

About



Born and raised in Connecticut (a Yankee at heart) I have been living in Arizona since 1992. My way here was very circuitous but it is now home for me and my husband and 3 children.

I believe I was born to see the beauty in things-as a child I rescued animals; as an adult I've rescued broken furniture, old homes – I am the one who believes in second chances. I try to see the good in people and I truly fear evil. Happiness comes naturally and on the days when happiness is scarce, I seek it in the simplest of things- the warmth of the sun on my face; the breeze through the trees; the hugs of my children; picking a warm tomato from the vine.

As we all know that life isn't a bowl of cherries. I have come to accept that life is bittersweet. And the bitter times make the sweet ones even sweeter. I realize that a kind word or a smile can make someone's day-it costs nothing but the benefits are tremendous. I've learned to love what God has given me and I try to take care of it, well most of the time.

My reason for [blogging](#) at this stage in my life is that I feel like I have something to say. Life at Bella Terra seems worth documenting. After I lost both my parents, there are times I

wish I had known them as Ed and Julie, vs. Mom and Dad. What will my children know about me or what will they remember after I am gone? We always hope to live a long and fruitful life, but there are no guarantees. We have today, only today. I absolutely feel that my greatest accomplishment are my three incredible children but my role with them is always changing as they grow. So as I continue to weave the tapestry of my life, I want it be rich and colorful, snags and all.

I hope you will join me and enjoy Life at Bella Terra-perhaps we can learn a little something from each other along the way.

With smiles,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.