



Mary Jane Holle

May 8, 2020

Mary Jane Holle (nee Garheart) 89, of Ellicott City, Maryland passed away on May 8, 2020. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward St. Lawrence Holle, on October 5, 2010, and her dear sister, Catherine R. (nee Garheart) Rhoades, on April 11, 2019. Mary Jane leaves behind her loving children, Susan D. Holle and Michael E. Holle, daughter-in-law Nancy L. Holle, and two cherished granddaughters, Cailin A. Holle and Allison R. Holle. She is also survived by her wonderful niece, Cheryl Trent, and her family.

Mary Jane was born at Women's Hospital in Baltimore City to Eva (nee Gosnell) Garheart and William Guy Garheart of Sykesville. She grew up in a converted one-room schoolhouse in Barrett, graduated from Sykesville High School, and worked as a secretary at a bank before meeting her beloved husband at a dance. They were married in 1953 and eventually settled in Ellicott City, where she raised their two children. She attended the Bard Avon School and subsequently worked at BGE, Channel 13, and Westinghouse.

Living in the same home for over five decades in Ellicott City, she was an active member of Bethany United Methodist Church. She loved her neighbors dearly, often meeting them on her daily walks with her trusted dog, Duke. To her, everyone she met was a friend. Mary Jane was extremely proud of her granddaughters and shared their accomplishments with all. She was known for her boundless energy and was an avid tennis player, retiring at 86. She loved crabs, Elvis, country music, a good party, dancing the jitterbug, and making her family and friends laugh.

Due to the current state and local restrictions, we will have a celebration of life at a later date. Details will be available on this website once scheduled.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [zachingagainstcancer.org](https://www.zachingagainstcancer.org).

Comments



“ Mary Jane was such a sweet lady. She welcomed me to the neighborhood. I will miss her and seeing her walking with Duke. Heaven just gained an angel. My condolences to her family.

Pam Dua - June 13 at 07:36 AM



“ Sue, so sorry for your loss! I know you and your mom were so close. Your mom and dad are now dancing in heaven. Sending you love, hugs and prayers. Stephanie Storck

Stephanie Storck - May 29 at 08:31 AM



“ Mary Jane was such a kind-hearted and lovely woman. She was a dear friend of my mother's (and of our family) for 64 years! I will never forget how much energy MJ had even until recent years. Mom used to tell me how she was still going to play tennis twice a week well into her 80s.

Susan, Michael, and Family, know that the Willing family is holding you all in our hearts right now. We share your pain and sorrow, and we rejoice that our parents are free from pain and joyously reuniting in the great beyond. <3

With love,

Kris



Kris - May 28 at 09:40 PM



“ Hugs and love!

Sue Holle - June 07 at 01:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories of Mary Jane



Kris Willing - May 28 at 09:34 PM



“ Janie & I were friends for over 71 years. She was my mentor and guide when I first came to Maryland. I am so grateful for all these years of companionship both with her and Eddie.

Thanks for being there when I needed you most. I am under quarantine so I cannot respond in person.

Rest in peace--good picture.

Love

Glenda (Marg)

glenda m meads - May 28 at 09:20 PM