



## Elizabeth Ann "Tucky" Moss Argus

June 1, 1940 - June 9, 2021

Elizabeth Ann "Tucky" Moss Argus, 81, died June 9, 2021 in her home in New Orleans. A devoted mother and grandmother, Tucky was also known for her quick wit, and her love of God, His people, and all of His creation.

Born June 1, 1940 in New Orleans and raised in Lake Charles, Tucky graduated from Lake Charles High School in 1958 having marched and played snare drum with the famed LCHS "Kilties" marching unit. She received her Bachelor of Arts in French in 1962 from Newcomb College of Tulane University, where she served as Secretary of the student body on a "ticket" that included as President her future husband, Bill Argus, Jr.

After marrying in 1962, Tucky joined Bill while he served on active duty as a Lieutenant and architect with the U.S. Navy's Civil Engineer Corps from 1962 to 1966, based in Indian Head and Bethesda, Maryland (where two of their children were born), as well as Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Upon leaving the Navy, the family returned to Louisiana, where Bill began his practice of architecture throughout the Gulf Coast, while Tucky began her practice as a full time mother and homemaker.

Tucky knew from a very young age that she had been adopted, and felt blessed to be embraced by such a warm and loving family. After raising five children of her own, she received a calling to serve others in a related way. She entered graduate school at the University of New Orleans, receiving a Master of Education in Counseling in 1997. She went on to work for many years as a licensed professional counselor at St. Gerard Majella Alternative

School, a high school established to assist pregnant teens continue their education and support them in their choice.

Tucky was a woman of deep faith with a most generous heart. She and Bill were long time members of the People of Praise, an ecumenical, charismatic, covenant Christian community in 22 locations in the US, Canada and the Caribbean, including New Orleans. They were also active members of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Bay St. Louis, as well as Resurrection of Our Lord and St. Dominic Parishes in New Orleans.

A lifelong naturalist with an encyclopedic knowledge of plants, gardening, and birds, Tucky also loved reading, Louisiana history, sacred scripture, music, theater, and dance, encouraging all of her children unconditionally in their pursuit of the arts. She spent many wonderful summers as a young girl and as a grown woman on Prien Lake in Lake Charles and in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, sailing, swimming, crabbing, fishing, and waterskiing.

Tucky was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert L. "Bill" Argus, Jr, her parents Judge Clement and Elizabeth "Betty" (Rock) Moss of Lake Charles, as well as her brothers Clement Murphy Moss, Jr. of Charlottesville, VA and Dr. Lucien Kennedy "Ken" Moss of Lake Charles.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law Wanda (Scoggins) Moss and Mary Ann (Coffey) Moss, her children Elizabeth (John), Bill III (Kim), Mary, Caroline (Jerry), and Anne (Bill), as well as 12 grandchildren: Jeff, Teresa, Brooke, Ethan, Kenzie, Austin, Coco, Mary, Elinor, William, Michael, and Fiona.

Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation on Saturday, June 12, 2021 (Tucky and Bill's 59th Wedding Anniversary) at 12:00 Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 631 State Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118, with the Funeral Mass following at 1:00 PM. Reception will follow at the home of our dear and generous friends Gilly and Mark Jaunet, 4317 Baronne Street (just off Napoleon and St. Charles Avenues), New Orleans, LA 70115. (On-street parking is available in the surrounding neighborhood.) Burial will take place Monday, June 14, 2021 at Biloxi National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Woman's New

Life Clinic of New Orleans.

We love you and miss you Nonnie, but All Shall Be Well.

# Cemetery Details

## **Biloxi National Cemetery**

400 Veterans Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39531

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**JUN 12.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
631 State Street  
New Orleans, LA 70118

## **Memorial Mass**

**JUN 12.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Ann "Tucky" Moss Argus

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Tucky and my dad were good friends. He always spoke so highly of her. She was the kindest host many years ago when I wanted to go to Mardi Gras. I will miss her smile and her laugh. She will always make me smile when I think of her. Argus siblings, may God provide you comfort and peace during this difficult time. I am sending out virtual hugs to all of you.



