



## Muriel McMahon Tozzi

January 14, 1930 - December 1, 2021

Muriel McMahon Tozzi died peacefully, surrounded by her husband and children, the afternoon of December 1, 2021. She was born on January 14, 1930, in Holyoke, Massachusetts and was the youngest child of George and Yvonne (Roberts) McMahon. She is predeceased by her siblings Margaret (Sal), George (Irene), Mary (Bill), Paul (Mary) and sister-in-law Elaine Long. She is survived by her brother Robert and his wife Nancy who currently live in Lake City, Florida.

Muriel grew up in Holyoke and spent summers at the family “camp” along the Connecticut River. She graduated from Holyoke High School in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1947 and Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1950.

Muriel moved to the Washington, DC area in the 1950's and worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital and then at the health clinic at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC. There she met Louis Tozzi, and the two were married at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park, Maryland on April 23, 1960.

Shortly after their marriage they moved to Silver Spring - Spencer Road - where they raised their children: Louis, Jr, forever known as Wigi, born in 1961, Emilio Christopher - Chris, in 1963, Peter Angelo Tozzi - called Pat, for

his initials, in 1964, and Regina Yvonne - Gina, in 1970.

In the years while she lived on Spencer Road, Muriel and the family were part of a vibrant and extended community of friends and neighbors. Her house was often the place where the neighborhood kids met and hung out, and there were frequent gatherings of friends and family, particularly during the holidays.

The Tozzi children were very active in competitive swimming and avid skaters/hockey players. Muriel was a dedicated swim parent, attending and volunteering at nearly every swim meet between 1967 and 1982, and spending most summer days at Rock Creek Pool. During the winter months, she camped out at Wheaton Ice Rink while her children skated with their friends.

In 1980 the family moved to Kensington - Stoneybrook Drive, where Muriel continued her tradition of vibrant hospitality.

She volunteered her time and talents to the CCD program and youth group at Christ the King Catholic Church, and the Parent Teacher Associations at Holy Redeemer School and Immaculata College High School.

When her children were in high school and college, Muriel returned to the workforce taking a job at Earth Satellite Corporation as a receptionist. Later she accepted a position as an administrative assistant at Prudential referred Properties.

Muriel loved her family above all else. She was devoted first to her Parents and siblings, then to her husband and children. She was aunt to twenty-two nieces and nephews on both the McMahon and Tozzi sides of the family.

Relationships with extended family and friends were very important to her.

Family trips to Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey connected the Tozzi children to their aunts, uncles, grandparents and facilitated the swapping of cousins for summer and winter fun.

Muriel LOVED TO SHOP, and she was the ultimate bargain hunter from a family of bargain hunters. She loved reading a good book before bed, she loved planning get-togethers - large and small - with family and friends, to celebrate the holidays, birthdays or just to bring people together for a summer fun crab feast. Once her children were grown, she and Lou enjoyed traveling to Alaska, San Diego, Italy, and Ireland.

Christmas was Muriel's favorite holiday and she always worked hard to decorate the family home and to make sure that everyone had that special gift they wanted that year.

Muriel fought every day to make sure her family had the best of everything. She will be remembered for so many things but especially for her zeal for her family, for speaking her mind, her wit, and the way she gave to others.

Muriel, her father, brother, and sister were all diagnosed with Macular Degeneration and eventually lost the majority of their sight. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation - [www.macular.org](http://www.macular.org) - would be greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, The family request that donations be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation ([macular.org](http://macular.org)) in Muriel's honor.

The funeral will be live-streamed from Good Shepherd. To view the service, please click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/ALhL8zGy9Jw>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Viewing

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
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<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
8710 Mount Vernon Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22309  
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Muriel McMahon Tozzi*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Dear Fr. Chris*

*We are saddened for your great loss. Please accept our families deepest sympathy and condolences.*

*I hope that you'll be able to take comfort in your positive memories of your MOM over time.*

*Jesus is so happy with your MOM that she was able to provide one of her sons as a shepard (priest) to tend HIS flocks.*

*Peace be with you and your family during this difficult times.*

*Praying,*

*Lawrence and Violet D'Souza*

*San Diego*

**Lawrence D'Souza** - December 10, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *- Emilia, Diego, and Roger Capriotti purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Muriel McMahon Tozzi.*



**- Emilia, Diego, and Roger Capriotti** - December 08, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ 88 files added to the album Memories Album



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Muriel McMahon Tozzi.



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December 08, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Mrs. T, that's what I called her. I was too young to remember when I first met her but she was like a second mother to me. I was best friends with Pat but close to all the Tozzi's. She help my mother at all my birthday parties growing up and could not begin to count how many meals, parties and crab feast I spent at her house. I would spend Christmas Eve at her house every year until I was almost 30. I think I was as close to being her 5th child as I could be and she treated me like one of her own. I have endless memories of the Tozzi family. She was a great influential in my life. Love you. Miss you. God speed.

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john Tartaglia - December 07, 2021 at 03:25 PM



*Thanks so much John, It was great to see you, your mom and Paul last night!*

**Emilio Tozzi** - December 09, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Muriel McMahon Tozzi.*



December 07, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dearest Tozzi Family - I don't have a specific memory of your mom, gist sown general memories. Chris and I were in NROTC together. It was the first summer that I didn't go home and I stayed in DC. Chris was working at a swimming pool and I would take the train to Silver Spring and he would pick me up so we could hang out together. After work he would sometimes take me over to your house. I always remember that it was around meal time because I have wonderful warm memories of feeling welcomed and warm and fed. I don't remember much conversation, I just remember there were many family members eating around the table and that was so exciting for me because I had essentially grown up as an only child of a single mom. I remember her telling me how much she liked my name, in fact she named her only daughter Regina Yvonne. Most of all I remember her love and her hospitality. You were so lucky to have such an awesome mom for all these years. Love and prayer and many blessings always, Yvonne Masters*

**Yvonne Masters** - December 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM



*Thank you so much Yvonne, I'll check in with you after I get back to San Diego! God Bless, Chris*

**Emilio Tozzi** - December 09, 2021 at 09:59 AM

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*I have so many fond memories of your mom... that I carry deep in my heart. She so loved her family and being involved in our lives. Your Dad and she were the best!!! Will always remember her saying Lou, Lou ... and he was always lovingly there for her and you kids, whatever you needed they rose to the occasion.*

*She and Margaret were quite a pair, two peas in a pod to the very end. She will be truly missed... but always in our hearts. My deepest condolences. Patti McMahon Schuler*

**Pat McMahon Schuler** - December 09, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Muriel McMahon Tozzi.*



December 06, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Muriel McMahon Tozzi.*



December 06, 2021 at 10:17 PM