



Mary Jane Walker

March 22, 1945 - February 4, 2024

LEMINGTON – Mary Jane Walker, 78, of Lemington, died on Sunday evening, Feb. 4, 2024, at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester after a period of ill health.

She was born in W. Stewartstown on March 22, 1945, a daughter to the late Shirley and Leona ‘Tommy’ (Owen) Noyes. Mary Jane attended schools in Colebrook and was a 1963 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

Following high school, she attended hairdressing school and maintained her own business for many years wherever she resided. She married shortly after school and was a military wife, with moves to Germany, Hawaii, and later settling for many years in Andover, N.H. Mary Jane was an avid swimmer in high school and taught all of her sons to swim. In retirement, she returned to the north country in 1998 and settled at the top of Todd Hill in Lemington.

Mary Jane loved finding the beauty in things. Growing brilliant flower gardens and collecting various antiques were two of her lifelong passions. Cooking for her family was another source of joy in her life and one of the things that everyone will remember about Mary Jane. For years she never bought a bread product from the store and had a dessert made for every meal. Mary Jane loved music from the 50’s and 60’s and never missed a chance to show off her dance moves for a crowd. Attending class reunions with her Colebrook

Academy friends was an event she would talk about for weeks after. She loved to sew, knit and crochet socks for her grandchildren for Christmas.

Mary Jane was a woman of fierce and unchanging opinions and was more than happy to share her views with anyone within earshot. She was unafraid to tackle obstacles, whether those be attaching new equipment to her computer or calling the CEO of a major appliance company demanding a replacement for a 4-year old oven. She had no problem explaining to a butcher how meat should be cut or asking a restaurant for a secret salad dressing recipe even after they explained it was 'secret.' Watching Mary Jane play croquet was almost as entertaining as listening to her try and talk with an automated phone system. People who knew Mary Jane are undoubtedly aware of her parting catch phrase of 'Bite your ...' which was the response given to anyone she felt that deserved it. Mary Jane was civic-minded, as well, and served as the tax collector for the Town of Lemington and served on the town's school board.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband of 45 years, Daniel Walker of Lemington; her four sons, Michael Edwards of Manchester, N.H., Mark (Sherry) Edwards of Carrollton, Texas, Eric Edwards of Massachusetts, and Palmer Edwards of Portsmouth, N.H.; two sisters, Harriet Ladd of South Burlington, Vt., and Cindy (Robert) Bissonnette of Lebanon, N.H.; and 11 grandchildren.

Mary Jane was a loyal friend, a dedicated mother and a loving wife. She will be missed.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside interment service will be held later in 2024 in the Colebrook Village Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Condolences may be offered on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sorry to read about Mary Jane’s passing. I enjoyed working with her back in the day. I would often go have coffee and she’d share many a story about one or more of her boys. I loved the line in her obituary which said she “was a woman of fierce and unchanging opinions and was more than happy to share her views...” Wow, described her perfectly. I still make a blueberry recipe today that she made years ago at the school and it’s loved by everyone who tries it. I’ll hold my memories of MJ close.

Jeanne Barrett - March 07, 2024 at 08:32 AM

DG

“ Dan and family ~ Mary Jane will always hold a special place in my heart. She was passionate, loving, loyal, and a joy to be around. One of my favorite memories was her coming to chaperone a chem-free graduation party where we stayed up ALL night. She had as much fun (or more) than the kids did. She was truly one-of-a-kind.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Diana Gendreau

Diana Gendreau - February 17, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RO

“ Harriet, Cindy, and Mary Jane's family,

So sorry for your loss.

Rosalie & Naida Owen

Rosalie Owen - February 10, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JB

“ There are so many memories of Mary Jane when she lived here in Andover. We made many trips to Franklin because she was working on something and kept forgetting to pick up an item. She was so happy when they moved back to the Colebrook/Lemington area as she really missed being back home. Being with her was never boring!



My sincere sympathy to her family.

Judy Hunt Budge - February 08, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LP

“ Mary Jane, the Queen of our Bridge street Gang! So many memories as we grew up side by side. You told the greatest knock knock joke of all time. You officiated at our many pretend weddings held on the picnic table! And we all begged you NOT to sing solo! Kick ball was a favorite. We wrestled a few times over the ball. I haven't seen much of you the last years but you were always entertaining when we would meet up. But you brought life in living color to our gang and will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Sincere sympathy to your whole family! You were a gem!💜

Lynne O Placey - February 07, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KF

“ She will be missed. I have always been grateful for all the love and care she gave to Mom and Dad. I am sure they were waiting for her with open arms. I am also sure that Dad (Buster) was ready to play a joke on her. I can hear her saying Bbbuussteerr. Sending hugs and prayers to Dan, her boys and their families 🙏❤️🙏

Kate Frizzell-DeRosia - February 07, 2024 at 04:39 PM