



Mary Grace Coming

November 6, 1935 - January 15, 2015

Mary Grace Coming (nee Smith), 79, passed from this life on January 15, 2015, of health complications following brain surgery. The daughter of William Thomas Smith and Mary Winner Hughes, she was born in Hattiesburg, MS, on November 6, 1935. Her early childhood was spent in New Orleans, LA, until her family moved to California. She attended Mission Grammar School in San Luis Obispo, Ca, and Moreland Notre Dame High School in Watsonville, CA. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Grammar School Teaching from the College of Notre Dame in Saratoga/Belmont, CA. For 17 years, as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, she taught first through fourth grades in various schools in San Jose, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Salinas, CA, and Portland, OR.

In 1969 she relocated to Fort Collins, where she worked for two years at the Foothills Campus of CSU as a technical typist. Following her marriage to Donald Eugene Coming on December 29, 1971, she collaborated with her father in the Coming/Smith Professional Stenography business. Her only child, Reeta Mary Coming, was born July 17, 1973.

When her daughter was in elementary school, Mary Grace co-led Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops. For many years, she was a tireless advocate for the protection of unborn babies through her association with the Right to Life organization. She was active in the Legion of Mary and served as an

extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for St. Joseph Catholic Church, visiting shut-ins and leading Bible studies with them.

She participated in Colorado CURE, advocating for the rights of prisoners and their families. In recent years she maintained an extensive correspondence with prisoners in Colorado and other states and assisted recently-released prisoners with re-entry issues. She served as a representative to the probation department for the St. Augustine Adult Catholic Community and was instrumental in catechizing probationers/parolees who wished to enter the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Coming was preceded in death by her parents, Mary & Bill, her husband Don, and her aunt and uncle, Wanda and David Hughes. She is survived by her daughter, Reeta (Daniel Treat) and three grandchildren, Alex, Ben, and Grace Janet, and her brother, Peter Graham Smith (Judith), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her family and many friends will miss her cheerful attitude and infectious laugh and the numerous ways in which she sought to minister to those who needed a loving presence in their lives. She was not one to take credit for the deeds of mercy which she performed – trusting always in the grace and mercy of God.

A rosary will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Catholic Missions, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN **21**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **22**. 9:30 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

CC

“ I am Carol Joy Collins I knew Mary Grace when she became inerested in Angora rabbits. She bought a black French Angora Doe from me and we were in contact until she called and ask me to come get the doe and some cages and things. I talked to her this summer as I was sick last year and couldn't do anything. I will truly miss her wonderful heart Carol Joy Collins

Carol Joy Collins - January 22, 2015 at 10:15 AM

ED

“ My love and prayers are with her family. Her kind words and her beautiful face, that was always adorned with a smile, will be missed as I tend to the gardens. Her memories will live on forever.
Ellie Dvorak

Ellie Dvorak - January 22, 2015 at 06:36 AM

PR

“ Mary Grace was a wonderful person with a great heart . A customer & Friend.
She will be missed. You are all in my thought & prayers.

Paul Rulon - January 21, 2015 at 02:47 PM

LG

“ *Reeta and family,*

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have many memories of Aunt Mary Grace and her wonderful smile. May you find peace in knowing that she touched so many people, as well as raised you to be the person you are.

*Much Love,
Laura (Wilcox) Gee and family*

Laura Gee - January 20, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Coming.*



January 20, 2015 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Dear Reeta & Family, I was so shocked and sorrowful to hear of the passing of your dear mother. Mary Grace and I have been close friends for many years though we have not been in contact much for the last 10 years since I remarried. I have had the feeling that I should call her ever since her birthday in November but have just been not getting around to doing it. Now, I know why I have had that feeling and I deeply regret not following my intuition. She was one of the kindest, most loyal and deeply sincere people I have ever known in my life. She was intensely compassionate and was the first person at my side to mourn with me immediately after the sudden death of my first husband. She came to visit me and my new husband shortly after our wedding bringing a beautiful doily that she had hand fashioned. I have cherished that gift for years and will now cherish it all the more that I know I will not be blessed by her presence again in this life. May you and your family find peace in the memory of her wonderful life and the assurance of a blessed reunion in the world to come. Most sincerely, Mimi Souders

Mimi Sue Souders - January 19, 2015 at 04:55 PM

SM

“ Stan , Mario purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Grace Coming.



Stan , Mario - January 19, 2015 at 02:03 PM

AD

“ *Many of us will miss Mary Grace at the early masses at St Joseph's . She was always a kind and caring person.*

Annette DeMeyer



annette demeyer - January 19, 2015 at 01:45 PM

KT

“ *Reeta and family - I enjoyed knowing Mary Grace through Girl Scouting.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kacy Thompson

Lund, Sweden

Kacy Thompson - January 19, 2015 at 11:43 AM

LB

“ *Linda and Allen Boushee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Grace Coming.*



Linda and Allen Boushee - January 19, 2015 at 09:53 AM

EB

“ *I worked with Mary Grace at ERC. She was always such a caring person and full of laughter. I haven't seen her in years but always thought of her fondly. One time we made Mexican food for at least 50 women at her house for a potluck. What a lot of laughter and jokes. She was a woman who lived her faith.*

Earlene Bell

Earlene Bell - January 19, 2015 at 08:49 AM

MW

“ I remember going to weekday mass and seeing Mary Grace and Don faithfully there each day. After a while I met them and got to know them. After Dons passing we visited Mary and got to know a little more about their life. Mary Grace was an example to all on how to humbly serve the Lord. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Mike and Linda Walz - January 19, 2015 at 08:02 AM

BH

“ Dear Reeta and family. I was saddened to hear of Mary Grace's passing. I worked with her at ERC and we had such a wonderful time. She was always laughing and making our days go by fast. She was the sweetest woman I have ever met and she was so excited when you were born. I haven't seen her for quite a while but I will miss her. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you at this time of sorrow.

Love,
Betty Hutcheson

Betty Hutcheson - January 18, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AB

“ Dear Reeta and family, We were so shocked and saddened to learn of your mothers passing. Every year I'd send a Christmas card and Mary Grace would send a New Years card updating us on the previous year. I was getting somewhat concerned that it seemed to be taking longer than usual this year but figured she was probably really busy as she was always doing for others. I will really miss hearing from her and please know that you and your family have our most deepest sympathy. May God Bless you and comfort you in this time of sorrow. Our prayers are with your. Love, Linda and Allen Boushee.

Allen & Linda Boushee - January 18, 2015 at 03:20 PM