



# Mary C. Moisiso

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**M**ary Catherine Moisio (Wilson), our beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many, has been called home by God; her spirit was carried gently to Heaven in the arms of angels on Friday, July 7, 2006. Mary was born in Tacoma, WA, and lived here all her life. The daughter of Alma and Andrew Wilson (deceased), Mary was one of five sisters: Patricia, Rosemary (deceased), Kathleen, and Andrea. She grew up in Tacoma's north end and fondly referred to that area as her "stomping grounds," when sharing warm memories of her early years: climbing trees in the woody areas; soaking her feet in the saltwater beach along Ruston Way with her dad; and taking the bus downtown with her mom and little sister Andi for soup and sandwiches at the Rhodes lunch counter, followed by a Roxy double feature. Mary attended Holy Cross and St. Patrick Schools in her primary years and went on to Aquinas Academy, graduating in 1953. Mary maintained many special friendships from her school years and treasured a 50th class reunion cruise with her classmates in 2003. Mary attended the College of Puget Sound where she studied psychology and music. Throughout college and for some time after, Mary worked as a switchboard operator along with her mother Alma at the Tacoma Police Department. She married at age 21 and had five children to whom she was devoted: Rosemary (Douglas), Elizabeth (Lee), Reino (Joyce), Andrew (Debbie), and Kathleen (Brian). Mary recently stated that what she was most proud of about her life is her five children and that her greatest wish is for their happiness. Mary's family grew over the years to include eight grandchildren: Timothy, Talia, and Emily (Rosemary); Brandi (Elizabeth); and Rolanda, Victoria, Amber, and Marcus (Andrew). She also had one special "grand-dog," for whom she provided daily "Grammy Day Care," BooBear (Kathleen). In recent years, 4th generation additions to Mary's family included the births of five great-grandchildren: Audrey (deceased), Jaron, Caemon, Owen, and Te'Yana. Mary was known for her sheer goodness, through and through. She had a



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kind and gentle spirit and balanced an amazing strength of character with a warm and accepting softness that was a comfort to those who were close to her. Mary maintained a strong sense of faith and unyielding optimism, no matter the adversity before her. She provided a patient, ever-willing, and compassionate ear to those around her; and she displayed selfless generosity in her tireless efforts to help others. Mary was also known as a popular and energetic business woman of great integrity, owning and operating her own entertainment booking agency (Mary Kaye Productions) since 1968. She took great pride in helping the artists she served to attain a stable livelihood doing what they loved most in life: making music. In recent years, Mary added Real Estate Agent to her professional resume and, again, enjoyed serving her clients very much. Truly, Mary was a bright and shining light to those around her. She was cherished and will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her. Please join Mary's family and friends for Mary's memorial service at 2pm on Saturday, July 15, 2006, in the Mountain View Valley Chapel.



## Tribute Wall

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**Brun Jenkins** posted:

Nineteen years later and I still think of my Mary so very often. She was my agent, my supporter, and one of my dearest friends ever in life! Your memory remains with me always, Mary. I know GOD has you busy in a special place in Heaven. And you are LOVING it! Love you, Brun

March 22 at 10:32 PM



**Brun Jenkins** posted:

Some 19 years later, I still think of Mary so often. She was a great supporter of live music, a fair and honest agent, and my close friend. GOD Love you and Bless You Mary Kaye. Love, Brun

March 22 at 10:25 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kathy, I am very sorry to hear about your mom. She will truly be missed by all. Sorry that I could not attend the services but my thoughts are with you. Please give my condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Kevin Trenberth##imported-end##

July 19 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kathy and Family, I just returned from Oklahoma to learn about your mother's "death". I use quotes because I personally believe it is a passage to a better place-one of peace and joy, minus the distractions, challenges, and disillusionments, so prevalent in our world. Regardless, I know the pain is real, based on the loss of my own parents. If a child is a true reflection of the parent, then I know that Mary C. Moisio was an exceptional person. I express my deepest sympathy for your loss and hope that you recognize what a beautiful legacy she has left in you Kathy. God bless-Terry M.##imported-begin##Terry Miller##imported-end##

July 17 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Family Members,I never met Mary Catherine and yet I feel that I knew her through her daughter Kathleen. At the Celebration Kathleen described Alma and Mary and as she did I was struck with Kathleen's similarity to those strong, loving women. It is clear to me that while Mary Catherine's spirit is in Heaven, she lives on in her children and grandchildren.May God grant you the grace to get through this difficult time as you continue to be comforted with your memories of the amazing Mary Catherine. Patsy Maloney###imported-begin###Patsy Maloney###imported-end###

