



## Mary Theresa McGurk

November 23, 1940 - October 3, 2024

Mary Theresa McGurk passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 2nd with her devoted husband, John, hearing her last breath and remaining with her. Through the years and especially as her illness progressed, Mary was comforted and at peace with John by her side. Born in Portland, Maine as the oldest of five siblings, she left family and friends at twenty-two to begin a new life in Washington, D.C. There she met her love, and they started their family. Moving from Alexandria to Chantilly in 1970, they embraced their new community and would happily be a part of it for the next 50 years. It was a beautiful place to raise their three children: Karen (Bob), Mike (Sara) and Jack (Maureen). From her “spot” at the kitchen table or in “her chair” she would call or write to her sisters Sheila and Ann to keep everyone connected. Later, the Chantilly home became a welcome place for their thirteen grandchildren: Jonathan, Julie, Mark, Matthew, CJ, Joe, Justin, Morgan, Mick, Josh, Madelyn, Ella, and Miles. During her illness, visits from her 3 great-grandchildren, Sophia, Ada, and Anthony brought a smile to her face and “made her day”. Grammie’s was a place where you ate pancakes, sipped tea, and knew you were loved.

Mary was “a mother for life”. She helped raise her four siblings and then helped her dear friend, Peggy, with her 8 children. While raising her own children, Mary kept an immaculate house and earned a college degree over an 11-year span. But motherhood, and all that the term implies – loving and

caring – did not stop as her children grew older. She immediately became “The Laundry Angel” helping her daughter with the mountains of laundry that come with a big family. She was the sock sorter extraordinaire. She was also back-up for Grandpa, who was caring for her two oldest son’s two children, and finally greatly enjoyed being a part of her youngest son’s two children’s lives.

Mary was a much-loved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a woman of great faith who devoted her life to her family. Her legacy of love and faith will live on. Her mind and her body are finally at peace. Life goes on, love goes on, it is morning.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110-2566  
(703) 368-4500

## Graveside Service

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

PY

“ Pam Yood planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Theresa McGurk.

Pam Yood - December 10, 2024 at 01:39 PM

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“ As 40+ year friend and neighbor my thoughts and memories of Mary are that of a devoted wife to John and mother to Mike, Jack, and Karen and grandmother to all their children! Her connection to neighbors and community knew no bounds and her commitment to Christ and the Church was without limit! Hers was a life well lived and her influence and impact on family and friends is timeless! I speak for myself, and both passed away parents. It was a true honor to be next door neighbors and experience the love and joy that flowed from her and John's home - the very best of life is all about. With warm regards, Robert M. Coffelt, Jr.

Robert M. Coffelt, Jr. (Bob) - October 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JM

“ Miss Mary was part of our book club. Even though we hadn't seen her much lately, she was definitely missed. She was a true gentle, sweet, spicy Catholic woman and those are hard to find. May God embrace you in his arms as you hit the pearly gates. Much love to your family...she was a special person...Jen

Jennifer & David Meredith - October 07, 2024 at 02:42 PM

WF

“ *With love- Jeff and Julie Ferrell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.*



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**With love- Jeff and Julie Ferrell** - October 07, 2024 at 01:16 PM

BC

“ *As the oldest of the 8 Carter children that Mary helped raised, I want to express my deepest sympathy for her lost. I spoke to Mary a few weeks ago and knew at that time that she was struggling. She was a blessing to many people and she loved my mother Peggy very much. She meant more to the Carter family that words can express. Thank you Mary very much. May you be at peace with God.*

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**Bob Carter** - October 07, 2024 at 12:26 PM

YC

“ *Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.*



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**Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court** - October 07, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



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Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court - October 07, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



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“ Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



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Your Neighbors on Tulip Tree Court - October 07, 2024 at 08:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



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October 06, 2024 at 10:13 PM

LS

“ Love, Sheila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Theresa McGurk.

Love, Sheila - October 06, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



October 06, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JG

“ Jan and Jim Gouch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Theresa McGurk.

Jan and Jim Gouch - October 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

JG

“ Jan and Jim Gouch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.



Jan and Jim Gouch - October 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

PY

“ *Mary was one of my friends . We first meant when I worked at PHP as a temp and she was my supervisor. We became friends and stayed that way until she passed. I will miss my calls to her when I was feeling down. Mary always made me laugh and things always got better. Mary loved telling me about her playtime with her girls with BeBetty Spaghetti a spur of the moment gift I got her one year. I will dearly miss her.*

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**Pam Yood** - October 06, 2024 at 02:39 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Theresa McGurk.*



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October 05, 2024 at 11:53 PM

JB

“ *John & Kendra Bealor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Theresa McGurk.*

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**John & Kendra Bealor** - October 05, 2024 at 11:53 PM