



Mary Ellen Trout

January 18, 1956 - September 16, 2022

Mary Ellen (Ott) Trout, 66, devoted wife of Robert W. Trout Jr., passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022 at home with her loving family by her side. She fought a courageous battle with glioblastoma. Born January 18, 1956, Mary Ellen was the beloved daughter of Richard and Frances Ott of Phoenixville.

Mary Ellen was a lifelong resident of Phoenixville, graduating from Phoenixville High School in 1973. Following high school, she worked as a key punch operator for several years. To spend time at home raising her children, Mary Ellen self-taught herself to bake and decorate cakes, which she did for 18 years. She made many wonderful and creative birthday and wedding cakes for many people. In 1999, Mary Ellen began working at East Pikeland Elementary. Here, she found her calling in life. Working as the school secretary at East Pikeland and, eventually, Manavon, Mary Ellen loved all of the children that passed through the halls. She prided herself on knowing the children's names, their parents, and many of their grandparents. She loved the kids and their families. She formed lifelong relationships with so many school parents, principals, teachers, and aids. Mary Ellen retired from Manavon in 2021 to focus on her health issues.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ellen is survived by her children, Robert W. Trout III (Lauren), Jennie Lynn Trout, and Julianne Trout. She was a loving MeMe to her six beautiful grandchildren, Hayden, Logan, and Sydney Prizer

and Norah, Jack, and Emma Trout. She is also survived by her six siblings: Richard Ott (Norma), Joseph Ott, Thomas Ott (Lisa), Constance Sweigart (David), Donna Gillenwater (Paul), and Jennifer Kozak (John); brother-in-law Steve Trout (Maribeth Woodward), and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, Aunts, Uncles, and lots of cousins. Mary Ellen was especially close to her Aunt Pauline Scheirer, cousin Kathy Rhodenbaugh, and best friend Dianne Tracey. Family gatherings were very special to Mary Ellen. Having a full house of family gave her a full heart.

Prior to her passing, Mary Ellen asked that we thank the East Pikeland and Manavon families and the community for the unbelievable love, support, and generosity. To all of those who organized and contributed to the GoFund Me, Color Run, food train, cards, flowers, letters, and personal messages, Mary Ellen was touched more than words can express. Your thoughtfulness, visits, and prayers kept her positive and fighting to live. Thanks to all of the generosity, we were able to care for Mary Ellen in the comfort of her home until her passing. Our wonderful Mary Ellen was loved by so many people. Her passing leaves an enormous hole in our family. She will forever be loved and missed by so many.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral mass at the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA 19475 on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. Charles O'Hara. Entombment will follow in the Limerick Garden of Memories. Friends will be received on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., 610 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460, and again on Thursday morning from 9:30 am - 10:45 am in the Church. A memorial gathering and meal, also open to the public, will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022 in the cafeteria of the former East Pikeland Elementary School, now known as Cottage Seven Academy, 1191 Hares Hill Rd, Phoenixville, PA 19460 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Arrangements

are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.,
Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Limerick Garden of Memories

44 Arcadia Drive
Limerick, PA 19468

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc
610 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Visitation

SEP 22. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church
3640 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Mass

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church
3640 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ellen Trout*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - September 20, 2022 at 04:21 PM

MB

Was there a day she didn't smile? Bless her big heart.

Muriel Bickhart - September 21, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JT

she has left a memorable impression on every soul she ever touched. I will never forget your kindness inspiration. Rest in Peace Mary Ellen. I will always cherish your memory.

Jeff Taylor - September 22, 2022 at 08:20 AM

DH

“ *Mrs. Trout always had a smile on her face and made any reason to visit the office a pleasant one. She made an impact on everyone she met and will be missed...*

My favorite memory was when she mispronounced my last name once as "hedgehog". When I got into the office she immediately came around the front desk to apologize to little second grade me, we both laughed about it, and she never messed it up again. Out of all the attempts at my last name that one will always be my favorite!

