



Mary Bishop

January 31, 1972 - December 24, 2025

Mary Catherine Bishop, 53, of Bristow, Virginia, passed away peacefully at home on December 24 after an eight-year battle with cancer. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud “boy mom” to her three sons—Nathan, Matthew, and Ryan—whom she loved beyond measure. She and her husband, Michael, were married for 25 years and first met while both were teaching in Stafford County, beginning a life together rooted in love, partnership, and family.

Mary Catherine was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1972 to Kenneth and Martha Davis and was one of nine siblings. She graduated from Pope Paul XI High School in Fairfax in 1990 and went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in education from Ferrum College in 1995. A passionate educator, she dedicated her career to teaching middle school science, serving students at H.H. Poole Middle School in Stafford County from 1996 to 2004 and at Oak Knoll Middle School in Hanover County from 2004 to 2008. Her students remember her kindness, humor, warmth, and unwavering belief in their potential.

Faith was an important part of Mary Catherine’s life. She was a member of Park Valley Church in Haymarket, Virginia, and was active in several local prayer groups, where she both received and shared strength, encouragement, and support.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Park Valley Church in Haymarket on January 3, 2026, starting at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Catherine asked that the amount that would have been spent on flowers be contributed to her children's college funds.

https://www.givesendgo.com/MCboysCollegeinlieuofflowers?utm_source=sharelink&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=MCboysCollegeinlieuofflowers

Cemetery Details

Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22032
(703) 323-5202
info@fmpark.com
<http://www.fmpark.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

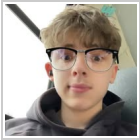
Park Valley Church
4500 Waverly Farm Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Catherine was a sheer delight to teach back at Ferrum College. That smile! I remember how she threw herself into the Virginia History class. I’m so proud of the family and teaching career she built. May the Lord comfort her husband and boys. Dan Woods*

Dan Woods - January 19 at 06:47 PM



“*I was heartbroken when I heard the news I was best friends with her youngest son Ryan i used to go to his house almost every day an during this time Mary was so patient and kind even when Ryan sometimes got angry she would just let him be while me and her talked or played a board game she kinda felt like a second mother, I haven't spoke to Ryan in over 2 years now but when I heard the news it ruined my new year and Christmas I wish I could've attended the funeral but we haven't been close recently and it really is fine I wish I could've just said thank you more and actually have appreciated her even close to the amount of effort she gave I was young and I didn't understand cancer yes I had relatives that died from it but i didn't really know them nor know how hard the struggle with it was I wish me and Ryan stayed in contact after but it's ok and I can tell that recently they have had a really really hard time considering all the other stuff and this too, not even words can explain how hard their struggle is right now, they are so so strong to still keep going. Mary was the kindest, sweetest, most patient, and caring, person I have ever met and I have been praying for her and their family during this really hard time.*

Vincent Gallelli - January 15 at 02:31 AM

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“*Mary Catherine was always so fun and positive! Through her, as we raised our young children together, I learned how to be silly, fun, and less serious. From the beginning of her battle with cancer and throughout the entire journey, she was optimistic and determined. She fought admirably. While I am grateful that MC's suffering has ended, the hole created by her absence is tough to bear. My deepest condolences to all of her family.*

Michelle Rittenhouse - December 30, 2025 at 02:23 PM