Church
18 Cherry Ave
Larchmont, NY 10538

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo
35 Church Street
Cairo, NY 12413
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

Lunch

MAY 31. 12:30 PM (ET)

Winter Clove Inn
557 Winter Clove Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Tribute Wall

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“ A lovely, gracious lady who holds a special place in my heart. Ting would warm the coldest winter day with a hot cup of tea and good conversation. She was, smart, witty, compassionate and caring and always up for an “adventure”....even if it was a trip to Walmart! It is a privilege to have known her. I’m sur3 she is dancing in heaven!
Mace Burr

Mace Burr - May 30, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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Annie Greven - April 29, 2024 at 08:25 AM

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“ Renee J South lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rossano



Renee J South - April 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

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my sincere condolences to "Ting's" family at this time..i will always treasure her visits at my salon..she was very very special to me. and holds a place forever in my heart.....

Renee J South - April 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

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Thank you Renee. She so valued you and how beautiful you made her look and feel. Her weekly appointments were cemented in her calendar. Thank you.

Annie Greven - April 29, 2024 at 08:23 AM