



Mary Bentz Stratton

July 16, 1946 - April 12, 2024

Mary Bentz Stratton, 77, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2024, after a brief stay at Salisbury Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Mary was born July 16, 1946 in Trenton, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Francis and Mary Cooley Bentz.

In her younger years, Mary had a wonderful career as a social worker in Philadelphia, then moved to Denver where she met her husband, before moving to the Eastern Shore. She had a huge heart for helping those with disabilities and naturally fit in working as a financial assistant for Lower Shore Enterprises in Salisbury, where she was responsible for helping with fundraising efforts. She also served several years on the Board of Directors for Bay Area Center for Independent Living (BACIL.) Her unselfish, giving nature and faith in the Lord led her on mission trips to places like Alaska and Denver, where she met her future husband, the late Vernon Roy "Rusty" Stratton. Mary was a big advocate and very supportive of Focus on the Family missions and attended Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Living Water Church. She will be remembered for her unwavering faith and her love for her family.

She is survived by sons, Christopher Stratton of Salisbury and Matthew Stratton of Delmar; sisters, Jane Atesoglu (Sonmez) of Potsdam, NY, Eileen Schuetz (Alan) of High Bridge, NJ and Anne Maco of Flemington, NJ; brothers, Francis Bentz (Mary Jane) of Waleska, Georgia and John Bentz (Irene) of Morrisville, PA; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived

by special “Grand Dogs,” “Faith” and “Hope.”

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where funeral services will begin at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow at St. Stephen’s Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street
Delmar, DE 19940

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St.
Delmar, DE 19940

Service

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