



Mary Hemstreet

August 20, 1946 - May 5, 2024

Mary Hemstreet, a compassionate and selfless woman dedicated to the well-being of her family and others, died peacefully surrounded by family in her home in the early morning of May 5, 2024. Mary, 77, of Charlotte was born August 20, 1946 in Alhambra, California to Charles Pfeiffer and Elsie (Joyce) Pfeiffer. Mary's resilience and independence granted her the strength to carry herself and her sons through the challenges of single motherhood. Mary met John Hemstreet in 1964 at the age of 18. After many years, they reconnected in 1983 when fate placed John and Mary's mother together at a public gathering. Their love grew into an everlasting commitment to each other and their children, and Mary and John were married on June 17, 1984 in Lansing.

At 45 years old, Mary received a Bachelor of Science degree from Spring Arbor University, with which she pursued a fulfilling healthcare career for 40 years. Mary's passion for caregiving ensured that her patients received the same tenderness and respect that she offered to her family. Throughout her career, Mary worked for Sparrow Lansing General, Health Central (later known as Blue Care Network), and Bay Bluffs Emmet County Medical Care Facility in Harbor Springs where she filled the role of Healthcare Administrator. Following retirement, Mary and John moved back to Charlotte where Mary volunteered her time at ALIVE of Hayes Green Beach Hospital. Mary's devotion to her family and others never faltered, and one of her greatest joys in life was protecting the happiness of others. An avid environmentalist, Mary

enjoyed spending her free time outdoors, working in her garden, and caring for the longevity on our planet.

Mary is survived by her husband, John Hemstreet; sons Adam (Tina) Holliday and Ross (Stephanie) Holliday; and grandchildren Gabby Gerencer, Olivia Holliday, Johnny (99) Holliday, Liam Holliday, Griffin Holliday, Lainey Cobb, and Silas Cobb.

Friends are encouraged to support Mary's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A private memorial service will be held in the near future. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Siren Eaton Shelter. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Edward R. Fahy, M.D. lit a candle in memory of Mary Hemstreet*



Edward R. Fahy, M.D. - July 03, 2025 at 08:48 PM

EM

“ *I had the privilege of working with Mary for a number of years at Health Central. At the time she was a receptionist at the Pediatrics desk.*

I will NEVER forget the morning that she received a call from a mom who needed to go to Detroit and wanted some advice about her infant, who had a fever.

Mary was insistent that mom bring the baby in to be seen. That baby had bacterial meningitis and Mary saved its life.

She was beautiful inside and out, scary smart, and pleasure to work with.

Edward R. Fahy, M.D. - July 03, 2025 at 08:47 PM

DS

“ John, I am truly sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I have nothing but fond memories of her, her kind and generous heart and willingness to support law enforcement officers & families. As a member of the FOP Auxiliary and volunteer for MI-COPS, her service and dedications was greatly appreciated by so many.



Debbie Swofford - June 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM

BD

“ My heartfelt sympathy to John and to Mary's sons Adam and Ross and families. Great memories, met Mary when I hired into BCN in 1982. She didn't want a big fuss for her and John's wedding, so I took the pictures and made her a small wedding bouquet. Going to miss my dear friend.....Beth Davis

Beth Davis - May 14, 2024 at 08:51 PM

VB

“ Condolence to John and family. I worked with Mary for several years in Utization Review for BCN-MID MI. We brought our golding from John and Mary. RIP Mary I will remember all the good times we had at work.

Vicki Butler - May 10, 2024 at 02:50 PM

PB

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I met Mary when I volunteered at HGB Gift shop. She was such a good and kind person. I was just thinking about her the other day and was going to text her. I'm sorry I didn't now. She will be missed.

Pauline Borgman

Pauline S Borgman - May 09, 2024 at 08:51 AM

SW

“ John - the world lost a mighty woman. Fierce, loyal and compassionate. Paul and I treasure the memories we made with both of you. We are here for you.
Paul and Sherri

Sherri Wiegman - May 07, 2024 at 07:36 AM

SM

“ John: May your cherished memories of Mary bring you comfort and may knowing that she is in God's loving embrace give you peace.



Suzanne Moore - May 07, 2024 at 04:42 AM

MB

“ John, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Bryant and Heidi Williams

Michelle Bryant - May 06, 2024 at 08:57 PM

DE

“ John I am so sorry for your loss and that of your family. I'm sure I have met your wife and I know she was your life. May you all find peace in her rest as you recount her memory. God bless.

Sincerely: David Ellis (retired).

David Ellis - May 06, 2024 at 08:29 PM

JM

“ So sorry for the loss of Mary. John and my husband Joe served together on Lansing Police Department. Lost touch but still remember John and Mary.

Joe and Sue Mezzano - May 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM

JD

Mary - such a wonderful and very sweet lady. May your kindness on earth be rewarded in the forever.

Joyce and John Draganchuk

Joyce and John Draganchuk - May 06, 2024 at 07:58 PM

LE

John, I'm so sorry to hear of Mary's death. She was always ready to help out with MI-COPS when I needed her. Mary was the kind of person you could count on—kind and compassionate, efficient—and fun! I will miss her.

Lin Emmert

Lin Emmert - May 12, 2024 at 07:34 AM