



Mary Jane Baker

October 10, 1947 - January 8, 2021

Mary Jane Baker passed peacefully of natural causes in the early morning of January 8, 2021, in the Pines nursing home in Easton, MD, while under Covid lockdown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Rachel Jane Barkey, of Martins Ferry, OH, and her brother, John of Belmont County, OH.

Mary leaves behind her loving husband, Ray; three adult children, Melodie Beth, Benjamin Ray, and Amy Louise; an unofficial foster daughter, Heather Sutherland; two granddaughters; and three grandsons.

Mary Jane graduated Martins Ferry High School in H. She received a Bachelor's of Music degree, summa cum laude, from Muskingum University, OH. She studied and applied the MusicGarten music program for children.

She taught music in several schools in OH and for over ten years in Christian Center School, Alexandria, A. She frequently received standing ovations for programs performed by the students of that school, and directed a hand bell choir performance by the graduating eighth-graders.

Mary Jane worked in several different day care centers, marketed books for Destiny Image publishing company, homeschooled her children while that

practice was not common, and renewed her credentials periodically by taking music courses at Duquesne University. She arranged music for a Christian, community cable production called Land of Laud.

Mary Jane loved her family, music, reading, playing the piano, and singing. She was a spirit-filled Christian evangelist and a member of the Easton Church of God.

She was born in Martins Ferry, OH, on October 10, 1947, and married January 30, 1971.

Places in which Mary Jane resided include Martins Ferry; Carrollton, OH; Cadiz, OH; Chambersburg, PA; Shippensburg, PA; Plum Boro and Castle Shannon (suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA); Annandale, VA; Alexandria, VA; and, finally, Easton, MD.

Mary Janes ashes will be buried in her parents plot in Martins Ferry per arrangements previously made with Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam and Hesslops Funeral homes.

No funeral, viewings, or femorial services were planned. Flowers will not be needed.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM