



Mary B. DeFerrari

April 12, 1929 - January 29, 2026

Mary B. DeFerrari, age 96, of Aliquippa passed away peacefully at home on January 29th, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

She was born April 12th, 1929, and is the daughter of the late Reginald and Margaret Welch. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband Joseph DeFerrari, her brother and sister-in-law Paul and Olive Welch, her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Albert and Gilda DeFerrari, her niece June Welch, and her son-in-law Edward Leitao.

Mary was a member of St. Titus Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She worked alongside her husband at Franklin Sporting Goods, where she was often seen helping customers at the candy counter. She was a Boy Scout den mother and classroom volunteer when her children were young. Besides spending time with her family, Mary enjoyed cooking, preparing for holidays, helping friends and neighbors, reading, doing word search, and crocheting. She crocheted many beautiful baby blankets, scarves, and washcloths up until the weeks before her passing.

She is survived by her loving son, Joseph (Cindy) DeFerrari, Daughters Nancy (Dale VanWormer) DeFerrari, Mary Leitao, Cathy McCurry and Patty DeFerrari, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, six nieces and one nephew.

Mary's life was touched by the kindness and compassion of Erica McGuire, Rose Sabattini, and the staff of Three Oaks Hospice.

Mary will be missed by her loving family and everyone who was touched by

her unconditional love and kindness. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3-7 in the ANTHONY MASTROFRANCESCO FUNERAL HOME INC. 2026 McMinn Street Aliquippa PA 15001. 724-375-0496. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10:00 am in Mary Queen of Saints Parish, St. Titus Church. Please meet in the church. A private Interment will immediately follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

450 Penn Avenue
Aliquippa , PA 15001

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.
2026 McMinn Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
(724) 375-0496
mastrofrancescofh@gmail.com
<https://www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Titus Roman Catholic Church
952 Franklin Ave
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Private interment

FEB 3. 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
450 Penn Avenue
Aliquippa , PA 15001

Tribute Wall

MA

“ To Patty and family, I am sorry for your loss. She was always welcoming and may she rest in peace. Sincerely, Mike Alam

Mike Alam - March 07 at 04:58 PM

MB

“ I want to say how welcoming and kind Mary was to me and to many. She always made me feel like family when I was in her home. Mary, I assume you've met up with Joe and he has 20 years of jokes japes and pranks stored up for your arrival. Thank you for your kindnesses to me and everyone.

M. Bratton - February 08 at 01:49 PM

PD

Thank you

Patricia A. DeFerrari - February 21 at 12:50 PM

MV

Dear Patty and Family, So sorry for your loss, I don't know if you remember my parents Hubert and Madeleine Smith my mom was the Avon lady. I remember coming to see your mom with mine for Avon and just visiting. Your Mom was a wonderful and caring person and she will be greatly Missed. I know she is at peace now.
Michelle(Smith) Vedro

Michelle M Vedro - February 26 at 06:32 PM

CD

“ I was so incredibly sorry to hear the news about your wonderful mom. I'll always remember her incredible kindness to my grandparents.

I had the pleasure of bumping into your mom a few years ago. She looked absolutely unchanged, and it was so lovely to catch up! We spent some time just chatting and laughing about all the fun times Cathy and I used to have playing together when we were kids. Those memories are so precious to me.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this really tough time. Sending my warm thoughts your entire family.

Sincerely, Carolyn Drositis

Carolyn Drositis - February 03 at 08:08 PM

PD

*Thank you so much , Carolyn❤️
Patty (the baby). I loved your grandparents!!*

Patricia A. DeFerrari - February 03 at 11:08 PM

CM

Carolyn,

Thank you for your kind words. I loved your grandparents and mom adored both of them! We sure had fun running through the woods as kids. I remember the bee sting incident and how incredibly kind Mrs. Drositis was. She made the best yogurt too.

We were so lucky to have mom til she was 96. She loved this home and we were blessed to be able to keep her in her home. She loved her kids and we were all there with her.

Cathy

Cathy McCurry - February 05 at 12:37 PM

JK

“ *The world lost a Saint and heaven gained a mother that will always look out for those whom she loved .Love you guys and I am sorry for your loss!*

john kostos - February 03 at 08:05 PM

PD

Live you too Johnny. She's with big Joe now.

Patricia A. DeFerrari - February 03 at 11:09 PM

CM

Aw, Thank you Johnny! I know mom thought of you as another son! Love you too!

Cathy McCurry - February 05 at 12:39 PM

LW

“ *Aunt Mary was my best friend. We shared a cup of coffee and long phone call every Sunday morning. (Aunt Mary in her home and me at mine) We would talk for hours and never touch on the same subject twice. I will continue those chats with her as I drive to work each day. Aunt Mary will be in my heart forever. I love you Aunt Mary and hope you and Uncle Joe are having a wonderful reunion. Love your niece, Linda*

linda welch - February 03 at 07:13 AM

CM

You and your sisters had a special place in mom's heart! Love you

Cathy McCurry - February 05 at 12:41 PM

CM

“ I've known mary since I was 5 years old and she was one of the nicest people I've had the pleasure of knowing all these years. Her family was blessed with a very special mother indeed!

Cindy Murphy - February 02 at 04:40 PM

CG

“ Joe and Cindy, sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace for the two of you and your family. Sincerely Char Gilchrist

Charlene Gilchrist - February 02 at 01:37 PM

DP

“ Duane and Sherry Puckett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary B. DeFerrari.



Duane and Sherry Puckett - February 01 at 01:52 PM

MH

“ Condolences to the family
Rest in Peace Mary 🙏🕊️



Mary Herrera - February 01 at 10:32 AM

TG

“ My 5 grown children and I will always remember our Cookie! Mary and Joe considered us as their family and loved us unconditionally. Mary was an angel here on earth, and she will always be missed.

Trina Gonzalez - January 31 at 10:41 PM

JM

“ Joleen, Craig, Rhianna and Mason purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary B. DeFerrari.



Joleen, Craig, Rhianna and Mason - January 31 at 10:37 PM

JM

“ Joleen, Craig, Rhianna and Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary B. DeFerrari.

Joleen, Craig, Rhianna and Mason - January 31 at 10:37 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary B. DeFerrari.



January 31 at 01:50 PM

BB

“ Bobby, Joy, Shawna, Peyton, & Bo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary B. DeFerrari.

Bobby, Joy, Shawna, Peyton, & Bo - January 31 at 01:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary B. DeFerrari.*



January 31 at 09:18 AM



“ *The Browne and McCurry families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary B. DeFerrari.*

The Browne and McCurry families - January 31 at 09:18 AM