



## Loretta Ann (Paige) Coyle

May 31, 2017

She was born in Boston, MA to Mary (Carey) and Edward Paige.

Loretta, known to most as “Retsy” is survived by her children, Lorie Coyle Godfrey (Walter) of Westminster, MA; Coreen Chenelle (David) of Townsend, MA; Michael Francis Coyle of Sugar Hill, NH; Teresa Coyle Airey (Ron) of Ashby, MA; Mary Bridget Coyle (Kevin O’Brien) of Sierra Vista, AZ; and our longtime family friend, Mary Ann McCabe (Al Johnson) of Falls Church, VA as well as sixteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three more one on the way.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Francis Michael Coyle, to whom she was married for 60 years, her parents, her brothers George, Edward, and Joseph Paige, her daughter Elizabeth Coyle Jankoski, and her grandson Ryan Chenelle.

Retsy lived a full and happy life. After graduating from Mission High School in Boston, she married her high school sweetheart “Frannie” on December 31st 1955 and lovingly stayed by his side until his death on their 60th wedding anniversary in 2015. Together they raised six children who, in turn, filled their lives with many grandchildren and great grandchildren. As Mum and Dad and Mimmy and Papa to a large Irish clan, Retsy and Frank created a lasting legacy filled with endearing memories.

Always a lover of the ocean, Retsy spent many fun days in Chatham on Cape Cod as a child and later hosted numerous outings on the beaches of Sandy Neck with her family where she could always be counted on to cook delicious homemade feasts for all and to enliven every gathering with her spirit of fun. Enormously generous and outgoing, she created and hosted hundreds of such feasts throughout her life for family and friends, cooking traditional Sunday dinners for many years and never failing to make holiday gatherings a supreme treat.

Retsy possessed a special talent for making a warm, beautiful, and inviting home under any circumstances, humble or otherwise. As a young mother on Mission Hill in Roxbury, she created a backyard oasis for her children complete with a hand-drawn hopscotch course, decoupage leopard paw prints on the swing set, and brightly painted rocks outlining the flower gardens. Never did the Easter Bunny visit without leaving a trail of fuzzy foot prints behind! Retsy's spirited soul delighted in making others happy, and nowhere was this more apparent than throughout the summers at the family's cottage on Lost Lake in Groton, MA during which in order to keep her family safe she faithfully wore a red and white striped lifejacket throughout the day while maintaining hearth and home as her children happily splashed in the lake without a care in the world.

After moving to Groton year-round, Retsy created many extraordinary flower gardens as well as a bountiful vegetable garden and could often be found among the verdant stalks, vines, and plantings which grew so high that sometimes the only clue that she was gardening was the presence of her tea mug covered in feather designs at rest on the corner fence post. Selflessly, Retsy brightened the lives of those she loved with fun-filled barbeques, holiday celebrations and family dinners, as well as with quiet one-on-one visits over cups of tea with an individual friend or family member. At gatherings she sang and danced freely, harmonizing with Frank as they sang Irish ballads

and love songs from their youth. She lived joyfully and danced so gracefully with Frank it was as if they were one body, and well into middle age, Retsy, during a celebration in full swing could still be counted on to break into a rousing Charleston!

Upon retirement, Retsy and Frank moved to Sugar Hill, NH where, together with their son, they purchased, renovated, and ran a resort inn and golf course. After a few years as innkeepers they embarked on the adventure of a lifetime—travelling in their RV throughout the United States and Canada for two years. Retsy and Frank also spent many winters in Florida golfing, making friends, and enjoying life. During those years, they volunteered their time visiting and praying with hospital and hospice patients.

Upon returning to New England, they built their dream house, an elegant log home overlooking the mountains on ten acres in Walpole, NH. Several years ago, they moved back to the Groton area, enjoying many cherished moments with their family. In these houses, as in all the others, Retsy used her one-of-a-kind creativity, hospitality, and sense of joy to create beautiful, inviting, and loving homes open to all her loved ones.

Above all, Retsy was woman of great faith with a particular love for the Blessed Mother, as well as a devoted and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Her loving kindness, her playfulness, her generosity, and her unfailing courage and enormous strength of character will be missed by all who knew her.

Safe home, Retsy-Mum-Mimmy, be at peace forever with your “blue-eyed boy.”

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ We were so sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. She was such a lovely person. She always had us smiling. We miss seeing her. She was always special to us throughout the years.

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**Annie Hogan-Kobbs RN and Michelle Kobbs RN** - June 15, 2017 at 11:48 AM

SR

“ My deepest condolences to the family.

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**susan (Hamilton) Roberts** - June 14, 2017 at 04:14 PM

SK

“ To the whole Coyle clan, sending our love and deepest sympathy. I will always remember the smiles and laughter your parents always had for me and all at family gatherings at Teresa's house especially....my dear friend! Much love! ❤️

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**Suzanne and Dennis Kane** - June 09, 2017 at 03:00 PM

DK

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to you all on the loss of your beautiful Mother. It was always my pleasure to see her and care for her. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

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**Debbie Babcock Kelly** - June 06, 2017 at 10:13 AM

LV

“ Lorie - My thoughts are with you and your entire family. Find strength from family and friends. PEACE

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**Lauri Vaillancourt** - June 05, 2017 at 12:19 PM

LS

“ Your Mother/Grandmother sounds like she lived a wonderful and full life. She sounds like she provided joy to many people over the years and will be missed by many. I'm very sorry for the family's loss. You will all be in my prayers and thoughts. Sending lots of love your way. May she rest in peace with her loved ones who have passed before her.

Love,  
Leanne and Dave Starr

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**Leanne Starr** - June 05, 2017 at 11:29 AM

JT

“ Our deepest condolences to you all. Sending our love and prayers.

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**Jackie and Mark Thibeau** - June 03, 2017 at 04:27 PM

CP

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother, but will find comfort in knowing that your parents are now together enjoying eternal peace. We will always have great memories of our golf outings with your parents. Your Dad's Irish humor and your Mother's way of making everyone feel so special. Frank and Retsy will always be in our hearts. With Love and Prayers Chuck and Elaine Peahl

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**Chuck and Elaine Peahl** - June 03, 2017 at 04:02 PM

TC

“ sorry for your family's loss my she rest in peace

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**Thomas Carr** - June 03, 2017 at 10:27 AM

ST

“ I hope that you all find comfort knowing that your Mom is now forever reunited with your Dad.  
The greatest gift that your parents gave all of you is each other.  
Rest in Peace Aunt Retsy  
Love Your Neice  
Susie

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**Sue Paige Tempesta** - June 02, 2017 at 04:19 PM

BG

“ Love and prayers to the family! Such a loving and caring person.  
We will never  
forget our friendship with Frqnk and Retsy. You are all in our hearts  
and prayers.  
Love Bill and Barbara Gale

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**Bill and Barbara Gale** - June 02, 2017 at 02:06 PM