



Mary Ellen Herbert

March 6, 1942 - January 9, 2018

Mary Ellen Herbert, 75, passed away on January 9, 2018 at SI University Hospital North surrounded by her loving family.

She was born and raised in Conellsville, PA, and also lived in St. Paul, MN, before settling in Egbertville, S.I. in 1981. Mary Ellen graduated from the Indiana University of PA and continued her education, receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work from Hunter College.

She began her career as a music teacher in St. Paul, MN, and also worked at Eger Health Care and Rehab. Center as a music therapist, retiring in 1982 as Director of Development. She then furthered her career at Shore Hill Housing in Brooklyn as a Social Worker.

A woman of strong faith, Mary Ellen was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was an active choir member. Mary Ellen was also a member of the Richmond Choral Society. She excelled at playing the piano and also taught for many years.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed yearly vacations with her husband, Paul, in Maine, and traveling abroad as well. Mary Ellen was an avid downhill skier. One of her many trips were spent touring Europe and skiing the Alps. She also enjoyed cross stitching, creating beautiful keepsakes that her family will treasure. She also loved attending Broadway shows in Manhattan on a yearly basis with her family.

Mary Ellen is survived by her beloved husband of 37 years, Paul K. Jensen; her loving children, Irene Ryan (Doug), David Jensen (Jennifer) and Diane Cuzzolino (Nicholas); and her dear brother, Richard Herbert. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will take place on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 309 St. Paul's Ave. Staten Island. A private cremation will follow. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. Staten Island.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary Ellen's memory to Trinity Lutheran Church would be greatly appreciated.

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“ Your loving grandchildren. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Mary Ellen Herbert.



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“ Dear Paul,

Martha shared with me the sad news that Mary Ellen has gone to be with the Lord. I want to convey our sincere sympathy. Mary Ellen was such a special person, as reflected in the lovely pictures. You and your whole family will miss her terribly.

Ben and I want to express our love to you and the family and let you know we will be praying for all of you.

Sincerely,

Margit Maakestad Coltvet and Ben Coltvet

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“ There are so many memories I have of Mary Ellen:
Her favorite striped leggings she wore in the 70's...well before their time.
Her birthday song sung in perfect harmony every year on my birthday.
Her first fishing trip when three of us ladies fished from a skiff in Boston Harbor and caught 88 flounder. It became an annual tradition though we never caught that many fish again.
Her infectious laughter at funny stories we would tell as we sat around drinking wine and having cheese and crackers.
The nursing home residents she would touch with her beautiful singing.
My favorite earrings that she bought me for my 50th birthday.
The time we arrived at our ski rental late at night and in her inimitable fashion walked right up to the door, walked in and then discovered it was the wrong house!
There are so many more, but I will keep them in my heart and smile each time I think of her. Love you Mary Ellen. God Bless.

Mona Santarella

Mona Santarella - January 10, 2018 at 04:35 PM