

Mary married her husband, Rocco in 1957, and they moved to Bedford from Cambridge in 1958. She made an impact in town as a volunteer from the start. They have one daughter, Elizabeth. Rocco passed away in 1984.

Mary was in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1957, as a nurse, after graduating from Roosevelt Hospital in New York. She served in the Pacific during the Korean War.

She volunteered at Emerson Hospital, the Bedford Free Public Library, Department of Veteran Affairs, Minuteman Senior Services, St. Michael's Church Religious Education Office and the Bedford Council on Aging.

Mary has compiled more than 4,500 volunteer hours in 44 years at Emerson Hospital and she has 2,500 volunteer hours in 39 years at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Begin in 1969, Mary has been a volunteer at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VA Medical Center.

Currently working in the Transport Department at Emerson, at 82 she said she doesn't regret any steps she took in her long life. She still keeps busy, and feels she has truly been blessed.