



## Mary Ellen Green-Buckley

August 11, 1953 - September 30, 2021

Mary Ellen Green-Buckley, affectionately known to family as Mary Ellen or Aunt Mare, peacefully passed away on September 30, 2021 at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Born to the late William and Mary Frances (nee: Reid) Green and has been a lifelong resident of Philadelphia. Graduate of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and St. Maria Goretti High School, Class of '71. Mary was a retiree of the Internal Revenue Service where she worked at the offices in Center City. She enjoyed going to the beach, reading novels, cooking and traveling with her husband and friends. Mary was very intelligent and interested in National political issues. Also, Mary will be remembered for her warm caring smile and as a personable, loving, caring, friendly, sweet woman with a good sense of humor who was generous to all those around her. Simply put she loved people and they loved her. Beloved wife and best friend of 35 years to Philip Buckley. Loving sister to Linda (Dave) Zoolalian and Nancy (Pete)Nova and dearest aunt to Christine, David and Alexis Zoolalian. Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 6-7 PM at the Murphy Ruffenach, Brian W. Donnelly Home, (3rd & Wolf Streets, Phila., PA 19148). Memorial Service will be held at 7 PM.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Burial will be private

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**OCT 28** **Gathering** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Murphy Ruffenach Brian W. Donnelly Funeral Home, PC.  
2237-41 South Third St., Philadelphia, PA, US, 19148

**OCT 28** **Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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**OCT 28** **memorial service** 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Yes, it was her laugh, easily given, always engaging; it drew you in to her happiness. Dear Phil you were so lucky, and you know she will always be with you. Sheri and I send our love. - Ted

**Ted Watson** - October 28, 2021 at 10:19 AM

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“ Your Turner TCSB Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Green-Buckley.



**Your Turner TCSB Friends** - October 27, 2021 at 04:53 PM

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“ Sharon and I wish to pay our respects and thank you Phil for allowing us to share your friendship and love for Mary. We celebrate Mary Ellen's life and measure its wealth in all the lives she touched. We didn't spend enough time together recently, and that's always a regret realized too late. Phil, we will continue to cherish her memory with you.

Sharon and Rick Piecara

**Richard Piecara** - October 27, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Thank you Sharon and Rick, you made me cry with your kind words. Yes, my fault since you invited us to your home numerous times when we were out at Pocopson Home visiting her Mother.

**Philip Buckley** - October 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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“ Linda Z lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Green-Buckley



Linda Z - October 25, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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“ Linda Dave Chris Alexis David Zoolalian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Green-Buckley.



Linda Dave Chris Alexis David Zoolalian - October 25, 2021 at 09:36 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Green-Buckley.



October 25, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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“ To my dear sister, Mare, Mary, Mary Ellen,

I miss the laughing, the advice, the comradery. I miss confiding in each other about life, people, and situations. You are my best friend. My sister. My confident. I miss calling you and laughing with you. I've mourned every day since you've passed. I've cried every day. I'm trying to accept that God wanted you in His Kingdom, but I still cry whenever I think about it. You were taken too soon. I wish we had more time to spend together. You'll be in my heart forever and ever.

Linda Z - October 24, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Linda, I know how close the two of you were. I heard her end of some of your calls, and it always seemed that she truly enjoyed you and your daily chats. I too have cried every day but grief is good, grief means love with tears...

Philip Buckley - October 27, 2021 at 11:52 AM

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“ I'm very sorry for the loss of such a warm, sweet, welcoming and joyful woman. Phil, take care and celebrate her life with you and your memories.  
With much love,  
Bob Rivera

Bob Rivera - October 20, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ Thank you Bob; you met Mary briefly when we sublet your Chinatown loft before we bought the house in Fairmount. She always had a kind word to say about you and wished that we could see you more often. Best to you, and thanks for your prayers for her soul!

Philip Buckley - October 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Green-Buckley.



