



Mary Ellen Reece

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Our Sister, Aunt, Godmother, Friend left us on January 14, 2024.

Born to Robert George and Helene Marie (Schroeder) Keenan on December 15, 1943, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mary was a secretary for most of her life. Her most memorable job was working for Time Magazine. Volunteering within her local community. Serving on the HOA, driving neighbors to appointments, helping wherever you needed a hand. You could always count on Mary to help in anyway that she could.

She loved Christmas & Birthdays. She always brightened everyone's birthday with a special poem written just for them. She had a wonderful way with her words that made you feel special. She had a wonderful sense of humor lighting up the room with her smile. Through all of her challenges she always found something to smile & laugh about.

A true love story when she met Herbert Norbert Reece. They married May 17, 1975, in Du Page, Illinois. They had 27 years together until Herb passed away in 2002.

Herb and Mary moved to Florida in the 90's leaving behind many relatives, friends and neighbors.

Mary is survived by: sister, Lucy & Bill Stinson, IL.; two brothers, Terry & Nora Keenan, IN., Brian Keenan, IL; Sister - in - law, Bernice Keenan; nieces, nephews, other relatives, & many dear friends.



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She was preceded in death, by her parents, Robert & Helene, two brothers, Butch Keenan & Larry Keenan, one sister, Sally Piotrowski.

Per Mary's wishes there will be no service. Inurnment will be with Herbert in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Mary's favorite charities: Boy's Town & St. Jude Children's Hospital.





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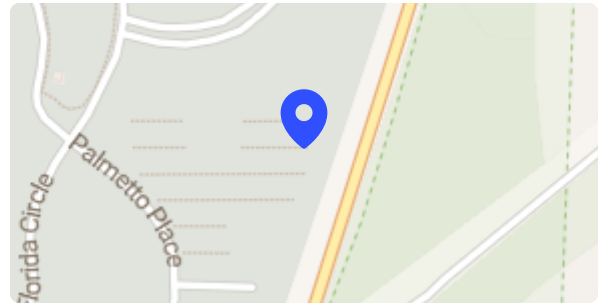


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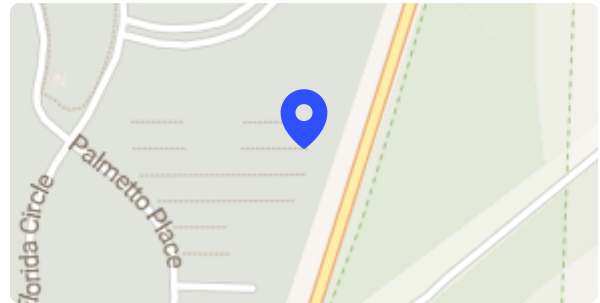
Service

-  **Friday**, March 29, 2024
-  11:00 AM - 11:15 AM ET
-  **Florida National Cemetery**
6502 SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell FL 33513
-  Please arrive at Florida National Cemetery by 10:45 A.M.



Cemetery Details

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Jessie Nutt posted:

Ms. Mary to me was so happy and a warm presence; she would always have a joke on-hand and made me feel like family. Her corner house was the corner house, where we'd wave to her even if we didn't get a chance to stop in. I greatly enjoyed last Christmas with her - her spending time with my kids and our giant group photo, with Ms. Mary right in the middle. That corner house won't be the same, Christmas won't be the same, and we won't without Ms. Mary - miss you and love you..

February 18 at 9:22 AM



Joel posted:

Always enjoyed spending time with Mrs. Mary! Fond memories as a kid waving to her as we rode our bikes to elementary school. Was always willing to go and visit and help with her different tech problems. She was always very generous and welcoming whenever you would visit her. Will miss her!-Joel

February 13 at 2:41 PM



Rob posted:

Mary was a good neighbor and a great friend. She was a role model and inspiration to our family. She will be dearly missed.

February 13 at 11:45 AM



Rob shared a photo to the **Herb and Mary** album.



February 13 at 11:43 AM

RO **Rob** February 13 at 4:44 PM
Herb and Mary together again



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Cady Frankel shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mrs. Mary entered our lives when I was a child by chance: a hello wave from a friendly neighbor that turned into a lifelong friendship. Mrs. Mary called herself our Florida grandma and that title was more than well deserved. She was every bit a part of our family as we were a part of hers. She spoiled my siblings and I throughout our childhood and extended her love towards our children, whom she loved spending time with. She filled our lives with love and laughter, warmth, and a feeling of home.



February 13 at 6:14 AM



John Bauer lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Memories of Loved Ones are never easy to write. Especially when it's about someone like my Aunt Mary. She was also my Godmother and I've always Loved her no matter who she was and I faithfully believe I'm not or ever will be alone with that feeling of love. Whether it came from taking a moment to sincerely listen to everyone that's needed her, or the smile on her face to let you know everything is going to be alright. She was always forward enough to share with you that you just needed for the storm to pass and things will be better. I'd call her a couple days a week to check in with her no matter what we talked about, but the most important thing for me was to hear her voice and the relief that she was doing well. During a few of our latest talks She spoke of when this time comes, she has made peace with everything and everybody. She knew how I am and I'm extremely grateful for that because she wasn't going to hold back on certain subjects Like this. She shared as much as she could and she knew that when she finished this portion of her story, she would be able to see everyone that left before. She was no matter the situation always putting others first and couldn't care less about whatever it was that made her have a rough day. As I said she put everyone first before herself. And that is just a small part of who she was. Aunt Mary, I'll remember you and everything you've done for me along I'm sure for others. I'll never forget how we hugged especially the last one we shared which I still remember how It felt and I couldn't wait until it happened again. I'm aware that it won't happen again on this part of my journey but when we see each other again, and my time comes. I'll be able to not only see you but to be able to hug you again. I Love you & Always Will God Bless John Bauer



January 17 at 11:02 AM



Julie Villani shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mary flew out for my daughter's college graduation. I loved her smile and sense of humor. She will be missed.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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