



## Mary Patricia Larranaga

July 3, 1941 - April 26, 2026

Larranaga, Mary Patricia (nee O'Donnell), age 84, passed away April 26, 2026, surrounded by family. She was born in Brooklyn, New York to Edward and Regina O'Donnell on July 3, 1941. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Elementary Education from St. John's University NY. There she met the love of her life Bob Larranaga. The two married on December 29, 1962 and embarked on a new life together as Bob's new career took them into "flyover country" that is the Midwest, eventually settling in Minnesota, a move Mary & Bob considered one of the best decisions they ever made. In addition to raising 3 children, Mary was a substitute teacher. She was an active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Bloomington, where she founded Meals on Wheels and delivered meals with her children to those homebound. The church needed a newsletter and Mary took on the task. Bob saw Mary's talents and persuaded the busy mother to join him in his advertising and marketing business. She hired the talent and managed operations while he and his creative team produced award-winning work. Bob and Mary looked back on those days with fond memories and appreciation to all the co-workers, clients and friends they had the great fortune to partner with over the years. In retirement they enjoyed the beautiful Florida weather and together they continued their outreach, tutoring children, bringing communion to the sick and homebound.

Preceded in by husband Robert D. Larranaga. Mary is survived by children:

Bob (Moira) Larranaga, Jim (Jennifer) Larranaga and Jeanne (Jeff); 6 grandchildren: Jake (Jennifer), Shane (Kelsey), Ryan (Tori), Anna, Emily (Ruben) and Megan (John); 4 great grandchildren: Archer, Athena, Karmen and Violet; siblings: Karen Thorpe and Edward (Duck Hee) O'Donnell and nieces & nephews.

Private family funeral and internment. In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to the Church of St Edward, Bloomington MN, for its many social justice & charity ministries.