



Mary K. McLain

September 6, 1942 - March 27, 2021

Mary K. McLain 78, of Estero, FL died on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at home with her beloved husband by her side. She was born on September 6, 1942, in Concord, NH, the only daughter of the late Marshall and Clara (Dearborn) Fownes.

Mary always had an adventurous spirit and contagious energy. When she was in her early 20's she packed her bags and headed out West to California. As the song goes, it's quite possible to leave your heart in San Francisco, but Mary was lucky in that she found hers there and a partnership with her husband of nearly 49 years, Jon M. McLain.

Mary's professional career began as a court stenographer and transitioned to becoming a legal secretary. She decided that she wanted something more in her career and made a move to enter the hospitality business with Hyatt Corp. in Burlingame California. She held several positions ranging from general administration, sales administration and finally was promoted to become a Sales Director. She was proud of her contributions of opening the Hyatt on Union Square in San Francisco and the Los Angeles Hyatt. Mary retired from her career to focus her energy on raising her family.

Over the years the family moved nearly 10 times for Jon's work. With each move Mary was gracefully able to make a house a home and a new town a

community. She had been a resident of Estero since 2009 and greatly enjoyed the friends and community she had built-- she said that Estero was the favorite place she ever lived.

She is survived by her loving husband; two daughters, Jennifer (James) McLemore of Richmond, VA and Melissa (Charles) Coffin of New Canaan, CT. She took great comfort before her passing that she got to meet and have a relationship with all five of her grandchildren- Benjamin and William McLemore as well as Henry, Imogen, and Beatrice Coffin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Allen Fownes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33967. Burial will follow in the Memorial Garden at Our Lady of Light.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a heart-felt donation, in Mary's memory, to either or both of the following organizations that have a meaningful connection to the family.

Harry Chapin Food Bank of Fort Myers: www.harrychapinfoodbank.org

Estero Forever Foundation: www.esteroforeverfoundation.org

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary K. McLain*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We've known Mary for over 40 years and always enjoyed her ready smile, contagious laugh, fabulous sense of humor, intelligence and true friendship. Mary and I (Jeanne) were racquetball buddies when our children were young, and always looked forward to a little challenging competition a couple times a week. Mary delighted in her beautiful grandchildren, and you could hear the smile in her voice when she spoke of them. What a courageous battle she fought these last years. Our deepest love and sympathy are with you, Jon, Melissa, Jennifer and your entire family. God bless you all during this sad time.*

Paul & Jeanne Wickstrom

PAUL & JEANNE WICKSTROM - April 08, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Dear Jon,*

Our deepest condolences. We will miss Mary so much. Mary was always so kind and was particularly generous with her time and her expertise. Melina will miss the jewelry crafting sessions and listening to her stories about her life and family. We will miss our dinners together. Mary always brought much joy into our lives. Her memory will always be a blessing.

Leo and Melina Au

Leo Au - April 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JF

“ I will miss Mary tremendously. She was my genealogy buddy, bridge buddy and always motivated me to keep in shape. It brightened my day to see her bicycling past my house. She brought such joy to everyone she met.

Jackie Fullerton

Jackie Fullerton - April 01, 2021 at 01:24 PM

AR

“ Dear Jon,
Having known Mary for a short time; she always brought Joy and Laughter when we were together!
She was truly a Very Special Person!
With Our Deepest Sympathy, Prayers and
All Our Love, Angela & Matt Ruggiero



Angela Ruggiero - April 01, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MS

“ So many of us relocated into Belle Lago in 2008-2009 or soon thereafter and we all became family. Mary was a wonderful friend all the way to the end. I admire her strength and determination to live on as long as she could especially to enjoy her grandchildren who she Face Timed with daily. Mary told me over a year ago that she "was 77 years old and led a wonderful life. If its my time to go, I'm fine with it." I really prayed she would beat it but am so grateful she lasted as long as she did without being in unbearable pain for too long. She made her last trip, non-stop, to Heaven's Gate where she was welcomed by the angels. We will certainly miss her but will relive her memory over and over again with so very many Mary stories.

Our sincere condolences to our good friend Jon and his loving family.

Joe and Marsha Stopko

Marsha Stopko - April 01, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DC

“ Dear Jon,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We know Mary fought a courageous battle and still always managed to have a smile on her face. We will miss seeing her but grateful for the times we all had together. Vince and Diane Cerilli

Diane and Vince Cerilli - April 01, 2021 at 07:29 AM

YS

“ Jon, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your wife. I'll remember her in my prayers. Yvonne Socha

Yvonne Socha - March 31, 2021 at 03:55 PM

MN

“ I will miss playing Bridge with Mary. She and I enjoyed it and never took the game too seriously.

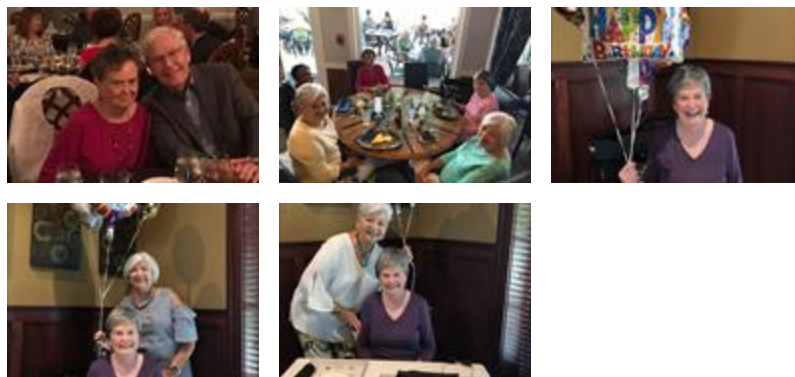
She was a lovely lady and a pleasure to be with.

Marlene Naratil

Marlene Naratil - March 31, 2021 at 01:55 PM



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Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - March 31, 2021 at 08:57 AM



Jon, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Mark Novitski - March 31, 2021 at 11:37 AM

RA

“ Jon, thoughts and prayers from my family to yours. Life is such a precious gift. The Sandelli family.

Ray - March 31, 2021 at 07:48 AM

JR

“ *It was such a joy to have Mary as a friend. To watch her cope with her cancer was amazing. Mary lived every day to the fullest, enjoying her bouquet of friends and family every single day. Mary, you will be missed.*

Judy Reisdorf - March 30, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DC

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Deborah Campbell - March 30, 2021 at 05:55 PM

EH

“ *Jon
Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your dear wife.
May she Rest In Peace!
Amelia and Edgar Henriques*

Edgar Henriques - March 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JR

“ *What an extraordinarily strong woman and friend. She lived life to its fullest and showed us all how we should live our lives even though we know the end is near. You will be missed.*

judyand john reisdorf - March 30, 2021 at 03:24 PM