



Mary Winifred Bourbon

May 24, 1934 - September 23, 2018

Mary Winifred (McBride) Bourbon, of Easton, MD, passed away on Sunday September 23, 2018, at Easton Memorial Hospital. She was 84 years old.

Born on May 24, 1934, in Devon, CT, she was the daughter of John and Margaret McBride, the seventh of their ten children.

Mary grew up in Bladensburg, MD, and graduated High School at St. Patrick's Academy. Upon graduation, Mary enrolled in the Holy Cross Novitiate for a three-month stay. Upon realizing the convent was not her future, she went to work on Capital Hill. It was 1953,, she was eighteen years old, and she felt incredibly lucky to secure a job in Congressman Green of Pennsylvania's office. Mary loved working on the "Hill" - it was Eisenhower's Inauguration, and she was awed by the endless parade of political dignitaries.

It was while working in Congressman Rabaut of Michigan's office that she met the man that would become the center of her life, John Bourbon. They were married for 60 years, and would both brag that they never had an argument. Their marriage was the foundation of their family, their lives, and their values. Nothing mattered more.

Together they had, and are survived by, four children, John Joseph (Nancy) Bourbon Jr., Mary Bridget Bourbon, Patricia (John) McGlannan, and Robert

Allen (Michelle) Bourbon; eight grandchildren, Gus (Raya) Colby, Patricia McGlannan, Tucker Bourbon, Sara Bourbon, Darrell Smith, Meghan Colby, Morgan Smith and Joshua Bourbon; and one truly great-grandchild, Lukas Colby.

Becoming a grandmother was one of the greatest joys of her life, a job for which she had trained her whole life. Growing up in Bladensburg, her mother fostered babies for Catholic Charities and there were always an extra dozen infants in the house. From the age of eight, she could diaper and feed a baby like a veteran. She often commented that she had over 75 godchildren, as bathtub baptisms were quite the norm. Her love for these babies spilled over to her numerous nephews and nieces and younger siblings, many of whom considered her a second mom.

After many years at home raising her own children, Mary entered Real Estate as an agent with Rosendale Realty, where she worked for ten years. From real estate agent to settlement agent, Mary Bourbon found her passion. At the age of 58, she opened her own title company, Upper Shore Title, Inc. in partnership with her brother, Joseph F. McBride. For over 20 years, Mary Bourbon enjoyed great success as one of the top title companies in Talbot County and the Eastern Shore. All who came to work with her called her Mary Bourbon, she was no longer simply Mary. On a number of occasions she was recognized for her excellence with awards from the Mid-Shore Board of Realtors. Mary Bourbon was well-known for her professionalism, genuine concern for her clients, and her ability to inject common sense into pure chaos. Mary was well-loved by her staff, which became more family than employees.

Mary had a quiet artistic side, and an early passion for decorating cakes, which her family greatly appreciated! For many years she was active in the Ladies Alter Society of St. Christopher's Church in Chester, MD, and was a

leader in Queen Anne's County's 4-H program and was very proud to be a female range officer in the Marksmanship program. Mary loved her gardens, spending hours chasing the shade in which to weed her flowers, and counted her hummingbirds whenever they arrived.

In addition to her children, Mary is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, John J. Bourbon, Sr.; her brother, Joseph F. McBride; sisters, Catherine McBride, Anna McBride, and Patricia McEachron; and over 70 nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, John B. & Margaret (Sullivan) McBride; her siblings, Margaret (AL) Chroniger, John (Sophie) McBride, Francis (Nick) Abram, Russell (Candida) McBride, and William (Aloha) McBride.

A funeral mass service will be held on Friday, September 28 at 11 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church at 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD. Internment will be held at Old St. Joseph Catholic Church cemetery immediately following the service. Visitations will be held on Thursday, September 27 from 6 until 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, at 200 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD.

