



Marianna (Maryann) McManus

October 28, 1942 - February 8, 2023

MaryAnn, 80, of Cary died on February 9th, 2022 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home in Pittsboro, NC surrounded by loved ones.

She was born in Rocky Hill, NJ to Walter and Helen Wasilewski. She was raised in Flemington, NJ where she graduated from Hunterdon Central H.S. in 1960. While at HCHS she was a varsity cheerleader and active in many organizations. Additionally, she met her future husband and entered a loving relationship that lasted over 65 years. MaryAnn then attended Virginia Intermont College, graduating with a degree in Medical Secretarial Studies in 1965.

MaryAnn's life was focused on being a wonderful wife, mother, and Mimi for her four grandchildren. MaryAnn was a kind, compassionate friend and sister. She cared deeply about the environment and supported many causes. She loved to travel with various excursions throughout the Caribbean and Europe, and special annual trips with friends to Mexico every spring. She most enjoyed spending time on Topsail Island with her feet in the sand, a chilled glass of chardonnay while looking for sea glass. MaryAnn was a kind, compassionate friend, and loved to laugh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother, and her beloved brother Walter Wasilewski Jr. She is survived by her husband of 57 years,

Thomas McManus III, children Sara Elizabeth of Asheville, NC and Erin Michael (Michael LaVoie) of Sylva, NC, grandchildren Aurora Leigh Burnell, Arlo Thomas Burnell, Wyatt Joseph LaVoie, and Maeve Anna LaVoie, brother Edmund (Lynne) Wasilewski, sisters Marlene (Sorrel) Luhrs, Wendy Wasilewski and Joanne (Jerry) Stefanelli, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in MaryAnn's memory to:

Sierra Club Foundation
2101 Webster Street, Suite 1250
Oakland, CA 94612
sierraclub.org

*Please make checks out to Sierra Club Foundation

OR

Full Spectrum Farms, INC
c/o Director : Erin McManus
PO Box 3101
Cullowhee, NC 28723
www.fullspectrumfarms.org

*Please make checks payable to Full Spectrum Farms

Internment services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. A celebration of MaryAnn's life for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

3008 Old Raleigh Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Tom and family. No words are adequate enough to express your loss. You are so fortunate to have true friends who are there for you and family to hold on to. I was so fortunate to spend a few hours talking with Mary Ann at LBI, she was happy, radiant and She was so excited to talk about your grandchildren, All of you are in our prayers, she was just lovely.Ed and Dolores

Dolores Dragan - February 18, 2023 at 10:25 AM

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“ my dearest Maryann, you were were a very special sisiter to me, and I will forever cherish the memories of watching over Sara and erin while you and Tom traveled. I will never forget, your thoughtfulness , especially when you would give me the best birthday /xmas gifts, they always came with " i included the receipt, joann, so if its the wrong size,or you dont like it, you can exchange it" lol. I always enjoyed our shopping trips, and long conversations that came so easily. I will miss you, more than i can express, Rest in peace, I love you!

JoAnn Stefanelli - February 16, 2023 at 12:02 PM

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“ Your beautiful picture is how I will remember you. We shared fun times together in Three Bridges, and in Stewartsville when you visited. I remember sneaking a cigarette with you, and I just hope that I wasn't the reason that you continued smoking later on! Say hi to your Dad and my Aunt Jo. Love and Blessings to Tom and girls. Irene Johnson

Irene Johnson - February 14, 2023 at 05:54 PM

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“ *My dear older sister, Maryann, I will miss your laugh, positive disposition and outlook, trips we still wanted to take together, our days shopping and you smoking and me with my coffee . We just hanged out in life so well together.. thanks for the times you comforted me with your wisdom and simple advice . I love you forever... Marlene*

Marlene Luhrs - February 13, 2023 at 10:09 PM