



Mrs. Mary Horgan Johns

November 26, 1942 - November 12, 2016

Born in Providence, Rhode Island. After living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for 33 years, Mary made Baltimore, Maryland her home for the past 18 years to be closer to her four grandchildren.

Mary was a champion of causes. She barely topped 5 feet but she could have been a giant when she undertook a campaign to right an injustice. In the 1980's she led the effort to overturn the development of a Superfund site in rural northwest Pennsylvania when it was discovered that ground waters had been contaminated by mining concerns.

Mary loved art and horticulture and was always inspired by nature. In the 1990's she combined these interests when she pursued a botanical illustration degree at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. Both in Pittsburgh and in Baltimore she had beautiful perennial gardens for her homes. She was a member of the Horticultural Society of Maryland and loved the annual garden tours.

Mary was an avid reader and particularly loved historical fiction. She passed on this love of books to her own children and grandchildren, as well as with the young students at the Waldorf School of Baltimore where she was an alumni grandparent and volunteer reader. She was also an active member of the Guilford Book Club.

Mary was a master knitter and was involved with several knitting groups including Woolworks in Baltimore.

Her swift departure from our world is unfathomable. She touched so many people with her magic, and will be remembered for her spirited opinions, generous nature, and devotion to her family and friends.

Married to the love of her life for 51 years and survived by her devoted husband David Lappe Johns; children Dana Stewart Johns in Baltimore, Patricia Johns Scanlon (Michael Scanlon) in Bablyon, NY, David Lewis Johns (Angela Johns) in Nazareth, PA; and beloved grandchildren Wheeler Johns Jarvis, Andrew David Johns, Caleb Griffin Johns and Teagan Mary Scanlon. She is also survived by her siblings Bo Myers, Trish Feeney and Neil Horgan.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Waldorf School of Baltimore
4801 Tamarind Road
Baltimore, MD 21909

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary was a dear friend we vacationed together and loved Cape May. We enjoyed cooking and she had a flair for making her home beautiful. I was so very saddened to have lost my friend. Darla Rae Duffy*

Darla Rae Duffy - November 26, 2016 at 07:20 PM