



## Mary Braun Cottrell

October 13, 1924 - June 17, 2016

Mary Braun Cottrell, 91, of Ft. Myers, Florida, died Friday, June 17, 2016. Formerly of Wilton Manors, FL, she had been a resident of Southwest Florida since 2004. She was born October 13, 1924 in Garwood, NJ, the daughter of Francis G. and Sarah Johanna (née Kelly) Braun.

She was very active in the Our Lady of Light church community as a volunteer and member of the choir.

Mrs. Cottrell is survived by her loving children, Kathleen Pierce of Ft. Myers, FL, Maureen (Ernest) Woods of Cape Coral, FL, Karen (Donald) Halucha of Ft. Myers, FL and Kenneth (Colleen) Cottrell Jr. of Friendship, NY; sister-in-law, Virginia Cottrell of Brick, NJ; eleven cherished grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kenneth in 2004.

Visitation for friends and family will take place Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, June 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, Ft. Myers. Burial will follow at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Myers Memorial Gardens

1589 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
[bonitafhbill@comcast.net](mailto:bonitafhbill@comcast.net)

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Braun Cottrell*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mary Braun Cottrell.*



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“ Throughout my life Aunt Mary and Uncle Ken were there to provide me with love and guidance. My sister and I would spend a summer together with them and four cousins because my mother and father were having financial problems. They accepted us as members of their family.

*I visited my uncle and aunt several after my mother died. Again, they provided me with welcome smiles and acceptance that I needed.*

*After they moved to Florida, I again visited them whenever I could. On one visit I introduced them to my girlfriend Lois. She was an older woman than I, but I knew they would welcome her. We had a very good visit and I loved them more for it.*

*She was greatly concerned when I had medical problems three years ago. Lois had died years earlier. Aunt Mary emailed me from Florida. She and others showed me how much they cared about me and were praying for my recovery. It meant very much to me to hear from her.*

*Some three months ago I paid a surprise visit to my aunt in the hospital. She told me that that woman I had brought to her house that very first time was the best thing that had ever happened to me. That was her. Genuine. Thinking about the woman who had meant the world to me at such a harrowing time for her.*

*I will always think of my Uncle Kenny and Aunt Mary as one. They were a stabilizing force that I had come to need at critical points throughout my life.*

*To say I will miss them both dearly is an understatement.*

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**Lawrence Purinton** - June 19, 2016 at 11:49 AM