

Mary Jane Milbourn

October 25, 1958 - June 16, 2023

Mary Jane Shultz-Milbourn, a compassionate woman with a heart that overflowed with kindness and a genuine desire to help others, passed away on June 16, 2023, at the age of 64, in the care of McLaren Hospital, after bravely battling cancer. Mary was born on October 25, 1958, in Charlotte, Michigan, to her late parents, Gordon Shultz and Vesta Curtis. She married her longtime friend Randy Milbourn on June 24, 1995. Her departure from this world leaves behind a void that will be felt deeply by all who knew and loved her, but her legacy of compassion and selflessness will continue to inspire those whose lives she touched.

In her leisure time, Mary found solace in the simple pleasures of life, particularly in the company of her devoted husband Randy. Together, they would sit outside, welcoming any family members who stopped by, and enjoy the warmth of a small fire while sharing a couple of beers. Above all else, Mary treasured the moments spent with her family, and she delighted in watching NASCAR races. She had her favorite drivers over the years, starting with Tony Stewart until his retirement, and she had a special affinity for the local Michigander Brad Keselowski. Mary was also an avid football fan, cheering passionately for the MSU Spartans and the Detroit Lions.

Throughout her life, Mary made a significant impact in her career as a seamstress for Lansing Uniform. She dedicated her skills to sewing uniforms for local police, fire, and emergency departments, ensuring that those who protect and serve the community were outfitted with care and precision. Even

in her retirement, Mary had plans to continue her sewing endeavors, having purchased a sewing machine eagerly waiting to be put to use. Additionally, she took great pleasure in tending to her gardens around the house, a shared passion she enjoyed with her loving husband Randy.

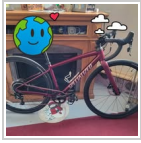
Left to cherish Mary's memory are her devoted husband of 27 years, Randy Milbourn, who stood by her side through thick and thin. She will also be lovingly remembered by her sons, Gerald (Spring) Chapman and Jessie Shultz, and her daughters by marriage, Melissa (David) Hancock and Brandy Milbourn (Jamie) Knoll. Mary's legacy extends to her adored grandchildren: Chantel, Jordan, Madelyn, Samuel, Cameron (Amaya), William, Logan, Michael, Braydan, Austin, Joseph, and Draco. Furthermore, she leaves behind her great-granddaughter, Evelyn, and her siblings, Wade (Cissy) Shultz, Diana White, and David Shultz. Many extended friends, family members, and her dear nephew Brandon Shultz will also hold her close in their hearts.

A celebration of Mary's remarkable life will be held at a later date, providing an opportunity for all who knew her to gather and share stories, laughter, and tears in remembrance of the beautiful person she was. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the family, assisting them in covering the necessary expenses associated with this difficult time. Friends are encouraged to support Mary's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Mary Milbourn will forever be remembered as a beacon of compassion, a shining example of love and kindness in a world that often needs it most. Her unwavering dedication to helping others, her love for her family, and her joy in the simple pleasures of life will remain etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known her. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her legacy inspire us to be the best versions of ourselves.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



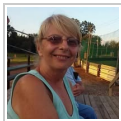
“ I was just thinking about childhood friends when I came across Mary's obituary. have so many memories of Mary growing up at Narrow Lake. There were some great times had.

Shawn Towsley - July 02, 2023 at 03:34 PM



We had the best childhood a kid could ask for indeed! We had the lake and the the farm to grow up at! We lived in a tight knit community with many mentors! My love to Phyllis and the rest of you!

Diane White - August 17, 2023 at 10:33 PM



Diane Shultz White

Diane White - August 17, 2023 at 11:01 PM

TH

“ I have quite a few memories of growing up at Narrow Lake with Mary and her Mom and Dad and siblings (I baby sat Wade and David!). The two memories that are most vivid are: 1. She and I went to Girl Scout Camp at Deer Trails. She was my “safety net” as I had never been that far away from home without my immediate family before. 2. Living at Narrow Lake, the farthest reaches of Eaton Rapids School District, we rode for HOURS each way, to and from school/home. Mary and some other high school friends had had enough of it and advocated (nearly demanded!) a compromise: either pick us up first and drop us off first (or vice versa), but stop making us ride 1.5 hours each way by being picked up first and dropped off last. Mary and friends negotiated well! We got our compromise! More recently I always enjoyed Mary’s Facebook posts. She and I seemed to have grown into kindred spirits with common beliefs. I miss you already, Mary. Love, ERPS Bus and Facebook Comrade, Terri from Coats Road/Narrow Lake.

Terri (Coats) Hamoud - June 22, 2023 at 12:32 AM



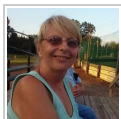
Girlscouting was a big part of our growing up, so many memories from those adventures! I gotta give those volunteer ladies my gratitude! I'm not surprised by the bus story, when I started Kindergarten my Mom fought to have the bus drive down Hunt Rd rather than me have to walk through the field to catch the bus! I really enjoyed her Facebook post as well, she didn't make any bones about how she felt! BTW, I completely agree! Your Dad always called her Squeaky! It fit her to a tee. We were so lucky to grow up in that neighborhood surrounded by good people! Thanks for the comments and so glad to know Joann is doing pretty good!
Diane Shultz White

Diane White - August 17, 2023 at 10:59 PM

CG

“ Our deepest condolences to Jesse and his family. ❤️

Caitlin Gillies - June 19, 2023 at 08:31 PM



*Your sympathies are appreciated.
Thank you*

Diane White - August 17, 2023 at 11:04 PM

DH

“ *There's to many memories to share on this....so I'll just say a few things that Mary may appreciate. First, I'll always love you and appreciate you for helping to raise the incredible woman I married. Second, ill always think about and love the fact that you spoke your mind no matter who or what it was about...that's rare these days to find someone so outspoken, yet so loving and caring at the same time....as you would have done anything for family. And finally, I'll always love that whenever I needed a laugh, an argument, or anything in between....you GLADLY offered your services in those areas. Mary, we love you and you will be greatly missed...so glad I got the pleasure and honor of having such a wonderful family member. Rest in peace.*

David Hancock - June 19, 2023 at 07:39 PM

TP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know no words will help. My God help all those heal. Tammy parker.*



Tammy parker - June 19, 2023 at 06:29 PM

KH

“ So many memories! When I think of Randy and Mary, it's recently Meijer, daughters and I ran into you so many time! And recycling 🗑️ Remember your wedding, and Sara being there . Sending love and hugs, Kathy H



Kathleen Hubbay - June 19, 2023 at 12:33 PM

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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 19, 2023 at 10:57 AM

DW

The world has definitely lost an amazing angle.
My condolences to you all.

Dave & Brenda Wendorf - June 20, 2023 at 10:54 PM

JQ

Sending condolences and caring thoughts to the Milbourn family. The East Lansing Police Department is thankful for Mary's years of caring and dedicated service to Lansing Uniform, ensuring our personnel received the very best uniform alterations.

Jim Shaw, Quartermaster - June 23, 2023 at 03:09 PM