July 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I met Mary Kaye as she studied for the real estate exam. Her gentle side was all I knew until the day I was with her during an negotiation session for her entertainment business. While fair, she was so firm I could not believe the Tiger Lady standing in Mary Kaye's shoes!My deepest sympathy to all of her family.###imported-begin###Juanita Saathoff, Realtor###imported-end###

July 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

NULL###imported-begin###Terry Schwietzer###imported-end###

July 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

NULL###imported-begin###Beverly Doty###imported-end###

July 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts are with the whole family at this very trying time. Sorry that I can not attend the services but my thoughts will be with you all.###imported-begin###Rolene Harris###imported-end###

July 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Rose, Liz, Reino, Andrew, & Kathleen, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. It is difficult when those we love pass over, yet it is our common journey and, ultimately, the one that unites us once again. I hope knowing others are thinking of you and remembering your mother will help you at this painful time. I remember her from before any of you were born. As a young girl, I saw her as the beautiful young woman with gorgeous cascading curls my brother was dating. She often came to our house and I idolized her. One day, not getting my own way with Moo, I decided to run away and move in with Mary, Alma, and Andi. Moo gave me a suitcase to pack and Mary said I could come over (smart, weren't they?). I made the trip and was welcomed at Alma's. I decided to go back home the same day, but the experience added to my sense of acceptance in my world. If ever needed, I felt I would have another place to go. When wedding plans were announced, I was living a dream of most girls in those days: My big brother was marrying a princess, and I would get to participate in the showers, rehearsals, and, best of all, the wedding! The excitement back then was enough to take my breath away. It was truly a magical time for me, and your mom let me experience it as that. I'm sure I was a pesky nuisance, but I was included anyway. Watching your mom walk down the aisle in that beautiful dress, carrying gardenias, is a picture I still see clearly in my mind. With the birth of each of you, your mom understood and accepted my longing to be a part of your arrivals. When Rose was born, only adult visitors were allowed in the maternity ward. A few strings were pulled and I was hidden behind a friendly nun's habit and smuggled in to see my first niece! I got to hold each of you within minutes of your arrivals at home and was always welcome to visit you. Some of my best childhood memories involve you kids and summer afternoons at your house with your mom. Though she was incredibly busy with all of you and the "gender specific tasks" of the day, she still took time to make coffee and sit and talk with me. I'm sure she could have used a nap instead! I believe your mom influenced my decision to teach young children too. Being encouraged to help with you and loving you kids so much helped me appreciate and cherish young children. I almost had a small class with all of you! Then, during one college year summer, your mom and Alma helped me get a job working at a nursery school. They knew someone who knew someone, and so I got the position. That experience really finalized my decision to work with little ones. As your mom and I grew older, you grew up and, of course, all our lives changed. As people do, we got too busy, lost some connections, made others, and went in many directions. Yet, reflections of the past will always include your mom for me. I won't forget her. I hope knowing I, along with others, remember and appreciate her contributions to our lives will help bring comfort to you all. I love you. Aunt Lorrie##imported-begin##Lorrie Peterson##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Kay was my classmate and friend at Aquinas Academy in 1952. I had only seen her one time in a park; she with her children and I with mine, but had tried to contact her on Classmates.com in recent years. I remember her as a girl the way she is described in her adult life. My deepest condolences, Kitti Hamilton##imported-begin##katharyne hamilton##imported-end##

July 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Mary Kaye's family I express my condolences for the passing of my friend Mary Kaye. I was in the music business around the Pacific Northwest from 1961-1991 but up until 1974 had always played locally around Seattle and Tacoma. I began working with Mary in 1974 when I formed my own band and wanted to take it on the road. She immediately found good jobs for me and kept me working. I often used other agents and also booked myself but no one gave the conscientious and personal service that Mary did. She was not only my agent but I considered her my good friend. I hadn't seen her in several years but everytime I remember my life as a performer, (which is quite often), I have thought and will continue to think of her. She will not only be missed by her family and friends but also by the hundreds of entertainers she helped down through the years. Goodby Mary and thank you. Joe Brignone##imported-begin##Joe Brignone##imported-end##

