



## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rankin

May 1, 1927 - February 13, 2019

Mary Elizabeth Rankin, 91, of Chateaugay, died Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at University of Vermont Medical Center at CVPH, Plattsburgh.

Born on May 1, 1927 in Needham, MA, she was the daughter of Francis John and Mary Elizabeth (Nyland) Manning. They predeceased her.

She was married to Arthur Rankin on August 14, 1956 in St. Joseph's Church, Needham, Massachusetts.

Mary graduated from St. Bernard's High School in West Newton, MA. She studied music at the Nazareth College in Rochester and earned her master's degree at the Boston Conservatory College. She started working as a music teacher in country schools before moving to Chateaugay Central School when it opened. She retired in 1988 after 33 years of teaching. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay and a member of the church choir. Mary loved music and enjoyed playing her electric organ every day. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband of 62 years; two sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Terri Rankin of Chateaugay, Matt and Sherry Rankin of Malone; 12 grandchildren, Ashley, Brooke, Derek, Christopher, Sierra, Robert, Nicole, Morgan, Ally, Kryn, Kayleigh, and Jordon; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Florence and Jack Garner, Alana Tomicello; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Laurie Ann Marshall.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 21 in St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay.

Spring burial will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chateaugay Funeral Home  
36 Church Street  
Chateaugay, NY 12920  
(518) 497-6781  
hwilcox2@twcny.rr.com  
<https://www.chateaugayfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church  
132 West Main Street  
Chateaugay, NY 12920

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jerry and Sally purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rankin.



Jerry and Sally - February 18, 2019 at 10:23 AM

CL

“ A more loving and kind friend you could not find! Mary was my mentor and friend.... always made things seem brighter, and brought the best out of me. Oh how I loved to laugh with her 😊  
Thank you for sharing your Wife, Mother, and Friend with me 🙏

Christine Walfield LaDuke - February 17, 2019 at 01:40 PM

BM

“ Very sorry for your loss. We loved Mrs. Rankin as our music teacher. She was so much fun. Many great memories.

Betsy Mitchell-Oddey - February 17, 2019 at 09:36 AM

VB

“ So very sorry for your loss. I have great memories of chorus with Mrs. Rankin! God bless sending thoughts and prayers to your family.



Valerie Cassavaw Binggeli - February 16, 2019 at 11:17 PM

SG

“ Uncle Arthur, Shawn and Mathew,  
So many fond childhood memories of growing up and going to visit everyone in Chateaugay. Such a great time playing with the farm animals and Uncle Arthur & Aunt Mary Elizabeth always sneaking a puppy, or bantam chickens and one year a goose  
(we named him Alexander the Great) into the back of our station wagon with a huge grin on their faces as the car would pull out of your yard packed full with Mom & Dad and their 6 children.  
Your Mom & Dad's renewal of their Marriage Vows was always a special and memorable occasion for all of the Garner's & Manning's as well. Aunt Mary Elizabeth was truly one of kind and just so full of life and enthusiasm. She would light up the room the minute she entered it. God bless her and may she and Laurie rest in peace now that they are together again.  
We are sharing in your sadness and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stephen & Karen Garner  
Bolton, MA

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Stephen Karen Garner - February 16, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JH

“ Ron and I are thinking of and praying for your family at this very sad time! Ron and Jan Henderson

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janice henderson - February 16, 2019 at 03:56 PM

GC

“ Dear Rankin Family,  
I am sorry for your loss. I can't think of going to school at CCS without thinking of Mrs. Rankin and how she tried (and tried and tried!) to teach us music and to sing. Just typing that puts a smile on my face and brings back warm memories. Her talents added so much to our community.  
Respectfully,  
Greg Cook

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Greg Cook - February 16, 2019 at 11:38 AM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this difficult time. Mary was a pillar of our church community and will be missed by everyone.,  
Thinking of you Shawn!  
Dick & Julie Jarvis



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Dick & Julie Jarvis - February 16, 2019 at 07:54 AM

JP

*Art  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Madeleine & Paul Davis  
John M Parent*

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**John Mark Parent** - February 16, 2019 at 11:04 AM



*The world is a "little less" today. Rest well.*

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**Anthony McPherson** - February 16, 2019 at 11:21 AM

SS

*Dear Rankin family, Mary was the spark that lit my lifelong love of music and it's capacity to transform the world in so many ways. She was my music teacher all through grade school and high school. She taught us all about the joy of harmony and rhythm and teamwork and enthusiasm. She is intertwined in my memories of Christmas and Easter services at St Patrick's and of concerts and competitions all through school. She had a fierce sense of humor and her love of teaching shone through everything she did. May she Rest In Peace. Thanks Mrs R....*

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**Susan Ryan Schenck** - February 17, 2019 at 06:10 AM