



Mary Fannin

April 26, 1957 - August 8, 2021

Mary Fannin, beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend left this world on August 8, 2021, at her home in Tallahassee, Florida. Mary was born Mary Fleck in 1957 in Roseburg, Oregon, to parents Josephine and Henry Fleck; their fifth of thirteen children. Mary moved with her family in 1959 to Melbourne, Florida. She attended Melbourne Central Catholic School and Eau Gallie High School, where she met her high school sweetheart and future husband, Stephen Fannin. They married in 1977 and moved to Tallahassee, Florida shortly thereafter.

Mary joined the team of The Hairsmith Salon in 1977 and eventually became the owner and operator. Her haircuts were masterful sculptures, and she taught her employees well. Driven by Mary's tenacity and vision, the salon expanded and grew in Tallahassee: from one to three locations, and ultimately renamed to Chelsea's Salon and Spa. She thrived as a cosmetologist and business owner for 38 years before retiring in 2015.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Mary. She loved a quiet evening with family and friends or a raucous party with co-workers. She often explored the local hiking trails and loved camping with her family. Her garden was always an incredible sight to behold.

Mary's personality, laughter, and sense of humor were contagious to everyone she met. People close to her described her as "lovingly stubborn," and "a mother to many." She pushed people to strive to do their best, whether they were her own children and family, or her employees. Mary was never afraid to

tell the truth or shy away from tough decisions.

Mary is survived by her husband, Stephen; her three children, Veronica, Sarah Josephine, and Edward (Ted); her trusty furry companion, Quincy; and her twelve siblings. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mary died at home surrounded by her loving family. In place of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mary's honor to Big Bend Hospice or the Parkinson's Foundation.

A memorial service will be hosted on Monday, August 16 at 3pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Masks required.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Carriage House at Goodwood Plantation
1600 Miccosukee Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

LS

“ My heart is broken. I just learned tonight that Mary had passed. I have known her since the Hairsmith. I started going to Chelseas when she purchased it. I was so proud of her. I used to walk from work to the shop to get my hair done at the Hairsmith since it was practically next door. She was a precious doll. My condolences to the family. I wish I had known. I would have liked to come to the services.💔

La' Verne Scott - December 04, 2022 at 10:14 PM

MB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 59. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Siferol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor's knowledge) him on PD natural herbal formula we ordered from TREE OF LIFE HEALTH CLINIC, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the TREE OF LIFE HEALTH Parkinson's disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 61 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (w w w. treeoflifeherbalclinic .com)

Mary belinda - September 22, 2021 at 03:07 AM

JP

“ I first met Mary at the Hairsmith on Dewey Street in the early '80s. She was always welcoming, personable, fun, witty, and, of course, gave me great haircuts. I am so sorry her beautiful life had to end too soon. My sincere condolences to her family and dear friends.

Jan Pudlow - August 17, 2021 at 11:19 AM

MA

“ Mary actually impacted me quite a bit. This was about 25 years ago. We were visiting Steve and Mary. Our daughter was a toddler and had fallen down or something and was crying. I tried to comfort her but she wouldn't stop wailing. I started to cry. Mary tolerated the commotion for a bit,, but looked over at me and said kindly , but firmly, "If a child is hysterical, and the mother is too, how will this help the child ? " I saw the wisdom of what Mary was saying and quickly pulled myself together. I reminded myself of Mary's wise advice 🍷 many times. Another memory of Mary : I always kept my long hair because that was the way we all wore it in youth. One day I said to Mary " Maybe I ought to do something with my hair". Mary grabbed a big hank of it and pulled it . "You ought" she said , " to cut it all off! It's damaged and it doesn't suit you!". Her eyes twinkled and she grinned. For some reason, that made me laugh so hard I couldn't stop. Everyone loved Mary. She adored her children and her husband. My last memory is of her sitting out by the pool as the sun was setting one summer evening. She was holding her little boy on her lap and he was falling asleep. The last rays of the sun touched her hair and his, and the two glowed.

Margaret - August 17, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Fannin.



August 16, 2021 at 09:32 AM

PV

“*Mary and I have been friends since cosmetology school. She asked me to fix her hair for her wedding. When she moved to Tallahassee we talked frequently about what each was up to. I drove up after she opened her first shop. I was so proud of her! She was a true friend. One that I will miss forever! Condolences especially to Steve, her children and the rest of her family*

Peggy Vincent - August 13, 2021 at 12:24 PM

SG

“*My heart is broken at Mary's passing, I worked for Mary at Chelsea's and loved her dearly. She and the girls I worked with helped me thru hard times and became my friends and always felt like family. Mary was a special lady and will be greatly missed. My love and prayers are with the whole family. Rest easy Mary Fannin. Sandra Lea Gorski*

sandra Lea Gorski - August 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JD

“*. Dear Sue and extended family and Chelsea employees.... I was crushed to learn of Mary's passing. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to everyone . I will always remember Mary when I came to the salon to Stacy for my hair appointments. She was always so lovely to me and we had several hearty laughs more than once together! She was the heart and soul of the salon from the beginning years and I will always have a special place in my heart for her. I know Sue will carry on in the best Chelsea tradition. I am a better person for having known Mary. Judi Dunn*

Judith B. Dunn - August 11, 2021 at 02:19 PM