



Mary Jane DeStefano

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“You are perfectly cast in your life. I can’t imagine anyone but you in the role.” L M Miranda

A lover of learning and the arts, Mary Jane DeStefano of Fairfax, VA passed suddenly, but peacefully on January 21, 2021 surrounded by her family. Originally from Syracuse, NY, Mary Jane and retired Lieutenant Colonel Anthony DeStefano were married in 1971 and since life sometimes calls for improvisation, they chose to quietly celebrate their 50th anniversary a few months early. The loss of her oldest son, Bryan, in 1990 was a role for which she could never prepare but she forged meaning through countless connections with family and friends and hundreds of quotes and notes that will remain treasured memories. Her surviving children and grandchildren were her life’s work and she never missed an opportunity to help them rehearse for their next big moment. Her work of art was not finished but her life was fully lived.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband Anthony L. DeStefano, her siblings Patricia Stoermer, Betty-Jeanne (John) Wasilewski and John (Dawn) Farsaci, daughter Cara and family Brian, Isabella and Charlotte Reymann and son Darren and family, Rhea, Cecilia and Hannah DeStefano and many nieces and nephews.

Donations are being accepted in Mary Jane’s name by the Folger Library where her daughter-in-law works. She loved the annual Shakespeare’s Birthday Open House put on by the education department. Donations may be made online at www.folger.edu/support (select Folger Education and add “donated in the name of Mary Jane DeStefano” in the comments section).

Comments



“ Dear Cara, Darren and families, our deepest sympathy on the sudden loss of your mom and grandma. We are privileged to have known her over the years while our daughters were in school together and beyond. The many stories and anecdotes we have heard keep her memory in our hearts. Prayers and thoughts for your family at this very sad time.

Maureen and Dominick Conte

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