



Mary Lee Herman

December 23, 1933 - February 5, 2021

Mary Lee Herman, born December 23, 1933, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2021 at Mission Hospital Laguna Beach. She was 87 years young.

Mary Lee was born in Wisconsin and moved to California with her parents, Franz and Avis Haefliger. She has three sisters; Carolyn, Vivienne and Fran. Mary Lee married and gave birth to 5 children: Charles, Donald, Cheryl, Susan and Patricia. She was heartbroken after the loss of her first-born daughter, Cheryl, while still an infant. Mary Lee raised her family in the San Fernando Valley area of Northridge. She eventually moved to Rancho Bernardo where she lived for many years. Mary Lee was a member of the Rancho Bernardo Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, (R.S.V.P.) which became her favorite activity -- she truly enjoyed serving her community. She attended San Rafael Parish church where she and her church members traveled to Italy and Vatican City. Although she was unable to meet the Pope, it remained one of her favorite places to travel.

After residing in San Diego, Mary Lee moved to Orange County to be closer to her daughter, Pati, and son-in-law, Kelly. The city of San Juan Capistrano, best known for its Mission and Swallows, was where Mary attended Mass at Mission Basilica and lived for the past twelve years.

Mary Lee spent her career as a Bookkeeper and Accountant, mainly within the Newspaper industry. She started with The Van Nuys News and Green Sheet which became The Valley News, and changed again to The Daily News. Mary was also employed at The Union-Tribune when living in San Diego, where she retired in 1999.

Mary is survived by her sisters; Carolyn and Fran. Sons/Daughters & Spouses; Chuck & Blair, Don & Patti, Sue & Lee, Pati & Kelly.

Grandchildren & Spouses; Donnie, Danica & Jason, Jason & Shawna, Krista, Gaylen, Courtney, Kelli & Richie and Brynn. Great Grandchildren; Liliana, Jaron, Kael, Clayton, Ciadan, Liam, Sabrina, and Lukas. As well as several Nieces and Nephews.

Mary Lee's final resting place will be San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery in Mission Hills, CA. A private inurnment service will be announced at a later date

Comments



“ Aunt Mary was there was you needed her, not only did she recognize in Mom's voice that something wasn't quite right but she acted it on it. Long ago she also came over on a regular basis after Mom had foot surgery and could not walk for a time. I was working and had elementary age Lauren and Lily,

Prior to the above, Mary would visit frequently for special occasions, dinner and card games on Caminito Sueno and that was always fun for all.

I miss her frequent calls to Mom as they kept each other both connected, engaged and discussed their similar and genetic health issues ie: macular degeneration etc.

Dear Mary, you gave to all and always, we miss you.

Much Love, Jeanne



Jeanne Shepler - March 16 at 04:02 PM



“ Family meant everything to Mary.

Sue L - March 18 at 11:28 AM



“ Mary's sister Carolyn, asked me to share a special memory she and Mary had approximately 17 years ago.

Mary and Carolyn were talking on the phone, as they often did. Carolyn remembers Mary asking her if something was wrong and told her she was coming over and would be there soon. By the time Mary got to Carolyn's, her daughter Jeanne had already arrived. Carolyn was rushed to the hospital and eventually diagnosed as having an Ischemic stroke. Mary stood by Carolyn's side the entire evening and into the next morning, knowing she had to go to work that day. Carolyn is so grateful to Mary, for sensing something wasn't right with her and for staying with Carolyn at the hospital.

Sisterly love is a special kind of love. Mary and her sister's all share this special love for one another. She is sorely missed.



Carolyn - March 16 at 09:26 AM



“ My Aunt Mary was such a happy and loving soul. That is what I remember about her the most, always being so happy and caring. The family always had such a great time when we got together with her. We would always play games. She loved playing games. The thought of her coming over always brought a smile to my face. She will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. I look forward to when we meet again.



Bob Pollard - March 13 at 08:27 PM



“ She truly loved playing games and being with family.

Sue L - March 15 at 05:20 PM



“ My sister, Mary had a pure soul and happy heart. I lived quiet a distance from Mary and couldn't visit her as often as I would have liked, but she always made a point of staying in touch with me on a regular basis, especially when I was going through my husband's last months dealing with cancer. She was a great friend and fun person to play games with and she did enjoy playing games. I miss hearing from her and I still find myself reaching for the phone to call her. She is sorely missed and will always have a special place in my heart of memories.



Fran Loiselle - March 13 at 04:26 PM



“ A beautiful tribute Fran, thank you.

Sue L - March 13 at 05:40 PM



“ STEPHEN POLLARD lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



STEPHEN POLLARD - March 11 at 01:34 PM



“ I always loved playing card games and the Shut the Box game with Mary. She was always a good sport and laughed a lot whenever we played. I miss her.

stephen pollard - March 11 at 01:17 PM



“ What a wonderful memory Steve, thank you.

Sue L - March 13 at 05:41 PM



“ Kelli Luloff lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



Kelli Luloff - March 01 at 11:24 AM



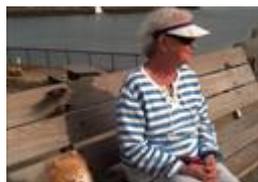
“ Liliana Ruppel lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



Liliana Ruppel - February 27 at 01:22 PM



“ Mary and Peaches at the beach.



Sue - February 26 at 10:30 PM



“ Pati and Kelly thank everybody, we loved Mary and we'll miss her much, the tenants and office staff at Seasons are fantastic, we're thankful for their support and kindness. Peaches sends her love too!

pati herman-stroick - February 26 at 08:34 PM



“ Pati Herman-stroick lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



pati herman-stroick - February 26 at 08:23 PM



“ Krista Drummond lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



Krista Drummond - February 26 at 07:47 PM



“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Herman



Sue - February 25 at 06:53 AM



“ Dear, sweet Mary, we will miss your gentle smile and your kindness to me. I'm so happy to have known you.

Jeanne



Jeanne Mahan - February 23 at 12:02 PM



“ Beautifully said, thank you Jeanne.

Sue - February 23 at 03:36 PM



“ Sorry to have lost you for a nice neighbor and miss you and your sweet little doggie.

Nina Cattaneo - February 25 at 10:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sue - February 17 at 10:22 AM



“ I miss my Mom!

Sue - February 22 at 11:10 PM