Amanda Moss - June 17, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Tucky,  
Thank you for teaching me about marriage, loving a man for who he is and not trying to change him, for always loving your children and supporting them in everything they do, and for always being a good listener. You will be missed!! You have been a rock for your family and those in your life. Be at peace and free of pain with God , Bill, and so many others that have gone before you!!

Carolyn Reinhardt - June 16, 2021 at 06:16 PM

EP

“ At the age of 16, I found myself in a crisis pregnancy situation. It was a scary and hopeless time in my life, and to make matters worse, I had to leave my high school in my Senior year to go to an unknown school for teenage pregnant girls. I envisioned it to be a place where judgmental people would make my life unbearable. Instead, it was exactly the opposite. St. Gerard Majella was the picture of God's Kingdom on earth. Along with Sister Rose Elaine Kessler as our principal, Mrs. Tucky was our fearless counselor who spent countless hours with each of us individually, trying to help us find peace and clarity. The school was staffed by wonderful people who made me feel at home and loved unconditionally. I will always remember Mrs. Tucky for playing an integral part in my story. I went on to complete high school, then college, then graduate school, and, finally, an accelerated nursing school. My specialty was Psychiatry...and now, Postpartum Nursing. I know Mrs. Tucky would be proud. I believe God uses our past experiences so that later we may help others. Thank you, Mrs. Tucky, for believing in me and pushing me to keep going. You made a huge impact on the lives of so many young women and their babies!  
-Elizabeth Benfield Parrino

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**ELIZABETH PARRINO** - June 12, 2021 at 09:26 AM

BG

“ Tucky, you were the best friend and confident to me. You cared and gave me so much unconditional love. You spoke truth to me always in love. You accepted me for who I was, even if I didn't know who I was.  
In a time of healing you accepted and supported what I needed to do to heal. You believed in me and you never stopped praying for me. I believe it was your prayers that guided me back to God!  
Love you to Heaven,  
Bridgid Glaeser, "Sister in the Lord"

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**Bridgid Glaeser** - June 11, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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*Dear Argus Family, I was saddened to learn that Tucky passed away. She and Bill were a remarkable couple whom I admired. We were acquainted at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. Strange but something made me look at Tucky's Facebook page this past Tuesday. I was talking with an old friend from NO East and your parents' names came up. Fr. Michael told me your sad news when I texted him about Janice Demarest's passing. Due to illness, I don't know if I'll be able to celebrate Tucky's life well lived with you Saturday. Please know that I will be praying. May Bill and Tucky be dancing in heaven!*



**Nan Landry Schellhaas** - June 11, 2021 at 11:23 PM

MD

*“ This scripture verse came to mind about Tucky who was a good friend and a sister in the Lord for many years.*

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the the race, and I have kept the faith." 2 Tim 4:7 RSV*

*Tucky, not only will I miss you, but so will Steve, Joanna and Michael. You were an inspiration to us all.*

**Marlena Doherty** - June 11, 2021 at 10:40 PM

LA

*“ You were such an amazing person. I remember you sharing your home and family when I was having a tough time. You taught me so much about being a strong Christian woman. You will be missed by so many I will miss you so very much too. Thank you for all you did.*

**Laureli** - June 11, 2021 at 09:46 PM

JP

“ I miss you ms tucky i miss those days when i was younger and a part of the people of praise and you would always encourage me to sing even though i was shy and i miss the days when we would gather at the beach house and go crabbing and have fun times as a family and i know you are happy to be home with jesus and to have mr bill by your side again you will always be missed but never forgotten

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**John Prestenbach** - June 11, 2021 at 09:09 PM

EM

“ Kevin and I are remembering Tucky, thinking of you all, and sending lots of love from Vermont.

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**Ernest McLeod** - June 11, 2021 at 04:55 PM

SS

“ I have relied on your honesty, your strength, your wisdom and your love, Tucky. And I have never been disappointed. I miss you. Sally

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**Sally Spahn** - June 11, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DR

“ Pastoral wisdom, rollicking great humor and hospitality expert. I love and will miss you Tucky. Dorothy Ranaghan

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**Dorothy Ranaghan** - June 11, 2021 at 12:49 PM