



Mary Margaret Marston Monroe

July 8, 1946 - February 6, 2022

Mary Margaret Marston Monroe, age 75, of Blacksburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Born July 8, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Ralph George Marston and Hester Vivian Fergurson Marston. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Suzanne Marston Borck, brother Dr. Ralph Scott Marston and her husband, Richard Walter Monroe.

Mary was raised in Takoma Park, Maryland and she is a graduate of W.T. Woodson High School (1964) and the University of Mary Washington (1968). In high school she was active in the school choir and was a cheerleader. In college, Mary earned a bachelor's degree in Education and subsequently taught elementary school in Stafford and Fairfax County.

She married Richard Walter Monroe in 1971 and accompanied him through numerous career locations in six different states. Richard and Mary were happily married for 51 years. She enjoyed being involved with her children's school activities, volunteering in their classrooms and teaching part-time and full-time in several school systems. She also taught pre-school for a number of years.

As a member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Mary served on the church visitation committee, calling on members in their homes and assisted-

living facilities. She also helped lead a weekly balance and strength class.

Like her mother, Mary never met a stranger and she always had a kind word for all. She took great pride in her home and family, treasured family gatherings and loved to entertain. Mary had a remarkable gift of remembering every family birthday, always taking time to send a card to her many grandchildren, nieces and nephews as well as other friends and family. She loved crafting of all kinds, especially making Christmas decorations as gifts to others. She treasured her Christian family heritage and worked to organize and document it for generations to follow.

She is survived by her children Jennifer Monroe Holliday and Spencer Grant Monroe; son-in-law Todd Holliday and daughter-in-law Kelli Simpson Monroe; grandchildren Grant Monroe Holliday, Samuel Ayers Holliday and Keeton Elizabeth Monroe; brother-in-law Jonathan Searle Monroe; cousin Elizabeth Brand Monroe; sisters-in-law Rosa Crocker Monroe and Deborah Cahoon Monroe; nephews James Lord Borck and Owen Searle Monroe; nieces Kimberly Borck Pollard, Amity Borck Dey, Frances Tucker Monroe, Megan Monroe Guerrero, Meredith Monroe Rodriguez and twenty-one great nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful for the love and support from family, friends and many medical professionals. A memorial service will be held in honor of Mary on March 7, 2022 at 2:30 PM, preceded by a visitation at 2:00 PM at Blacksburg United Methodist Church. The family requests that you kindly wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blacksburg United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 931, Blacksburg, VA 24063.

Arrangements are in the care of McCoy Funeral Home, Inc., 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, VA 24060; (540)-552-3211. Online condolences can be

shared at www.mccoymfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Blacksburg United Methodist Church
111 Church Street SE
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ I was just a kid in those days (youngest of Becky and Bill) and remembered most playing the trumpet with her Dad and soccer in the street with Scott. A long, long time ago. So all I can do is second what Becky has said so much better than I could. Love to all who knew her better and cared for her at the end.
Philip Marston (pmarston@marstonlaw.com)

Philip Marston - March 18, 2022 at 02:18 PM

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“ Mary Margaret brought such joy and dedication to her family and her history. I'm grateful for receiving notes from her as she worked on the family geneology/history. She brought a love and determination to bring the family together. She brought joy as a youngster to jumping on a pogo stick which I NEVER could do! I loved her energy and confidence! I'm sorry the reunion of 2020 never was possible. My sympathies to you on the loss of your father, and now your dear mother. I send love to you all, From the William J. Marston and Ruth M. Marston 'children': Becky Hammond (Mary Rebecca Marston Hammond), and my brothers, Bill (William James Marston, Jr.) and Phil, (Philip McCampbell Marston). hammondcomputer@gmail.com

Becky Hammond - March 18, 2022 at 02:07 PM

CK

“*Mary was truly a shining light. Her giving nature, joy in life, and great sense of humor was a blessing to our weekly exercise class, for which she served as assistant teacher. Her voice and enthusiasm will always be with us when we do leg lifts or squats! It was impossible to give her something without her giving something back--fresh herbs, two dozen jelly jars, her lovely smile. She will be greatly missed, and she will live on in all whose lives she touched.*

My sincere condolences to her family,

Carrie Kroehler

Carrie Kroehler - March 10, 2022 at 09:48 AM

MM

“*Mary Margaret, as we called her back then, was my roommate at Mary Washington our senior year. She was a special person, kind and thoughtful. It was a privilege to know her and to be able to see her over the years at reunions.*

Maureen Murphy McCart - February 25, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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“*The first time I met Mrs Monroe (my M&M) I fell in love with her which wasn't hard to do. She was so kind and loving. Such determination and will power to push forward. Although God only put us together for a short time I will forever cherish the time we had with one another. I thank God for allowing me to be her care taker while at whv.*

Tiffany Sherman - February 20, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Marston Monroe.



February 16, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ This world is a better place because of Mary Monroe. No matter what was happening in life, her smiles and laughter always brightened the day. She was a beautiful person and a true blessing in my life. She will be greatly missed. I pray for comfort for her family.

Jean Wheeler

Jean Wheeler - February 14, 2022 at 10:49 PM



I met Mary at Mary Washington College in 1966. We were roommates and became BEST FRIENDS FOREVER! We talked on the phone just about every Saturday morning for the last 50 years. She was the “Sister” I never had. We visited in person, as often as we could. She touched my life in a special way - a way that only Mary Margaret Marston Monroe could.

*I love you.
Catharine Rossi Mannering*

Catharine Rossi Mannering - February 17, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ I enjoyed meetings with Mary at the Circle meetings at church. She was always had a smile and a kind word. She is missed by all. Pat White

Pat White - February 14, 2022 at 10:06 PM