



Mary Jane Montgomery

April 12, 2021

Mary Jane Montgomery, 92, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Monday, April 12, 2021. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Christian Gast and Florence Marie (Martin) Gast. She was married to William Paul Montgomery for 35 years until his death in 1983. Brothers, Conrad Gast and Amos Gast (her twin), and sister, Florence (Gast) Staman, preceded her in death.

She is survived by daughter, Darlene M Schaffer, partner of William Garner, Cornwall, PA, Denise C. Pfeiffer, married to Donald R. Pfeiffer of Lancaster and William Paul Montgomery, Jr, married to John Zittel of Spring City, PA. Her grandchildren are Joshua Paul Schaffer, Christian C Pfeiffer, Melissa M Keares, Zachariah Z. Pfeiffer, Kira A. Montgomery-Zittel and Kyle C. Montgomery-Zittel. Also special in her life were her four great-grandchildren, Alecks, Ashley, Elene and Sevasmia.

Mary was a hard worker and had many positions. She was a toy manufacturer at Hubley Manufacturing Company, a food service worker at Lancashire Hall, Elby's Resturant, Manheim Township School District and Lancaster Catholic High School, an assembly worker at Datcon Instrument Company, a clerk at Lancaster Lung Association and baker at Stauffers of Kissel Hill. When Mary Jane worked at Manheim Township School cafeteria, she left her love for others on the children. Many of the children knew they had a friend in her and were excited to see her at lunchtime. Many grew to call her Grandma and looked forward to her extra portions of food that she put on their trays. Once you met Mary Jane you were her friend. Usually when she ended her time with you, she told you she loved you. She had many friends which was evident when you went away with her. Everywhere she went she knew someone.

Mary was full of life and always willing to listen. She loved to cook, bake and watch "her" Phillies. She loved traveling to Ocean City, NJ, sitting outside in the sun and socializing with friends and family.

A woman of strong faith, she attended First Reformed and Grace United Church of Christ, Lancaster PA. She always told her children and grandchildren that the "good man above"

was watching over her. She instilled being kind to others by telling her family, "if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all".

A private family burial will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to VisionCorps, 244 N. Queen Street, Lancaster PA 17603 or online at <http://www.visioncorps.net>

Comments



“ I loved visiting with Maryjane. She was always so welcoming and so excited when I would see her at a family function and speak with her and give her a hug. I adored her. She loved her family so much and they loved her. I never once heard her make a negative comment about anyone. Her wonderful baking skills will be missed but her love for life and family will be missed the most. Rest In Peace.

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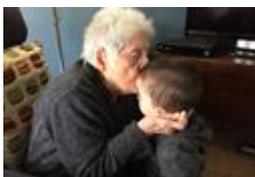
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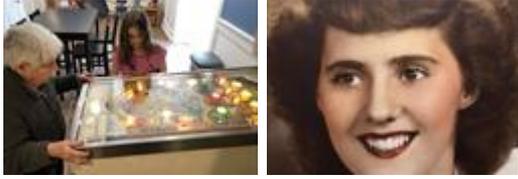
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“ A lifetime of memories, I'll share just a few and treasure the rest in my heart. Mostly I remember the laughter. Whether we were lost in the desert or eating someone's questionable dessert, you always found a reason to laugh and to make everyone laugh. And feel warm and loved and comforted. And fed with delicious brown buttered noodles! I know your life cannot have been easy, but I never saw it. You had a smile and wisdom every time, for every person. If love stores up treasures in heaven, I know you have everything there. It was a pleasure to have known you, Mrs. Montgomery.

Christi Brownell Kortuem - April 15 at 05:51 PM



“ Sleep in peace now my sweet grammy and now angel I will forever cherish the little and big memories from you being my grammy especially when I would come make brownies with you lol you were the best great grandma any little girl could ask for and I cannot wait until I can tell my own kids about my wonderful grammy you always taught me soooo much and you were always there when I needed someone to talk to 😞 whenever I go to weis now all I hear is the little comments you would make like “I’m going to give you a dollar treat yourself honey” I will forever be grateful for my precious grammy always asking if she could hug and give Louie a kiss I always said “yes grammy of course you can” and then she had a cute little laugh and kissed him sleep well my sweet angel until we meet again I’m going to miss you so so much give pop pop a hug for everyone



Ashley Keares - April 14 at 06:35 PM



“ Bill and John, although I met Miss M a few times, I remember how lovely she was and she always made you feel comfortable and welcome. You are blessed to have such a wonderful mother. So grateful she could spend time with Kira and Kyle. We love you all and praying for peace and comfort for your family. Love, The Braswell Family

Leigh Ann Braswell - April 15 at 10:01 AM



“ It's bitter sweet to let you go Gram. You are our matriarch. To know you are with Pop finally makes our hearts burst with joy. To know your body is fully restored is my reassurance. I have the best Gram ever and I will miss our daily phone chats. I always felt so loved by my Gram. I cherished our time together and only being a 2 minute drive away from you my whole life. The way you loved everyone no matter who they were. I always loved to walk into your presence and get the Oh honey how are you come on over her and give me a hug. Your hugs are the best hugs ever! You always had my back no matter if I was wrong. You taught me so many life lessons that I will always remember. I will always cherish our memories of the shore your favorite place, cookie day and your records playing your favorite Christmas songs as you rolled out the sand tart dough and sang along. All the great memories at grandmas house playing for hrs on the patio. I know I got my Ramming aka shopping gene from you and definitely wanting to put on my floppy clothes. My tears are happy tears all my thoughts of you are only happy, loving, & nurturing. Your laugh was the cutest. Your smile the brightest. I am truly honored to call you Gram. I admired how strong of a woman you are! You will forever be with me. I know we will be together someday, until then you continue to make your pot of coffee and be with Pop. I love you forever Gram!

Love your little sweetie pie Melissa aka Melissie



Melissa keares - April 14 at 04:51 PM