October 14, 2021 at 04:40 PM

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“ A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam. And for a brief moment it's glory and beauty belongs to our world. But then it flies on again, and though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it. Mary had such a great smile and laugh. I enjoyed getting to visit with her and experience her sense of humor, when she and Phil visited Ohio. Phil may time soften the pain until all that remains is the beauty of the memories and the love.

Barbara Buyalos

**Barb Buyalos** - October 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ Beautiful memories of our Mary!

**Philip Buckley** - October 13, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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“ I will always remember Mary as a sister not only a sister-in-law and her great smile and strong will I will miss her

**Steve Buckley** - October 11, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Thanks, Brother! Mary loved you.

**Philip Buckley** - October 13, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ Mary, Mary  
Quite extraordinary...  
How does our heavens glow  
with your soul's return  
to share that light with our "delight"  
through your presence and memory...  
Mary, Mary  
Quite extraordinary  
wife and friend  
How our earthly garden now more aglow

Pasquale Grado

**Pasquale Grado** - October 11, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ Share that Light of Mary. She was extraordinary! Thank you for the remembrance,  
Pasquale

**Philip Buckley** - October 13, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ Phil, I am so sorry for your loss. Even though I did not have the pleasure to meet Mary, I can see that by reading all of the tributes that have been posted I would have enjoyed her company tremendously. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

**Don Procz** - October 11, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation.” Rumi

We are so greatly at a loss for our own words to express how sorry we are for your loss of your beloved wife Mary. She is a wise and beautiful soul here on Earth where she was loved and will continue to be so beyond. Your kindness to me from both of you was great and I owe you both so much. Sending our thoughts, prayers and love.

Kenrick, Erica , Fox and the Elliott family.

**Kenrick Elliott** - October 11, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ Kenrick, thank you for your prayers and love. She really enjoyed being with you.

**Philip Buckley** - October 13, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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“ Mary had an infectious laugh, a buoyant spirit and the clear ability to bring wit, high energy and optimism to each encounter and gathering. Knowing Phil for over 45 years, I saw his sky brighten when he met Mary and they joined their lives together. Their constant love and commitment has been a source of joy and celebration for Lindy and me whenever we were together. We will all miss her in so many ways.

**John Nettleton** - October 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Thank you, John. We will miss her so much. She is with the angels now.

**Philip Buckley** - October 13, 2021 at 04:08 PM

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“ A warm laugh, a welcoming embrace, wise advice, and a well-known wit. My Aunt taught me quite a lot about navigating the city or how to have a good time in her neighborhood. Not to mention, always checking up on me during a holiday or to recount her life experiences and guidance when I faced a difficult obstacle in my own; pounding advice into a thick skull.  
She is always a valuable resource to me and will continue to be. I share a laugh with her when I think of her interactions with my mother. Her memory is priceless and remains constant. I am grateful every day for her being in my life.

**David Zoolalian** - October 09, 2021 at 09:52 AM

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“ Everything about Aunt Mare—her laugh, her love, her smile, her infinite wisdom—played such an important role in our lives. She was a pillar of support for my mother, helping her through raising three kids. We are who we are because of her. Aunt Mare was a bright light on this earth, and though she may have left this world, her spirit is with us always. She will be deeply missed, but forever in our hearts.

**Christine** - October 08, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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“ Aunt Mare was full of so much warmth and love. She always shower my sister and brother and i with her love and support for our dreams and goals. I remember aunt mare in many positive ways-with a big smile and a great sense of humor, always great with a story. She cared so much for our family and we are truly sadden by the loss of such an amazing woman. May love, strength, peace and light shower us all during this time. Love always your neice,  
Alexis

**Alexis Zoolalian** - October 08, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ Like swans paired for life, Mary and Phil were certainly mated for life. And boy did they love to dance, and spend time together at the Outer Banks. She'll be missed by all who had the good fortune to know her.

**Brad Earl** - October 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ Mary, my Honey Bunny! I will love you forever. The world lost a sweet, caring, funny, and smart woman. I miss you so much.  
All my love, Phil Buckley

**Philip Buckley** - October 04, 2021 at 08:29 PM