



## Mary L. (Valponi) Tuttle

August 31, 1950 - August 12, 2019

Mary L. (Valponi) Tuttle, age 68 of Mentor, died Monday, August 12, 2019 at UHHS Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH. She was born to the late Albert and Hazel Valponi on August 31, 1950 in Cleveland, OH.

Mrs. Tuttle worked as an Intake Specialist and Chemical Dependency Counselor II at Cleveland Catholic Charities where she counseled and changed the lives of countless adjudicated youths from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). Nearly all her work was in ODYS Reentry. These youths were very challenging; all had been adjudicated delinquents of felonies and been incarcerated. Mary made incredible connections with her clients (“kids”) and often they would return to see her long after they were off parole and were no longer her clients. At work, she had a core group of friends that she was close with, advocated for and empowered, just as she did with her “kids”.

A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, what Mary enjoyed most was spending time with her family. She loved sleepovers with her grandkids, Playhouse Square with her daughter and husband, birdwatching with her son and most recently, spending time camping with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was a passionate Cleveland Indians fan and was a season ticket holder for 15+ years with her husband, Tom.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years: Thomas V. "Tom" Tuttle; children: Matthew T. (Sheri) Tuttle and Sarah M. (Gary) Renner; grandchildren: Owen, Madison, and Olivia; sister: Ruth (Alan) Moore; and her dog: Phoebe. Preceding Mary in death is her sister: Doris Garba.

The family will receive friends from 1-4 pm Sunday, August 18, 2019, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. 44060.

The memorial service will be held 11 am Monday, August 19, 2019 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests planters so they can be taken home in her memory.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 18.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Memorial Service

**AUG 19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Dear Mary’s Family,

*I worked with your wonderful mom for many years at Catholic Charities. She dedicated her life to helping troubled young people. She also mentored young counselors, so her many years of caring, experience and knowledge will be passed along. Mary impressed me with her fearless dedication (definitely not afraid to drive long distances in the snow to visit the kids in jail). My sincere condolences to you, Mary will be missed.*

*Ruthie Abel*

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**Ruthie Abel** - September 11, 2019 at 11:40 AM

AV

“ *Mary was my high school friend, and I am deeply saddened by this news. May her memory be eternal.*

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**Anastasia Vassos** - August 26, 2019 at 07:19 AM

TP

“ *Tuttle Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. Mary was truly dedicated to her job and was a good friend to me for years. She was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever she could. She will be missed.*

*Sincerely, Thomas Pipkin*

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**Thomas Pipkin** - August 19, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Valponi) Tuttle.*



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August 17, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *We are so very sorry.  
Your family is in our prayers.*

*Charlene and Tom Leininger*

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**TOM LEININGER** - August 16, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Valponi) Tuttle.*



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August 16, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Valponi) Tuttle.*



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August 16, 2019 at 01:27 PM

DC

“ Tom, Matt and Sarah,  
I'm so sorry for you loss. Mary was an amazing person and she will TRULY be missed. She always motivated me to be the best I can be and to never miss out on any opportunity that may come my way. She was a listening ear in my time of need. I will miss my friend always. Your family will be forever in my heart and prayers.

Dee Core

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Dee Core - August 16, 2019 at 09:46 AM

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“ Tom, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your wife, Mary. Please know that I am holding you and yours in my heart & prayers.

Theresa Smalley

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Theresa - August 16, 2019 at 09:08 AM

JH

“ Tuttle family,  
My family and I are truly sorry for your loss. You all were such a huge part of my childhood. I will always remember and cherish our canoe trips to Mohican, Sunday night Ponderosa dinners, bike rides to the "woods," family birthdays, and always hanging out. Mary was an amazing lady. Tom, Matt, and Sarah, I'm so sorry for your loss, and will be thinking of you guys.

Jason Harps

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Jason Harps - August 15, 2019 at 03:57 PM