



# Celebrating the Life of Mary Randazzo

June 7, 1946 - October 10, 2017

Mrs. Mary S. Randazzo, 71, wife of Phil Randazzo, died Tuesday, October 10th at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. She was born June 7, 1946 in Greensboro North Carolina, to John W. and Martha Welch Snead. Mary was educated in area schools.

She married Phil Randazzo on March 4, 1984, in Newport Beach, California. Mary assisted her husband in the operating of their various businesses, including Coyote Moon Vineyards in Clayton, NY. She was a cosmetologist, hairdresser, and artist. Mary was also an astute biblical scholar.

Surviving besides her husband Phil, is daughter, Kristina (Christian) Ives and son, Tony (Lori), all of Clayton; six grandchildren; one great grandchild. She is predeceased by her brothers, sister, and son David Joseph Clodfelter (1978).

Mary embodied pure joy, faith, love, and support. If you were blessed to have met her, been friends with her, loved by her, or even just shared a single conversation with her, you know the love and happiness she propagated. She looked at each and every day as a blessing. Mary made those around her feel important, loved, and supported. She empowered others though her soft words, kind actions, and religious devotion.

## Believer

Before all others, Mary's greatest love was God. A devoted Christian, Mary lived the two great commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Her unwavering faith in the Lord carried her through life's hardships and shaped her into the strong, fiercely loving woman we all knew and loved. She was always eager to share her faith with others through the study of scripture and earnest conversations. Mary left this world knowing an even greater one was waiting for her; a beautiful paradise where she would finally be reunited with loved ones who have gone before her.

## Wife

Mary's life was not complete until she found the love of her life, her best friend, and devoted partner, Phil. Phil met Mary at a hair care conference around 1982.



He begged her to come work for him at Fantastic Sam's; she turned him down but he continued to ask. Finally, a few months later, she agreed. The rest is history. Together they embarked on countless adventures: a surprise wedding on a chartered ship, business partnerships, family vacations in the 1000 Islands, fishing expeditions around the world, retirement, and so many more. Mary said that being married is the most fun and fulfilling thing you can have on this earth and she was blessed to have a partner who believed in her, strengthened her, and became a part of her. The true measure of Phil's loss cannot possibly be expressed in words, but the memories of their beautiful life together and the promise that they will someday be reunited gives him the strength to carry on and keep her memory alive.

## Mother

From the genuine, limitless, selfless love Mary has shown to her children, you'd never know they weren't her own flesh and blood. Mary's stepchildren, Tony and Kristina, came into her life when she met Phil and from that moment on, she cared for them with the tender, steadfast love only a Mother knows. Her inexhaustible, mothering love extended to her daughter-in-law, Lori and son-in-law, Christian, whose additions to her family meant so much to Mary. Countless others saw Mary as a Mother figure in their lives. She had the ability to make those around her feel loved, supported, and important; because of that, people were drawn to her.

## Grandmother

The greatest joy in Mary's life has been becoming a grandmother. Her grandchildren Mia, Chance, Lexie, Tamblin, Aurora, and Sebastian, and great-grandson Jax, were the light of her life. So full of love and energy, Mary felt blessed to be a part of her grandchildren's lives. Loving, spoiling, playing, and snuggling her grandchildren brought forth a contagious, mischievous laughter of pure joy.

## Friend

Mary made every person who met her feel like her new closest friend. Always welcoming, considerate,

and charismatic, Mary touched so many in her lifetime. She loved playing the host; eager to welcome both old friends and new acquaintances into her home. Mary gushed with traditional Southern charm; welcoming you with a "hi y'all" and a warm embrace, offering an endless array of delicious food and refreshments, and enchanting you with honest, engaging conversations. Mary made those around her feel comfortable, vulnerable, and genuinely appreciated. She taught others to believe in themselves, to live a life of love, and to never be afraid to laugh at themselves. Everyone around her felt the warmth of her love.

## Mentor

Mary spent many years making people feel beautiful in the Salon. She later went on the road for Helene Curtis where she would share that philosophy from the salon and taught eager, young, aspiring hairdressers. Her presence on stage was commanding. Her beaming smile, her wild outfits, and her confidence in presenting her product made her one of the most successful educators of her time. Mary was so remarkable that when Phil saw her on stage, he knew that he needed her to work with him. Together they built Fantastic Sam's Hair Care Company. She continued to be a guest lecturer, motivational speaker and became a mentor to over 200 salons in Southern California. Her commitment to customers was always most important. She continued to carry this message into Coyote Moon Vineyards where she always stressed the importance of smiling. Throughout her life, Mary mentored and advised many, always stressing the importance of two simple, yet often forgotten, rules: smile no matter what and use good manners.

## Artist

For years, Mary longed to be an artist. Her aunts were all painters and even though Mary couldn't draw, she thought she could paint. While Mary was struggling to find balance in her busy life, a friend suggested she take the time to do something that makes her happy. Mary decided she would finally give painting a try. Near her home, there was a big, beautiful tree she

always thought about painting. After talking to her friend, Mary decided to finally take a photo of the beautiful tree and give painting a try. As Mary neared the beautiful tree, her heart sank; the tree was lying in pieces on the ground. That very day, someone had cut down the tree. Mary was so upset that she sat in her car, crying and laughing hysterically; but she pulled herself together and continued on to the store and bought her first painting supplies. She never let a beautiful moment go by after that. Mary developed her own, personal painting technique and dazzled her friends and family with her breathtaking oil paintings. Mary loved painting and used her paintings to capture the beauty of the world around her. Her pieces of art are tangible representations of the beauty in Mary's soul and the magnificent impact she has had on others throughout her lifetime.

## Words of Advise from Mary

You have the power to create your own happiness. "...we are all so busy all the time that we don't do what we should. We need to take time to relax and do something joyful."

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4: 7-10



### Memorial Details

**Calling Hours** are Monday Oct 23rd 2017, 2-4pm and 7-9pm.  
TR Jetty Funeral Home, James Street, Clayton NY 13624

**A Memorial Service** will be held October 24, 2017 at 6pm in the evening  
at River Community Church on Bartlett Point Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

**A celebration of life** will follow in the fellowship hall.  
We will be presenting original works of art in an Exhibition of Life presentation.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Jefferson County  
1398 Gotham Street Road, Watertown, NY 13601 in memory of Mary Randazzo.

**Memories and condolences can be sent at <http://maryrandazzo.weebly.com>**