Danielle Hedegard - September 21, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 20, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 20, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 20, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *I met Mary Ellen at East Pikeland as a substitute school nurse many years ago. She always had a smile and a warm welcome on my arrival. She showed me around and gave me many good tips regarding the students, the building and the faculty. She was really the heart and soul of that school! May she be in the loving hands of our Lord.*

Kathy O'Grady - September 20, 2022 at 01:22 PM

SH

“*"Ma Trout" was a big part of my teen age and college years. She called us "her boys", always welcoming our ragtag group with a genuine smile, a hug, and some hearty cooking, while keeping a watchful eye on Robbie and his wild friends. I'm thankful I got to see her one last time while visiting Pennsylvania this past Christmas.*

She was one of the most selfless people I've ever met. She put others before herself; a trait getting less common in our society. I think that's the lesson she was teaching us by example. I'm glad to have known a person like her...

Sean Henry

Sean Henry - September 20, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 20, 2022 at 08:17 AM

CT

“*Mary Ellen,*

You were a strong and caring woman. A wonderful mother and MeMe to your grand children. I will miss coming to your house, sometimes as I would pass by, and enjoy our visits, with the nice smell of your cooking. I will miss those shared times. Your cousin, Colette

Colette Trout - September 20, 2022 at 03:18 AM

CS

“ Colette, Larry, Celine, Stephanie purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.



Colette, Larry, Celine, Stephanie - September 20, 2022 at 03:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.



September 19, 2022 at 08:17 PM

TB

“ The Phoenixville Area School Board purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.



The Phoenixville Area School Board - September 19, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.



September 19, 2022 at 06:00 PM

PG

“ *MaryEllen was my oldest & best friend since we were about 5 years old. We went to see Happy the Clown together with our Moms in Philadelphia. I'll always miss you& love you!! Pat (Peto) Gainer*

Patricia Ann Gainer - September 19, 2022 at 06:00 PM

PG

“ *Pat and Shawn Gainer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



Pat and Shawn Gainer - September 19, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 19, 2022 at 04:21 PM

E@

“ *Ed, John, Marcin, Tim & Damian @Centinel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



Ed, John, Marcin, Tim & Damian @Centinel - September 19, 2022 at 03:12 PM

NN

“ *Mary Ellen was a dear friend that I will always hold close in my heart. She was constantly telling me to 'come home' and sadly I wasn't able to. She just made everyone happy and I truly loved her.* ”

Nancy Noble - September 19, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.* ”



September 19, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.* ”



September 19, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LS

“ *Love Gary and Sue purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.* ”



Love Gary and Sue - September 19, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CM

“ *To the Trout Family,*

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of MaryEllen. She was a dear person who touched many lives. She will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏

*Sincerely,
Carmela Mattison*

Carmela Mattison - September 19, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 19, 2022 at 09:15 AM

MA

“ *Manavon Home & School Association purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



Manavon Home & School Association - September 19, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 19, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 19, 2022 at 07:26 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that I send my most sincere condolences. May you find comfort that Mary Ellen is at peace and sitting at the right hand of God.*
With sympathy, Deb Kuryunny

Deborah Kuryunny - September 19, 2022 at 06:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 18, 2022 at 11:15 PM

JP

“ I read this quote today, “As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters.” It reminded me of Mary Ellen (Ma Trout). And I thought it would be nice to share. Because 66, in my opinion, is too young. This quote also got me thinking. If you had to pick one, which would you choose, a good life or a long life? It’s a silly question. We can’t control how long we — or our loved ones — live. But we can control is how we conduct our lives, so we end up with a good life. And Ma Trout conducted herself admirably, honorably and courageously. So she earned a good life.

I’ll admit that I don’t have one memory in particular that jumps to mind. (Which is all right. My memory is pretty flawed.) But the feelings are many — warmth, understanding, joy and love. I take comfort knowing those feelings are genuine and will never fade.

To Ma Trout’s family, my deepest and most heartfelt condolences. I love you all, and you’re all in my prayers.

