



Mary Jane Ventittelli Shuey

April 19, 1934 - December 6, 2022

Mary Jane Ventittelli Shuey, age 88, passed away on December 6, 2022 in Tallahassee, Florida. She was born on April 19, 1934 to parents Alexander Dominick and Mary Facione Ventittelli in Detroit, Michigan. Mary Jane graduated from St. James High School in 1953 and began training for a career in nursing while she worked managing a fine linens boutique. After choosing to pursue a degree in child psychology by attending night school, she accepted a full-time position as the assistant to the dean of the University of Detroit College of Architecture, where she met a student who would become the love of her life, Donald Wayne Shuey. They married in 1965 and moved to Bradenton, Florida, where Don began his career as a professional architect and Mary Jane became a mother to their first daughter, Michelle Maria.

Within a few years, they relocated to Miami, Florida, where Don established his own successful architectural firm and they welcomed the addition of twin daughters, Noelle Ann and Nicole Beth. Mary Jane was involved in their daughters' school as a teacher's aide, served as a troop leader for the Brownies, and was an active volunteer and member at the affiliated parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. While taking pleasure and pride in supporting her husband and raising her family, Mary Jane also found time to pursue her varied interests by joining the local garden club and writers group, as well as taking classes in drawing, quilting, crocheting, languages, religious

studies, and numerous other subjects. She enjoyed both exploring and sharing her rich Italian heritage with family and friends. Mary Jane and her family later became parishioners at St. Richard Catholic Church, where she participated in the women's club and choir, while frequently volunteering to assist the clergy and administrative staff with religious services, events, and activities. She also maintained employment at her husband's firm and later on in retail sales and banking.

Over the years, Mary Jane traveled with her family to destinations throughout North America, Europe, the United Kingdom and the Caribbean, visiting relatives, sightseeing, and collecting unique souvenirs, including handmade arts and crafts she admired and, as an avid reader, history books and local cookbooks, with which she loved to experiment in the kitchen. In 2001, Don and Mary Jane moved their business and residence to Tallahassee, where they eventually settled into retirement together, pursuing hobbies, welcoming visits from their family and friends, and enjoying the fellowship and support of their parish, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The joys of their later lives were their adored grandchildren on whom they doted, Travis Lee, Emma Maria, Sofia Elizabeth, and Isabella Raquel, who knew Mary Jane affectionately as "Grandma Kitty." She was truly devoted to her family and cherished her strong faith. Always ready to encourage and help those around her, Mary Jane was beloved for her wit, wisdom, positivity, kindness, and generosity. She will forever be remembered for her compassionate and gentle soul.

Mary Jane is survived by her daughters, Michelle Arutt (Jordan Arutt), Noelle Altamirano (Robert Altamirano) and Nicole Shuey (Mike Wiener); grandchildren, Travis Arutt, Emma Arutt, Sofia Altamirano and Isabella Altamirano; as well as a host of extended family members. She is now reunited with her parents, her brothers Alexander Rocco Ventittelli and Anthony Michael Ventittelli, and her loving husband, Don Shuey, who preceded her in passing.

A memorial mass will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Tallahassee on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 10:30 p.m. with a reception to immediately follow. Mary Jane will be interred with her husband at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. following the reception.

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

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Committal

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MI

“Michelle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jane Ventittelli Shuey



Michelle - February 06, 2023 at 04:54 PM

ME

“Mom you will be forever in our hearts and forever reflected in our lives. I could not have asked for a more wonderful, generous, and caring Mother. You have touched so many and been a mother to them as well. So many wonderful times times with you that we will cherish forever.

'M' is for the million things she gave me.

'O' means only that she's growing old.

'T' is for the tears were shed to save me.

'H' is for her heart of purest gold.

'E' is for her eyes, with lovelight shining.

'R' means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell "Mother",

A word that means the world to me.

Love Forever,

Michelle, Jordan, Travis and Emma



Michelle, Jordan, Travis and Emma - January 25, 2023 at 11:48 AM

TB

“ On behalf of the Highgrove Homeowners Association, and the residents of our community, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences at this time. Please know that we are here for your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for any help you may need, especially during this difficult time
Tim Byrnes HHA President

Tim Byrnes - December 20, 2022 at 10:03 AM

TD

“ We have so many fine memories and times with Mary Jane and family that will always sustain in our hearts - her warmth and spirituality were always evident and comforting! Continued prayers your way.. during these days. Benny Tom and family.

Thomas DiStefano - December 19, 2022 at 01:21 AM

NS

“ *Dearest Mom,
We love you so much. You will be in our hearts forever. So very grateful are we to have been blessed with you as our amazing mother. Your beautiful spirit will guide and comfort us all our days. The many ways you cared for and cherished those around you will continue to be our inspiration and we will strive to always make you proud. Your precious memory and legacy of kindness will live on through your loving family. Although we did not wish to say goodbye, we know you are joyfully reunited with our beloved Dad. Rest in peace together and watch over us from heaven.
All my love, hugs, and kisses,
Nikki*



Nicole Shuey - December 14, 2022 at 01:37 PM

DH

“ *Jane was our "spiritual Mama" in our Divine Mercy prayer group and was always ready to share words of wisdom and encouragement; I can still hear her laughter - we will miss her! Dolores*

Dolores Henderson - December 13, 2022 at 08:44 PM

TF

“ Michelle, Noelle and Nicole, we send our love and condolences to your family on the loss of your beautiful mother. Our generation of the Ventittelli family is passing on with only a few of us left. We cherish the memories of growing up with your mom and uncles. Know that you all will be in our prayers during this sad time. Love, Talyce Ventittelli Fisk and Melanie Ventittelli (Uncle Johnnie's daughters)

Talyce Ventittelli Fisk - December 13, 2022 at 04:52 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan Faust - December 13, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SF

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our beloved cousin Mary Jane. I will miss her gentle, sweet personality, her humor, her thoughtful conversations, emails, and cards. I will cherish her wonderful stories told about her childhood with my mother Mimi. We send our condolences and wish peace to the family. ❤️



Susan Faust - December 13, 2022 at 06:12 AM