July 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Moisio family: My heart goes out to each of you. I am saddened and will miss Mary Kaye, yet so grateful for the years that I had the privilege of working with her. She was kind, supportive, fair, and honest - definitely a shining star in the music business. This is a loss to all who knew her, but it leaves an irreplaceable void to those who loved her.##imported-begin##Theresa Carnovale##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kathy - my thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time, Anita##imported-begin##Anita Kent##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Liz & the Moisio family, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful woman and I have a lot of great memories from your house when we were teenagers. Mostly I remember your mom's sense of humor...at an age when most of us thought that parents were dorks, your's was so cool! When I was older what struck me was that your mom was always a sweetheart and a truly classy lady. I know that you will be with her again someday. I pray that your memories of her help you through your grief. Our love and heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you.##imported-begin##Patty & Robin Sweet##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May God surround your spirit and soul always. Your friends always. Love,##imported-begin##Larry & Margaret Wilkinson##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am deeply sorrowed to learn of Mary Kaye's passing and my heart goes out to all of her loved ones. She brought character and integrity to the music business and kept a lot of musicians working through some very lean times. She will be missed very deeply by me and by the entire musical community. Sincerely, -Rick.##imported-begin##Richard Meyerson##imported-end##

July 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We love you very much Grandma and we are very sad to see you go. We know that you are in a much better place with our Lord. We will see you again someday. We love you and miss you.##imported-begin##Landi Moisio & Vicki Kaasa##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Moisio family, You are all in our hearts and prayers. I recall the time at Lori's when I had the high honor of holding dear, sweet, little Rosebud for the first time. Quiet, elegant Mary sat right by me. I'll never forget Mary's sweet beauty. In deepest sympathy, Diana & Bill, Alice and all the Schiesser family##imported-begin##Diana Schiesser Baldwin##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Moisio Family. Mary Kay was one of the kindest, gentlest people I have ever known. I will never forget her great integrity and quiet sense of humor. I will miss her greatly. Deborah Armstrong##imported-begin##Deborah Armstrong##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary was a very gentle and giving spirit.##imported-begin##Joan Kastner##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathies to all of Mary's children and their families. She was a dear friend and will always be remembered deeply in the fondest of my memories. When I was a bar hopping twenty something, I always knew where the best music was playing in the northwest. My friends always would ask me where to go, and I looked like the Magi, because I had the answers. Of course my knowledge of these places and their music was that the best groups were always Mary's. My prayers go to all of her family and friends. She will dearly be missed. Love to all, cousin Fred Moisio.##imported-begin##Fred Moisio##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Mary Kaye- My dear friend for over 36 years, if there is a Heaven, there will be a place for you. You are one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. Your Friend, Fon##imported-begin##Fon##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kathleen & all the family, I was very saddened to hear of Mary's death. I will not be able to join you on Saturday as I will be out of town but My thoughts & prayers will be with you all. Mary was a leader in our industry and always lead with integrity and heart. She will be missed by all who knew her. May God Bless her and all of you. Margaret##imported-begin##Margaret Perugini##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kathy & Brian,Our thoughts and prayer are with you. If there is anything that we can do to help, please let us know.I will not beable to attend the funeral,as we were going away with our folks, and unable to change it. You will be in my thoughts and prayer. Love Connie & Joe.##imported-begin##Connie Gratzer##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am very sad to learn of Mary's passing. Such a great lady. To myself and my fellow musicians she was more like a Mom then a booking agent... Besides keeping me working, I always felt like she had my back. I am blessed to have known her. If there is a rock and roll heaven, and I am able to make it there... I know that Mary will be calling me at the last minute on a Friday saying, " Joe I got a last minute cancellaton can you make it out to shelton tonight ? " My thoughts and prayers are with her family .##imported-begin##Joe Turnbull##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Kathleen (and the Moisio family)...I was so sorry to hear of Mary Kaye's passing, and can't believe that it has been 26 years of knowing you both. Time passes all too quickly and it gives you a much needed pause when you lose someone so unexpectedly. My thoughts are with you and your family. I'm sorry I can't attend the Saturday service, but I will be there in spirit. Peace be with you all.Best,Linda Z##imported-begin##Linda Zopfi##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



**Brun Jenkins** January 24 at 2:30 PM

I still think of her with such fond memories. We had some great times talking on the phone. God Bless you, Mary. I will always miss you.



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**Anonymous** posted:

Kathy, I remember meeting Mary Kay when a group of us spent time together in Seattle. Kathy, in the short time I was with her I witnessed what a kind and gentle person she was and certainly how proud she was of you. You did a wonderful job caring for her as well. She is now at peace and no longer in pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Brian & the rest of your family.##imported-begin##Kathy Lucas##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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