



## Mary Grace McCormack

October 11, 1963 - November 8, 2021

Mary Grace McCormack entered into her heavenly Fathers presence unexpectedly at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso Texas on November 8th. Mary was born on October 11, 1963 in Hempstead New York, the daughter of William Eastwood and Mary Eastwood. Mary graduated from the University of North Carolina Greensboro in 1985 with a Nursing Degree and passed her boards soon after. While at UNCG Mary met her husband of 34 years Jeff McCormack. They lived in Northern Virginia for all of those years. For the last 8 years Mary served with her husband Jeff as missionaries on staff with Cru Military and for the last 3 years as the Northeast Area of Operations Directors. At MCB Quantico, Mary provided a motherly touch, listening ear, home cooked meal, and wise spiritual counsel to generations of young men and women who passed through the gates and deployed around the world in service of their country. Though often quiet and unassuming, Mary had a bedrock faith in her Lord Jesus and joyfully shared the grace of God with all those she served. For Jeff, she selflessly worked behind the scenes, organizing, encouraging, motivating, supporting and providing invaluable wisdom and perspective to a very demanding position. Mary was no stranger to suffering but through the ups and downs of life maintained a strong sense of gratitude and wonder. From a stroll by the ocean at Myrtle beach, to a beautiful sunset, or even a delicious meal, she had a unique ability to discover joy in the ordinary. Mary fiercely loved Jeff and her children and was so proud of their individual giftings and accomplishments.

Mary is survived by her husband Jeffrey McCormack of Nokesville Va, her daughter Kathryn Louise McCormack (26) of Manassas Va and son, Michael McCormack (21) of Nokesville Va. Mary is also survived by her mother Mary Eastwood (86) of Greensboro N.C and her sister Kathryn Eastwood (50) and Brother William Eastwood (55) both also of Greensboro

There will be a Celebration of Life service on December 11th at Grace Life Community Church 9560 Linton Hall Rd Bristow Virginia 20136 at 3 PM followed by a time of fellowship afterwards. If you prefer rather than flowers feel free to make a donation, made in Mary's name, to Bethany Christian Services ([Bethany.org](http://Bethany.org))

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Life Community Church  
9560 Linton Hall Rd  
Bristow, VA 20136  
(571) 229-1700

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Mary and Jeff were and are true blessings in our family’s life. Y’all meet Jedidiah while he was in the barracks through your program, and helped him during such a bad time. Then we meet at a marriage counsel session at the chapel. To know y’all pour everything and more into ministry is a true testimony of God. Mary is such a fun, loving and honest woman! She lights up any room. Ya’lls life and marriage gives hope to others that marriage is still blessed by God. We didn’t know Mary like most did. But let me just say, we are so grateful you listened to God on where to go and when. So others like us can get through a season in our life, and those memories are life lasting. ❤️ Blessing to your beautiful family. -Jedidiah&Kayla Whitfield



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**Jedidiah&Kayla Whitfield** - December 11, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Grace McCormack.



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December 11, 2021 at 10:52 AM

JE

“ Mary was one of the wisest, most humble and caring people I have ever known. She always took time to stop and listen, ask about, and remember things I told her. Her genuine concern, and infectious laugh would be just the medicine I needed. With Mary, I felt valued and loved- by her, and mostly by the Lord. I'm a better person for the time I spent with Mary. (Just wish there was more of it.)

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**Jennifer** - December 10, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JC

“ Thomas Merton wrote "Loving God and one another is the destiny for which we were born. 'Becoming love' is our true vocation."

Mary epitomized that in her everyday walk with Christ. Her life was a blessing to all those she met, myself included-and I'm grateful I got to share in that blessing with her for a time.

Though her passing may seem to be an affliction-she is at peace. Her trust in HIM has found her worth of HIM.

May her memory be eternal+



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**Jason Cooper** - December 09, 2021 at 08:52 PM

TH

“ We are shocked and saddened by this news. We loved serving with her on the FamilyLife Dayton Weekend To Remember Team!!! She was such a grace-filled, kind and loving spirit! A true servant of Jesus! Our Love goes out to Jeff and family!



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**Tena Hawkins** - December 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ *The memories of Mary, beyond her pictures n posts on Facebook, are many of which my Son, Dakota shared. And those are the ones I hold strong to. Because I know She helped him in many ways I couldn't being thousands of miles away. I also remember her warm talks while visiting Quantico at the Saturday food n fellowship. She was definitely a Woman of Christ whom loved her Lord. n her family (Jeff and kids) but also her military kids. She will be missed n her memories will live through all of us that new her. No matter the length she left a memory with all.*

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**Jason Cain** - December 08, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Grace McCormack.*



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December 08, 2021 at 08:24 PM

LM

“ *I don't have enough words to say how wonderful this lady was and what a blessing it was to know her. Of course if you had the honor of knowing/friending her then I don't need any words. I shared Marys passion for providing home cooked meals to the Marines and through this service with her we shared so many wonderful conversations about the miracles we receive from our Lord Jesus Christ at all the right times. Mary was an angel sent into my life at just the right time. Rest In Glory my friend*

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**Lynnne Mehus** - December 08, 2021 at 07:53 PM

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“ *What a blessing to have met Mary and to have witnessed her faithful servant's heart. She has impacted so many lives and shared her love of people and God. Prayers of comfort to her family. Memory Eternal!*

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**elaine romanias** - December 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM

PB

“ *Mary, my "birthday twin," was just as she was described in the recounting of her amazing life. To know her was to know God's love, as she overflowed with it and displayed it in everything she did. My children and I feel her loss deeply, and share the grief her untimely passing has brought upon her family and her multitude of friends. Birthdays will always remind me that she is gone, and I will miss her hugs the most.*

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**Paul Bryan** - December 08, 2021 at 05:37 PM

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“ *Mary's daughter is a dear friend of mine and I am so grateful to have met and known sweet Mary. She always greeted me with a hug and a warm smile. She was an advocate and never made anyone feel like a stranger. Holding love and space for your family.*

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**Alanna** - December 08, 2021 at 01:25 PM

CW

“*Mary was a true servant of Christ and a fierce prayer warrior! On a few occasions when I was dealing with a difficult situation, Mary came over to chat and pray with me. She had a calming voice and spirit.*

*Jeff, Katie, and Michael - I cannot imagine your grief. I pray that God will comfort you as you mourn. Mary will live on in all the wonderful memories you have of her.*

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**Cindy Wayland** - December 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM