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Mary Moawad passed on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025, after a long battle with cancer and having suffered several strokes. She was lovingly supported in her final days and months by her devoted husband of 50 years, Samir Moawad, and her children, Mia Moawad Forcier and Marcus Moawad. Born in Maumee, Ohio, on March 20, 1944, to Francis and Catherine Nally, Mary was the eldest girl in a lively Irish Catholic family of eleven children. From an early age, she developed the patience, kindness, and strong work ethic that would define her throughout her life. She graduated as Valedictorian and Class President from McAuley High School, an all-girls Catholic school, in 1962.

Mary went on to pursue her passion for language and education, earning her bachelor's degree in French and English from Edgecliff College in Cincinnati (now Xavier University), and a master's degrees in French from Bowling Green State University. She further deepened her love of the French language and culture through advanced studies at the University of Laval in Quebec, Canada; the Institut de Touraine in Tours, France; and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Mary and Sam first made their home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, before settling in Toledo, Ohio. Mary was a dedicated and gifted French and English teacher whose passion for teaching touched generations of students. She taught for

ten years in Catholic schools. At St. Ursula Academy, she was fondly remembered for singing and dancing to the Go-Go's song "Vacation" with her students at a talent show-an enduring example of her joyful spirit.

Mary had a deep love for travel and for all things French-the language, the culture, and the décor that filled her home. She delighted in sharing this passion with others, taking her students abroad on educational trips to France and later bringing her own family there, creating cherished lifelong memories. At the same time, she held a profound love for her Irish heritage. From stories and traditions to music and expressions of pride, Mary embraced her roots wholeheartedly. "Erin go Bragh" was a sentiment she carried in her heart throughout her life.

Mary spent forty years with the Toledo Public Schools, where countless students described her as one of the best teachers they ever had.

In 2012, Mary moved to Newport Beach, California, to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She embraced her new location wholeheartedly, lovingly decorating her ocean-view home and proudly calling herself a "California girl." She treasured every moment spent with her children and three grandchildren during the past decade, considering it one of the greatest joys of her life.

Mary is survived by her husband, Samir; her son Marcus (Gaëlle) Moawad; her daughter Mia (Easton) Forcier; and her beloved grandchildren Sienna Moawad, and Brady and Grace Forcier. She is also survived by her sisters Catherine Nally Druffel , Anne Nally, Julia Nally Greiner, and Nora Nally, along with several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brothers Patrick, Martin, Michael, and Daniel Nally, and her sisters Theresa and Brigid Nally.

Mary will be remembered for her gentle and kind heart, unwavering dedication to her students, deep love for her family, and the warmth she brought to every room she entered. Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to shine in all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Two services will be held. One will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Church in Newport Beach, California, on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The other will be held in Toledo, Ohio at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VB

“ Vic & Shelly Baczkowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Nally Moawad.

Vic & Shelly Baczkowski - March 11 at 07:49 PM

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“ Vic & Shelly Baczkowski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances Nally Moawad.



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MS

“ Mike Khoury and Trio SCS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Nally Moawad.

Mike Khoury and Trio SCS - January 09 at 08:02 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Nally Moawad.



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MP

“ Mary was an upper classwoman at McAuley and she told me this Latin phrase "semper subì sub ubi". Ha! Always funny.

Martha Pflighaar - December 23, 2025 at 09:00 AM

EN

My sister in law Mary will be dearly missed! I will never forget Mary's & Ssmirs support fir my son Michael when he saw his dear Aunt Mary & Samir at my sons dad Mike's dearhbed!

Esperance Nally - January 03 at 08:27 PM

GH

I have memories her stopping here in NJ to visit Uncle Clayton and the Held cousins. And the last family reunion in ohio Soo many years ago. 1995 to be exact. Have a VHS tape that we took . Time to get it transferred to DVD 🙏🙏💕

Greg Held - March 05 at 02:20 PM

SJ

“ Sam and family, I am so sad to hear of Mary's passing. I first met Mary when we were freshmen in the first class at McAuley High School. Although our families connected earlier when our mothers were roommates at Mary Manse College in Toledo! It was evident that Mary was a leader and a special person from early on. She will be remembered for being the president of the first graduating class from McAuley. I have been honored to have her as a friend since those days so long ago. Again, my deepest condolences. Sharon Imhof Jennings

Sharon Jennings - December 22, 2025 at 09:34 PM

EM

Elisa Montgomery

I met Mary at Vons in 2015 and some of her family later. Samir and Mary were such kind, loving people. I moved away and haven't heard from them for a while. Mary left such a mark upon me and was so special. Though we didn't know each other for long, we had such wonderful times together talking about life and love. She loved her family and was such an example of a mother, grand mother, wife and friend. We spoke of other cultures and I loved to listen to her speak French. We shared stories and videos and lots of laughter. I hold those moments in my heart for always. I am so sad to hear of her illness and passing and send my condolences to all. Much love and respect. Elisa

Elisa Montgomery - December 23, 2025 at 01:15 AM

MR

We send you, Mary's loved ones, our very deepest sympathy at the passing of our dear friend & Marcia's teaching colleague. We share many fond memories together. We have missed you in Toledo & now alas with sadness Mary's absence from this sphere. Marcia & Harry Roby

Marcia & Harry Roby - March 12 at 04:46 PM