



## Eleanor Byrne Bova

May 21, 2019

Eleanor Byrne Bova passed peacefully on May 21, 2019 surrounded by the love of her family. She now rests in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She is reunited in Heaven with her loving husband, Peter Frank Bova, who preceded her in death in 1992.

Eleanor was born in St. Louis, MO where she met Peter and started their family. In a bold and courageous move, Eleanor and family relocated to Boulder, CO where Peter opened a convenience grocery store adjacent to the University of Colorado campus. "Bova's Pantry" remains a landmark business in Boulder to this day.

Following the death of her husband after 45 years of loving marriage, Eleanor relocated to Tucson, AZ where she spent many happy years. She returned to Houston in 2015 to be closer to her family.

Eleanor, known to her family and friends as "Meme" had a bubbly and engaging personality. Blessed with the gift of gab, she was proud of her Irish heritage. She enjoyed sipping a glass of champagne and was the life of the party. Meme will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Eleanor is survived by her daughter Diane (James) Davis, daughter Debbie (Curtis) Edwards, and son Denis (Denise) Bova. Her extended family includes six grandchildren and eleven greatgrandchildren who were the lights of her life.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the kind and loving caregivers and staff at St. Dominic's Village Catholic Community in Houston

where she lived for the past 18 months.

A visitation and Holy Rosary will be held in Houston, TX on Friday, May 24 at Dettling Funeral Home from 6 to 8pm. Additionally, services will be held in Tulsa, OK where a visitation and Holy Rosary will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at the Church of St. Mary from 5 to 7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 29 at the Church of St. Mary followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Further information is available at [www.dettlingfuneral.com](http://www.dettlingfuneral.com) (Houston) and [www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com) (Tulsa).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Tulsa, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
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## Vigil/Rosary

MAY 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I went to school with her daughter Diane in Boulder, CO. Diane, condolences and a quick hello from Sheila (Powell) Grotzky, sgrotzky@hotmail.com. No more MSG luncheons but I'd love to hear from you.

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**Sheila Powell Grotzky** - June 03 at 10:49 PM



“ Eleanor Byrne Bova

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October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Eleanor Byrne Bova

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October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Eleanor Byrne Bova

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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Eleanor Byrne Bova

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“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Bova family and Davis family. I have such rich memories of Eleanor in the 5-6 times I had the privilege of being in her presence. She was warm, gracious, vibrant, and beautiful on top being a devout & faithful Catholic. I adore her photo on this website. Incidentally, this photo was taken just about a month ago. I consider Eleanor Bova to be my role model in faith and in growing old. I thank her for blazing the trail for me at St. Dominic Center where I hope to be a future resident.



*Jean Wu*

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**Jean Wu** - May 23, 2019 at 12:22 PM