



Mary Elaine Shaw

September 19, 1957 - December 14, 2018

Lieutenant Colonel Mary E. Shaw (United States Army Retired)

Deceased 12/14/2018

Mary Shaw, 61, beloved daughter, sister, wife, and friend, was met by our Lord on December 14, 2018. She was a 1976 graduate of Rocky Mountain High School in Ft. Collins, Colorado and received a bachelor's degree from Regis University in 1985. Mary enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1976 after being a runner up to the first female class of the United States Air Force Academy class that year. She served at Fort Riley, Kansas and numerous bases in Germany, where she met and wed John Baumgartner. They returned to the U.S. where John retired from the U.S. Army. Mary was deployed to Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War with Iraq, Operation Desert Storm. She returned to the United States and worked in the Pentagon, retiring in 2007 from the U.S. Army with many awards and citations for her service. After retirement Mary worked part-time while volunteering at several organizations including Lifelong Learning Institute, doing presentations on her military career. She was passionate about her pets and fostered several animals. Mary was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was preceded in death by her husband John Baumgartner, mother, Mary McFadden and is survived by two sisters, Emily Tweed of Lakewood, CO, Katey Covert of Casper, WY, brother, John Shaw of Elizabeth, CO. and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends in Virginia and Colorado. Mary will be buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to ASPCA or the

Women's Military Memorial.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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“*Mary and I were the best of friends in grade school and junior high. She spent her summers with me and my family in Dubois when we were in junior high. We had such great memories. Mary was my best friend. She was a part of our family. She was my maid of honor at my wedding. That was the last time I saw Mary. The last time I talked to her was to tell her my dad has passed away. My family thought the world of Mary. We did not stay in contact after that and I really regret that. I thought of her so many times. Mary and I connected in a way I can't explain. When I found out she had passed away it was a part of my younger self that grieved the most. We shared a lot in our younger years by not saying anything at all if that makes any sense. I will never forget Mary. I loved her dearly.*
Ann H.

Ann - July 08, 2020 at 11:53 PM

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“ One of the fond memories I have when I first getting to know Mary many years ago was when she arrived at Marie's house for a Seder and had the most beautiful huge bouquet of flowers I had ever seen. Still to this day there has never been a bouquet that took my breath away like those that she selected for Marie back then. Rarely did I see here that those flowers didn't come to mind.

Recently when my husband was badly burned and working on recovery at the same time she was dealing with recovery from a car accident. At that time, she sent us a bouquet of fruit with balloons to let us know she was thinking of us. I knew that anyway, because knowing Mary, I knew she cared. She and I both laughed when she found out the florist didn't use DISNEY balloons as she had ordered. She called the florist and the next day I returned from the hospital to find Disney balloons outside my front door. I called and let her know. We talked then about her coming down to Florida for a visit.

We loved seeing her at Disney. We had a lot of good times there and shared stories. Our common love for pets left us with never a silent moment! She will be missed deeply in our lives. We were fortunate to have known her thru my sister, Janet Garber.

Steph Garber and David Collins

Steph Garber - February 22, 2019 at 12:21 PM