Joseph Porter - September 18, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.



September 18, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 18, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Rosemary Ketring lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Trout*



rosemary ketring - September 18, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Lynne Hawk purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



Lynne Hawk - September 18, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Mary Ellen was a kind sweet soul with a great smile. Going through east pikeland school, my children adored her. We all will hold our memories of her dear. You fought hard and deserve your rest. I will light a special luminaria for you at our relay for life. “Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints”
Bill, Mary Louise, Christina and Corrine Miller*

Mary Louise Miller - September 18, 2022 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ Words fall short of expressing my sorrow for the Trout & Ott families. My thoughts and prayers are for your strength & healing during this time. May you cherish and reflect fondly on all the memories you have shared until you can all be together once again.

Robert "Bob" Mossie - September 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM

AC

“ My heart will always remember your happy smile, Mary Ellen ... now you share what all of us will share ... God Bless you ... Anna Calahan

Anna Calahan - September 18, 2022 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ I never met a person who was as well loved as Mary Ellen Trout. She had a special gift in making everyone around her-- teachers, students, friends, strangers-- feel welcomed, loved, and respected. I will always remember how sweet she was with my Italian mother when we visited the EP Holiday Craft Shoppe. Mom's Italian accent reminded her of her own dear sweet grandmother! We loved to share about our Italian connection. Mary Ellen brought fun into every conversation. You could often hear her tell zany stories with a contagious laughter. Mary Ellen truly touched many lives with her genuine big heart, warm hugs, and loving smiles. May we be encouraged to continue her positive spirit and love for others in her honor. Mary Ellen will forever hold a special place in our hearts. ❤️
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Angie Ng - September 18, 2022 at 01:31 AM

PG

“ Sincere condolences to the Trout and Ott families. The photo posted on her obit is perfect as the expression on her face is how she will always be remembered. Having known her from her grade school years at St Mary’s and running into her over the years, she always wore that beautiful smile. Rest peacefully, Mary Ellen!

Penny Gatcha - September 17, 2022 at 11:38 PM

JH

“ I first met Mary Ellen 15 years ago when I started subbing for Phoenixville School District. She was always so sweet, caring and helpful. She will be missed by all who knew her. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family.

Judy Higgins - September 17, 2022 at 11:02 PM

AN

“ Mary Ellen was a very caring & sweet person. She knew how to make me laugh when she'd see frustration on my face. Her warm smile lit up the room. Thank you for the silly conversations and joy you brought all the time, don't forget, those times you ran to dairy queen for us at the diner. My prayers & love are with your entire family. Your family holds a special place to me. I'm here if I can be of any help.
Prayers and Love,
Andrea Terrell

Andrea - September 17, 2022 at 10:00 PM

CW

“ I have so many memories of Mary Ellen from East pike land school especially all the fun we had in the summer helping her out with all the folders I enjoyed helping her out. Love you Mrs.Trout

Carol woloszyn - September 17, 2022 at 09:38 PM

ME

“ *Mary Ellen was so kind. She always had a smile on her face. So many times I went into the office needing help of some sort and she always made me feel like I was important (she always had the answers too). She was loved by her East Pikeland/Manavon family and it is clear she touched the lives of many others. I am so happy to have known her. Sending prayers for her family at this difficult time ~ Melody Myers*

Melody - September 17, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 17, 2022 at 05:12 PM

LL

“ *Mary Ellen was a very kind joyful person. I loved seeing her smiling face at the school. The world has lost a great person, she will missed. ❤️*

lorin, lottie and Vinnie loGreco - September 17, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 17, 2022 at 04:46 PM

RG

“ *When you think of me, do not be filled with sadness. I do not want that for you. I loved and cared about you during my life. Remember, my caring, my joy, my smile, my laughter and most of all my love for you. You have all filled my heart with kindness and love, as I hope I have filled yours. Keep me safe in your hearts with the love and memories we have shared, I will always be with you.*



Renee Giordano - September 17, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Trout.*



September 17, 2022 at 03:44 PM