



## Mary Louise Trahan

September 12, 1951 - February 21, 2021

Mary Louise Trahan of Loganville, Georgia passed away on February 21, 2021 at home with her family, succumbing to a chronic illness. Mary was born in Gadsden, AL on September 12, 1951 to Joseph Francis Trahan and his wife Louise (née Moore). She attended St. James Catholic School. She was best friends forever with Etowah High School chums, Janet Gray, Harriet Mehurg, and Jane Bishop. Mary obtained her Masters of Social Work from Georgia State University and founded the Phoenix Alliance for substance abuse rehabilitation in Atlanta. She was an avid decorator and gracious hostess for her husband's university gatherings. Growing up on a small farm in the foothills of Appalachia, Mary even "had a little lamb"; yet when her husband accepted a provost post and they moved to Boston, she never lost her sweet Southern accent. She was variously an efficient administrator, professional counselor, realtor, computer application consultant, civic activist, jewelry maker, belly dancing student, a compassionate neighbor with neighbors who cared (Dr. Darlene Goldstein), book club fan, and so much more! Mary was always cheerful and had a big heart, deeply loving her mother, family, and pets.

Mary is predeceased by her sister Laura Trahan, and her first husband Bill Wilson. Mary is survived by her cherished husband Dr. Ahmed T. Abdelal, sister Caroline Abbey (John) of Newnan, devoted son Anthony Shane Wilson of Loganville (daughter-in-law Marie), grandson Caleb Wilson, step grands

Jada Sutfin (Jeremy) and Blake McDaniel (Courtney), step daughter Laila Abdelal McClay of Novato, CA and grandson Max, step son Rawi Abdelal of Wellesley, MA (Traci Battle) and grandchildren Alexander and Annabel, niece Louise Priko McCall, nephews Robert Priko and Sean Paul Aitken, several grand nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, and her beloved rescued Siberian Husky, Lucky.

A Zoom memorial will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 21, 2021. Please click on the link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87523050379>  
Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association or charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 2:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Louise Trahan*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Trahan.*



March 20, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *I am so grateful to Mary for giving me the opportunity to begin my career as a counselor at Phoenix Alliance in Atlanta many years ago.  
I met her through her sister Caroline whom I was also working with at the time. Mary was someone who really cared about improving people's lives and the community around her.  
Her leadership and compassion will be missed.*

*Christine Burnosky*

**Christine Burnosky** - March 17, 2021 at 09:30 PM

HS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Hannah Sharpless** - March 14, 2021 at 12:45 PM

RC

“ *Mary sent me a birthday card and Christmas card no matter how many times I moved. She kept up with me. She was close in age as we had many cousins older and a few younger so we bonded most. The childhood memories all the way to the last time we talked in person, she was always the same .....a wonderful person. I'll miss her until I'm called to join her. Love you Caroline!*

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**Rebecca Condit** - March 04, 2021 at 02:10 PM

TS

“ *It was wonderful and a blessing to have known and worked with Mary Trahan in Lynn as part of the East Lynn Community Association. She invited us all into her home to become part of her extended family and was a driving force in the community. She was the center to which we all gravitated. A warm, supportive, encouraging and fun-loving person. I will miss her forever.*

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**Tom Sheehan** - March 03, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Trahan.*



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March 03, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Caroline T Abbey** - March 02, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Caroline T Abbey** - February 28, 2021 at 05:40 PM



*Ancient willow in Grand Pre near Evangeline statue.*

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**Caroline Abbey** - March 01, 2021 at 09:50 AM

CA

“ I have so many special memories of my sweet little sister. One of my favorites was a trip the two of took to Nova Scotia to attend the 2004 World Acadian Congress. We delighted in treading the same soil on which our ancestors tread, after their arrival from the Loire Valley in France in 1636. In "Le Grand Dérangement" in 1755, our forebears were expelled to Massachusetts but made their way back to Quebec, where our father was born in 1891.



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**Caroline T Abbey** - February 28, 2021 at 05:39 PM

PR

“ Dear Ahmed ( Abdelal)

*I am so sorry to learn of Mary's passing. She was such a warm and wonderful person, skilled at her work and a gracious hostess at all the events we attended at your home .  
Richard and I send our deepest sympathy . Please know you are in our thoughts .*

*With caring to you and your whole family,*

*Paula Rayman and Richard Herman*

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**Paula Rayman** - February 27, 2021 at 05:46 PM

LB

“ Ahmed,

*So sorry to read about Mary's death. I have been thinking about both of you recently and meaning to try to get in touch.*

*Linda Bell*

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**Linda Bell** - February 26, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“After I helped a friend run, unsuccessfully, for the Lynn City Council many years ago, I had developed a recognizable face in Lynn. I don't remember which non-profit asked me to sit on their board first, but I ended up on 6 or 7 committees in Lynn. It didn't take me long to realize that many of them were filled with people who loved to hear themselves talk. And talk was all that was accomplished most of the time. But there was one organization that put words into action. The Lynn Community Association founded by a dynamic, powerful woman, gave me a taste and a hunger for what “community” truly means. Meetings were direct, to the point, and above all-FUN. We planned events such as political debates, Halloween parties for underprivileged children, city wide clean-ups, and cultural and historic events. “Words to Action” is how I can best remember Mary Trahan.

