



## Mary Ellen Walke

April 25, 1938 - October 14, 2020

Mary Ellen Walke of St. Michaels, Maryland, passed on October 14, 2020. She was 82. Mary Ellen was born on April 25, 1938 in Elmira, NY to the late Edward Carroll McDonald and Helen O'Hara McDonald. Mary Ellen was raised in Easton, PA. where she attended Easton Catholic High School. After which, she attended Immaculata College, graduating with a degree in Education in 1960. Following college, Mary Ellen taught 1st & 2nd grade at Centennial Joint School in Bucks County-Johnsville, PA until 1964.

In 1962, Mary Ellen McDonald met William C. Walke Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, and they married in July of 1964. Bill and Mary Ellen raised their three children in Hinsdale, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Their family frequently vacationed in Ocean City, Maryland.

Retirement returned Mary Ellen to the East coast, when she and Bill moved to Saint Michaels in 1997. Mary Ellen experienced the world accompanying Bill to Korea, and Indonesia, as well as across the United States.

Mary Ellen was active with the American Association of University Woman in Illinois. Mary Ellen became active with USO during her time Korea and continued upon her return to Illinois. However, most important to Mary Ellen was her PEO sisterhood which gave her an immediate family where ever she traveled.

Over the last 25 years, Mary Ellen and Bill enjoyed their annual winter holiday in Naples at the Vanderbilt Beach Resort, enjoying friendships that have lasted through the years.

Mary Ellen is survived by her two daughters, Elizabeth Walke (Steve Grotbo), of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Emily Gallagher (Matthew) of Chicago, Illinois, and her grandchildren Charles and Margaret Gallagher. She was preceded in death by her son, William C. Walke III; her husband William C. Walke, Jr., her parents, Edward C. McDonald and Helen McDonald, her sister Joan McGrath, and brother Eugene McDonald.

Burial will be private at Church Hill Cemetery in Church Hill, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to St. Michael's Mission Church (<http://ssppeaston.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/MemorialDonation> ).

# Comments

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“ Dear Emily and Elizabeth: I love your mom and you all so very much. It was a blessing to be in your home while we were all growing up, and to be the recipient of so much you or parents' kindness and attention. Apart from a few women in my own family, there is no woman to whom I owe a greater debt of love than I do you mom. I am so very sorry for her long illness and for your loss.

**John Bulger** - November 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ Dear Elizabeth and Family,

We were sadden to hear of your lost. When reading your mom's obituary I tried to picture the good times she had with family and friends traveling the world, vacating at great beaches and having the joy of birthing children. She lived a full and happy life. The memories that brought you joy preciously can bring you joy in the future. Please take care and stay safe.

**Grace Stripling** - October 19, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Our family wants to thank all who have offered their love and support. E.Walke

**E.Walke** - October 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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**ELIZABETH C WALKE** - October 16, 2020 at 12:47 PM