Mary's family would like to send their heartfelt thanks to the ER staff at Easton Memorial Hospital in Easton, for their kindness, professionalism, and absolute dedication to the dignity and care of our beloved mother and wife.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 S. Washington St
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Winifred Bourbon*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Winifred Bourbon*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Winifred Bourbon*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *CRAWFORD WINDSOR lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



CRAWFORD WINDSOR - September 28, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



Claudia Jewell - September 27, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 27, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 27, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 26, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 26, 2018 at 02:34 PM



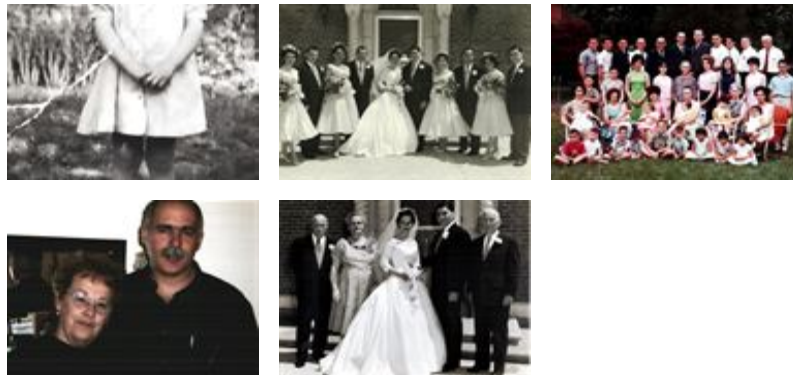
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



September 26, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 26, 2018 at 01:29 PM

WK

“ *With Love, Tom and Kelly purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.*



With Love, Tom and Kelly - September 26, 2018 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ *Anna M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.*



Anna M. - September 26, 2018 at 12:04 PM

LD

“ *Thinking of you all, Mary. Love, Lisa and Mark King*



Lisa Douthit - September 26, 2018 at 10:26 AM

TM

“ *The Department of Justice OIG MFO/AAO purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.*



The Department of Justice OIG MFO/AAO - September 26, 2018 at 10:21 AM

FT

“ Sending prayers to the family during this time of sorrow. Treasure the memories of Mary.

Freda Thomas

FREDA THOMAS - September 26, 2018 at 09:11 AM

EJ

“ Ellen, Pat, Bob, Tom, Kelly, Terri, Kevin, Julie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



Ellen, Pat, Bob, Tom, Kelly, Terri, Kevin, Julie - September 26, 2018 at 09:06 AM

MP

“ Mary, Ken, Kara, and Katie Procell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



Mary, Ken, Kara, and Katie Procell - September 25, 2018 at 07:05 PM

JG

“ Joan Gray lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon



joan Gray - September 25, 2018 at 06:59 PM

MH

“ *Mary Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



Mary Haddaway - September 25, 2018 at 04:26 PM

LN

“ *Lora Newnam lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



Lora Newnam - September 25, 2018 at 03:47 PM

LN

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Bourbon's family.

Lora Newnam - September 25, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.*



September 25, 2018 at 02:02 PM

HW

“ *Heather Westerfield lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



Heather Westerfield - September 25, 2018 at 11:58 AM

HW

Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Heather Westerfield - September 25, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.*



September 25, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *Kim Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mary Winifred Bourbon*



Kim Wilson - September 25, 2018 at 09:46 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry to hear that Aunt Mary passed away. It was just a short time ago that we saw her at Aunt Sandra's funeral and she looked great. Sending condolences to Uncle John and our cousins at this sad time.

Love,

Kathy and Chris Madary

Kathleen Madary - September 25, 2018 at 09:17 AM

WB

“ I am so very sorry to read that Mary had passed. It has been awhile, but we stumbled upon one another at the hair salon and enjoyed catching up on our children and families. We lived in Marling Farms together for many years and always enjoyed each others family stories! Condolences to the Bourbon family.

Holly and Wheeler

Wheeler & Holly Baker - September 25, 2018 at 06:01 AM

WF

“ William and Holly Bourbon (Richard's family) purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Winifred Bourbon.



William and Holly Bourbon (Richard's family) - September 24, 2018 at 07:01 PM

BB

“ *Uncle John and Family,
We are very saddened to hear about Aunt Mary's passing. Please
accept our condolences as to your loss.
Richard Bourbon's family*

Bill and Holly Bourbon - September 24, 2018 at 05:51 PM