*She was a leader, an innovator, and a trendsetter. She changed Lynn for the better and worked diligently and gracefully with everyone she came in contact with. With all her efforts on behalf of Lynn, you would have thought she was born and raised here, but as soon as she opened her mouth you knew she was from somewhere a little farther South than Massachusetts.*

*She was a force to be reckoned with, and heaven forbid you were on her bad side. She was creativity, grace, and obstinance rolled up in one. You felt as though she always had your back, and I think she had that support from Ahmed. The strong, silent type, he gave Mary love, freedom, and strength to do as much as she desired for the benefit of everyone around her. Thank you Ahmed for sharing her with us. Your loss is also the City of Lynn's loss.*

*Admittedly, I, myself have gravitated away from community service, as my children got through high school. But as our second son prepares to graduate, joining his brother in his own college experience, I find myself thinking of getting more involved again. Only by chance did I see Mary's write up in the local newspaper, and I think this was her master plan to get me off my*

*rear end and back in the game.*

*Thank you Mary for your inspiration, kindness, and friendship. On behalf of my family; Noreen, Gerard, and Joseph, I wish all who knew Mary our condolences and encouragement to get in the game.*

*With love,*

*Bob Connolly*

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**Bob Connolly** - February 26, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JP

“ *The memories too many to count  
Many of them I would never talk about...  
We grew up together and began our never ending friendship and shenanigans on Lookout Mountain many years ago.  
Just imagine the two of us flying down the mountain on a tractor we borrowed from someone's barn? Having no clue how to use the brakes we were lucky to have lived beyond 14.  
Mary's heart had more capacity to love and forgive than anyone I have ever known.  
She would have moved heaven and earth for her family and friends. So selfless! She wanted no one to know how really sick she was and just a few days before entering heaven's gate she said, "as long as I can ignore this maybe it will go away!" She knew better but with her colorful imagination wanted us to pretend another virtual trip. We did and while drinking our margaritas and eating coconut she tried to extract the promise that I would be okay. Always thinking of others! She reminded me that we had traveled many "prickly paths" together and that I would forever be entertained by our memories. My heart breaks for all her loved ones and special prayers for Ahmed. Her heart beat for him and she tried her very best to insure he would always be okay. She was content knowing Ant had Marie to clutch his hand.  
I know all of us who knew and loved her will miss her and her joyful mischievous smile,  
Until we meet again....my dearest friend.*

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**Janet Perkins** - February 25, 2021 at 09:04 PM

JT

“ My sincere condolences to Ahmed and both Mary and Ahmed's families. We fondly remember Mary as the gracious hostess of wonderful gatherings on Lynnshore Drive in Lynn! Mary and Ahmed were a valuable "team" when they were at UMass Lowell. Attached is a photo from the "Frozen Four" hockey tournament in Pittsburgh.-  
John & Chris Ting



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**John M Ting** - February 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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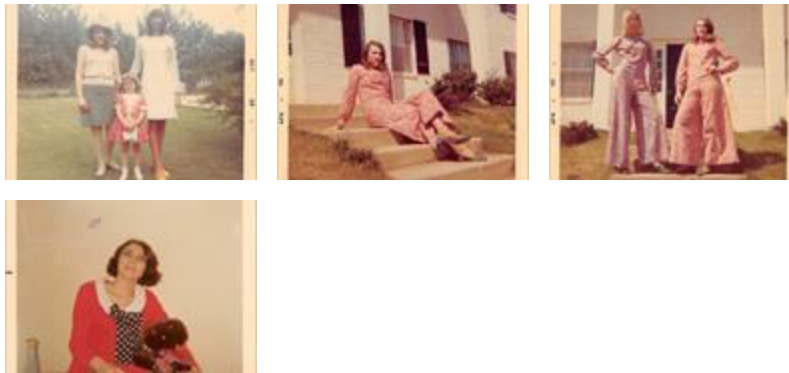
“ We miss Mary in Lynn, MA as she worked very hard to improve Lynn and invited us to Thanksgiving dinner more than once. She is in our prayers. We think of her often, especially when we having lentil soup. Sandra and Jerry Caron. [Juggar9@verizon.net](mailto:Juggar9@verizon.net).

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**Gerard L. Caron** - February 25, 2021 at 09:03 AM

CA

“ 4 files added to the album *Best Friends Forever*



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**Caroline T Abbey** - February 24, 2021 at 06:59 PM

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Caroline T Abbey - February 24, 2021 at 06:52 PM

HS

“ So many love filled memories.



Hannah Sharpless - February 24, 2021 at 11:29 AM

TR

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Traci - February 24, 2021 at 07:01 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Trahan. I went to St. James School, too, but I was in her sister, Laura's, class. The entire Trahan family was made up of "good people" in my opinion, and talk about hard workers! Laura use to help me with my schoolwork--she was so smart! And she doted on her baby sister Mary Louise, and next younger sister, Caroline. After St. James, I guess we all went our separate ways, and I lost track of the Family. When I saw Mrs. Trahan's obituary a while back, I learned that Laura had passed earlier. Again, I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful lady, and I want her family to know that I have you in my prayers. May Almighty God have mercy on her soul, and grant her eternal peace wrapped in His arms forever

Tom(my) Piazza  
South Pittsburg, TN

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Tom(my) Piazza - February 24, 2021 at 01:37 AM

HS

“ Mimi (as my son Tex named her) was one of the first people I met when we moved to the North Shore. Our dogs, Kodiak and Lindsey, hit it off as well as we did and She was an honorary grandmother to my children. Since she and Ahmed moved, our communication has been sporadic, but Mimi will live forever in the hearts of my family. We love her so much.



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Hannah Sharpless - February 23, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Trahan.*



February 23, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Mary will be greatly missed. Whenever the family got together, for me, it was always at my Aunt Mary's. From childhood to having a family of my own, going to see her was always something to look forward to. She had a gift with children as well! Anyone can tell from personal experience, or simply looking at photos, that she was adored by the children! Words are not enough. We love you Mary!*

**Sean-Paul Aitken** - February 22, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathies to you all. RIP*

**Corinne Provencher** - February 22, 2021 at 03:52 PM



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**Caroline Abbey** - February 22, 2021 at 02:57 PM