



Mary Kay Barrass

May 7, 1952 - March 19, 2021

Mary Kay Barrass, of Hendersonville, TN, passed away on March 19, 2021 at the age of 68.

Mary Kay was born in 1952 to Robert and Corrine Norris in Watertown, New York. The family moved to Madison, Tennessee in 1954. After graduating from Madison High School, she attended Austin Peay State University. Mary Kay would later be married to Dr. Andrew (Andy) Barrass in 1988, until 2014 when Andy passed away. Mary Kay worked in HCA Healthcare's Nashville reimbursement department for several years before retiring in 2014. After retirement, she moved to Hendersonville, Tennessee.

She loved the Lord and lived out her faith every day. She was a member of a church choir that visited assisted living facilities weekly. She also helped prepare "Feed the Need" meals several times a year.

Mary Kay loved to spend time with her sister Tawnie at her home in Nashville and travel with her, husband Vic and children Wirth and Meredith, to Colorado and Florida. "Gingee", as their mother was affectionately called by the family, often traveled with them. Mary Kay, Tawnie and Gingee spent many hours putting puzzles together wherever they were.

She lived near her brother Steve and his wife Charlotte, and enjoyed having them to dinner often. She also loved shopping with nieces, Cheryl and Jennifer, and spending time with her great-niece and great-nephews.

Mary Kay was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, where she met Richard M. Simmons. They loved to travel, cook, take in movies, spend time with their dog Charley Girl, and enjoy family and friends.

She is survived by her brother Steve (Charlotte) Norris; sister Tawnie (Vic) Campbell; sisters-in-law Ellen (Rick) Parsons and Betsy Norris; brothers-in-law Nick Barrass and Greg (Michelle) Barrass; nieces Cheryl Norris Webb; Jennifer Norris Solecki, Meredith

Campbell, Megan Barrass Morrison ; nephews Shane Norris, Wirth Campbell, Nicholas Spahr, Geoffrey Spahr and Josh Barrass.

Mary Kay is preceded in death by mother, Helen Corrine Norris; father, Robert Eugene Norris; brother, David Cooper (Betsy) Norris; and husband, Dr. Andrew Neal Barrass.

Her family will receive friends on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 3:00-4:00pm at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Hendersonville, TN. A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00pm at the Church. Following the service, guests are invited to remain and join the family for a meal in celebration of Mary Kay's life.

You may offer your condolences online at austinandbell.com. Gifts in Mary Kay Barrass' memory can be directed to the Food Pantry through Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at belonggsumc.com.

The funeral home asks that anyone attending the visitation and/or service to please wear a mask.

For your safety, all CDC guidelines are to be followed.

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Services have been entrusted to Austin & Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Hendersonville. 615-822-4442.

Events

APR 17 Visitation 03:00PM - 04:00PM

Good Shephard United Methodist Church
525 New Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, TN, US

APR 17 Celebration of Life Memorial Service 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Mary Kay and I began working together over 40 years ago at Community Health Services, one of the first home health care agencies in Nashville at the time. We had such a close working group that became, and have stayed, wonderful friends for all of these years. Whenever, one in the group would need something, even to this day, everyone would pull together. Mary Kay was always one of the first to volunteer and help when and where she could. In fact, she and Richard were helping with a friend in need from this same group before the pandemic happened. She was one of my very best friends and more like a sister to me than friend. In fact when I lost my only sibling, my sister, 2 years ago, I don't know what I would have done without her support. She was so proud of her family and talked often of everyone, to point I felt I knew everyone even though most I'd never met. She loved you all so much. I will miss my friend so much. Rest now my Mary Kay. My prayers and deepest condolences are with you all.

Tina Hargis - April 17 at 10:02 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 16 at 11:27 AM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 15 at 11:06 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Barrass.



April 15 at 10:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Barrass.



April 14 at 07:45 AM



“ Mary Kay welcomed us to our Sunday School class as newcomers. She always took time to greet everyone. She had a sense of humor & we enjoyed getting to know her. We will miss her friendship. But rejoice she has her new body in heaven. Dance with Jesus for us, Mary Kay!! We can only imagine.

The Stepps - March 26 at 05:37 PM



“ Such a sweet kind spirit. My friend for many years. To her family my deepest condolences. She loved you all so much.

Myra Hargis - March 26 at 12:16 PM



“ My family moved to Madison when I started third grade at Neely’s Bend Elementary. Mary Kay was one of the first to make me feel at home in the school. We were good friends and classmates from Neely’s Bend Elementary, Neely’s Bend Jr. High and Madison High School. I remember Mary Kay as an excellent basketball player for Neely’s Bend & Madison High. She was compassionate and caring friend. I will always remember her.

Bill Campbell - March 25 at 03:41 PM



“ Marcia, Matt & Caitlin, Cannon & Carter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Kay Barrass.



Marcia, Matt & Caitlin, Cannon & Carter - March 24 at 05:36 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Barrass.



March 24 at 01:12 PM



“ My Condolences to the friends and family of Mary Kay. I was fortunate to work with her for many years and she was an absolute delight to work with and get to know.



Mary Jette - March 24 at 12:29 PM