



Mary Gately

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Preceded in death by: her mother, Norah Redpath Gately, and her father Hugh “Frank”

Gately. She is survived by two sisters, Kathleen Gately and husband Steve Despot, of

Boise, ID; and Nora Gately and husband Sam Sanchez, of Amarillo, TX; and her brother

Martin Gately and wife Terri of Amarillo, TX. Mary is survived by three nieces, three

great-nieces and two great-nephews – Bridget Garza and husband Nick and son Milez;

Megan McCay and husband Andrew and daughters Marina and Ella; and Erin Elizondo

and husband Tayler and son Bridger and daughter Elise. Mary is also survived by

aunts, uncles and many cousins in Ireland and England.

Mary was born on September 30, 1960, in Jersey City, NJ to Norah Marina and Hugh

“Frank” Gately. The family later moved to Landing, NJ. In September 1970,

the family

moved to McLean, TX. Mary graduated high school from Wheeler Christian Academy

in 1978 and moved to Plainview, TX. After a few years, Mary moved to Broken Arrow,

OK and graduated from Rhema Bible Training Academy in 1982.

In 1983-1984, Mary lived in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland and then lived a short time

in England. While in Ireland, Mary visited family in Scotland. Mary moved to Denver,

CO where she resided for close to 35 years. She was active with The Rocky Mountain

Hike & Bike Club where she hiked, biked and white water rafted. Mary biked all over

the Denver metro area with the assistance of the bus and train routes when needed.

Mary loved swimming and going to hot springs throughout Colorado. The last four

years of Mary's life were spent in Claude and Amarillo, TX.

Mary had a giving spirit and volunteered her talents by reading books that were

recorded for books for the blind. She also adored children and animals, so much so

that she volunteered in the nursery and pre-K class of her church. Mary volunteered at

the Doggie Dude Ranch and the O'Cat Corral helping with kennelled cats and dogs, and

she also provided pet sitting services. During the holidays, Mary served many a hot

meal to the needy. There was a time she gave the coat off her back to a woman in need. Mary was first runner-up for a Purina Cat Chow commercial along with her cat, Tanner, whom she adopted after he was rescued in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and relocated from New Orleans to the Denver Metroplex. Mary had beautiful, thick and wavy hair and was a hair model for a cosmetology school in Denver.

Mary had a multi-faceted career working in the food industry, in engineering/construction as a secretary, and worked a short time with the United States Postal Service. Mary truly had a heart of gold and was known for her warm smile and hearty laugh. She was always up for a good joke. Mary had faith in Jesus and her love and positivity will forever remain with those who were blessed to have known her.

The family wishes to send their heartfelt appreciation to Jill Benson and the staff of The Hudson House in Claude, TX and to the Memory Care staff at The Craig Senior Living in Amarillo, TX.

A memorial service for Mary will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at The Craig Senior Living – Chapel at 5500 SW 9th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79106 at (806) 352-

7244 with Patrick Six, Chaplain presiding.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Mary's memory to the Doggie Dude Ranch
& the
O'Cat Corral by calling (303) 366-2498.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Craig Senior Living-Chapel
5500 SW 9th Ave.
Amarillo, TX 79106

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Just recently heard of Mary's passing. She had a heart of gold and I so appreciated her willingness to help out at the Doggie Dude Ranch. Rest peacefully, Mary.

Laurie Mattke - July 14, 2025 at 10:24 AM

KG

Mary loved volunteering there! Thank you for your condolences.

Kathleen Gately - May 19 at 11:32 PM

FR

“ My deepest condolences to Kathleen, Martin, Norah and families. I have wonderful memories of Mary visiting us in Pallasgreen. She was such a kind, gentle and caring person, always laughing and looking at the brighter side of life. May she rest in peace. Fiona Redpath-Conway.

Fiona Redpath-Conway - March 31, 2025 at 05:22 PM

KG

Thank you for your loving care, Fiona. You summed up Mary's heart perfectly! She was a beautiful soul.

Kathleen Gately - April 01, 2025 at 11:44 PM

GH

“ Our sincerest sympathy to you all at this sad time. May Mary rest in peace. Our thoughts are with you. Gemma, Savio & girls - Killarney Ireland

Gemma Hilario - March 28, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KG

Thank you so much for your love and care ❤️

Kathleen Gately - March 30, 2025 at 09:35 PM

RE

“ *Fond memories of our lovely Cousin Mary when she visited Ireland. Heartfelt sympathy to Kathleen, Nora, Martin & families. ‘Tá sí imithe ar Shlí na fírinne’. Sinéad, John, Colin, Eoin & Pádraic, County Clare, Ireland*

redpath.sinead@gmail.com - March 28, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KG

Many thanks to the Guilfoyle family ❤️! We appreciate your love and prayers.

Kathleen Gately - March 30, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Gately.*



March 28, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Gately.*

March 28, 2025 at 11:23 AM