



Mary Ann Howard

October 17, 1963 - December 31, 2020

Mary Ann Howard, age 57, entered eternal life peacefully, surrounded by her family on December 31, 2020.

Mary was born on October 17, 1963, son of the late Ivan and Anna Furgal. She is survived by her husband, Robert Howard, her children, Jennifer Howard (and her son Evan), Elizabeth Sweeney (and her husband Danny), Adam Howard (and his wife, Andrea and son, Ian), and Katherine Donaghue (and her husband, Brett Donaghue).

Mary graduated from Dwight D Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Ill., and attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She worked for the United States Postal Service for over 20 years.

Family and friends were Mary's passion and delight, and she adored her two grandsons. She enjoyed preparing meals with her daughters for her family and friends, especially over the holidays. She loved to travel, go on road trips with her husband, and go shopping. Mary was selfless and was an exceptional wife and mother. She cared deeply for her family, friends, and others, not out of obligation but because of how she was--she was always the first to offer help and follow through on her word. Mary also loved animals, and they loved her, too.

Due to the pandemic, funeral services were privately held, but Mary's family will hold a Celebration of Life gathering in the late summer or early fall this year. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Mary Howard at the University of Chicago Medicine. Checks may be made payable to the "University of Chicago Medicine" and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Mary Howard Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615. Or, you can donate online at: giving.uchicago.edu/mary-howard.

Tribute Wall

Julie Anne

“ I remember Mary when she was just a baby and grew up with her. She lived across the street from my family. She was such a kind and wonderful person. I know how much Mary was loved by so many. Sending love and many prayers to her family.

Julie Anne - February 20, 2022 at 10:29 PM

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“ Julie Anne lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Howard



Julie Anne - February 20, 2022 at 10:23 PM

MC

“ I remember Mary as being a sweet and kind beautiful woman! She had great love for her family and animals. She was beautiful inside and out. My deepest and sincerest sympathies go out to Bob and his beautiful family.

Sincerely,
Marcia Crichton



Marcia Crichton - March 11, 2021 at 01:23 PM

WK

“ To the family of Mary Howard. Our deepest sympathy to the family and prayers going out to you in this time of sorrow for the loss of your beloved mother. She was a good neighbor, mother of all the kids in the neighborhood which she welcomed into her home with open arms like they were her own for play dates with your kids. You will be greatly missed with your amazing personality and sense of humor. I remember when you met my Dad, you both hit it off the date you met. He passed away a couple of years ago at age 96 and I feel you are connected with him along with your family and friends in heaven. You have a wonderful family that you would be so proud of. Until we see each other again, watch over your family and grandchildren like you have never left. Love, Bob, Wanda, Kelly and David Koehne.

Wanda Koehne - March 10, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DK

“ Deepest sympathy to you Bob and your family.
Sincerely, Donata (Biers) Kopman



Donata (Biers) Kopman - March 09, 2021 at 11:47 AM