



## Mary Ellen Kauffman

August 23, 2023

Mary Ellen Kauffman, age 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mary Ellen was born in January 1940 to Benjamin C. and Dorothy (Stauffer) Kauffman in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and lived much of her life in central Pennsylvania, which she considered home even after relocating to North Carolina.

Mary Ellen was a people person in every aspect of her life. Her friends called her MEK or Moe, but even strangers were just friends she had yet to meet. MEK loved nothing more than sharing stories and being around people. She will be remembered fondly for the tales of the many adventures she had in the course of a life well-lived. Among other things, MEK bought a grocery store, traveled the country playing softball, collected penguins, dreamed of relocating to Bermuda, kayaked, loved baked oatmeal and Wilbur chocolates, surprised friends and family with visits at Christmas dressed as Mrs. Claus, and was an avid supporter of the field hockey career of her grand niece.

Not surprisingly, after graduating from J.P. McCaskey High School and earning a two-year management development certificate from Penn State York, MEK began a long career as a human resource professional. Among other places, she worked in human resources at A.C. Moore Associates, International Signal & Control, and then AMP. MEK spent almost three decades working for AMP, which later became Tyco, where she was an

invaluable resource at many manufacturing locations and for hundreds of employees before retiring in 2006.

Mary Ellen is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by a sister, Martha Hynd of Lancaster and her husband, Jack; a nephew, Scott Hynd, his wife Indiya, and their daughter, Carly; a niece, Kristin Jones, her husband, Kevin, and their children, Jack and Lucy.

Moe was one of the most entertaining and engaging people you will ever meet. Her loving, fun, and crazy personality will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements are being handled by The Groffs Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc. There will be a graveside service at St. Stephen Reformed Church cemetery in New Holland on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The Reverend Dr. Ann Osborne will lead the service.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Reformed Cemetery  
249 E. Main Street  
New Holland, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Kauffman*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *MEK, as her fellow employees called her, was one of the most friendly and kind person anyone could know. I worked at HR at AMP and remember when she was hired. She always took time to greet everyone, talk to everyone, and never was unkind. She was a Facebook friend for years. May she rest in peace. Heaven's gain is our loss.*

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**Pat Fuchs** - September 20, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Mary Ellen's passing. Mary Ellen and I grew up together on E. Madison St. in Lancaster, PA. We were classmates at Wickersham Elementary School, Hand Jr. High, and J.P. McCaskey. I always considered "Moe", my good friend... My last time seeing Mary Ellen was at our 1997 Class Reunion. I sincerely enjoyed seeing Mary Ellen and conversing with her... When leaving that evening, Mary Ellen made it a point to hug both my wife Mary and me, as we were leaving... I never forgot that moment. I always had the highest regard and respect for Mary Ellen.*

*My heartfelt condolences to Mary Ellen's family.... Me, being a widower, 5 years ago, I know and feel the grief of losing a loved one. In my heart, I will always remember Mary Ellen.*

*Larry Jones (E. Madison St. guy) .... J.P. Class of 1957*

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**Larry D. Jones** - September 18, 2023 at 01:14 PM

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“ I did Mary Ellen's hair for 20 years until she moved to the Carolinas once in awhile she would stop up to visit and I often wondered when she stopped coming how she was a very special lady always laughing always happy rest in peace my love because I love you as much as you love me

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**Cheryl Stevenson** - September 17, 2023 at 07:29 PM