



## Mary S. Mason

June 12, 1935 - February 13, 2020

Mary Serrano Mason passed away peacefully at the UMSMC Hospital in Easton MD on Thursday February 13, 2020. She was surrounded by her family which she loved dearly. She was 84 years old.

Mrs. Mason was born in Baltimore City MD on June 6, 1935 to Italian immigrant parents, the late Carmine and Maria Serrano. Mrs. Mason's childhood was spent in Baltimore City surrounded by her loving family and a quintessential Italian community of that period. As a young girl she enjoyed exploring the city's libraries, museums and other cultural venues which in part, helped form her early education.

In her late-teen years, Mrs. Mason moved to Baltimore County MD in a home built by her father. During this period she managed the office of her father's construction company while also working for Hutzler's Department store in downtown Baltimore. Mrs. Mason was a Hutzler's "sales girl" and learned retail business and a love of her customers directly from Mr. Hutzler. While on a break during one Christmas season at Hutzler's, a group of Mrs. Mason's fellow sales girls dared her to sit on Santa's lap. Never shying away from a challenge, Mrs. Mason sat on Santa's lap. "Santa" happened to be a young man named Frank E. Mason Jr. who was earning extra money while on break from his studies. A romance was born and the couple were married in Baltimore in 1958.

In 1964, Mary Mason and her family moved to her husband's family home in Easton MD where she would embrace Easton and Talbot County, make it her home, raise a family and embark on a wonderful career. In 1966, Mary converted a residential building on South Harrison St. in Easton and established Mason's – an Easton landmark and business she would own and operate for 48 years. Under Mary's indomitable spirit, keen sense of market trends, love of her staff, customers and community – Mason's thrived over the decades and became a second home to many where lasting memories were formed. Mary was somewhat of a renaissance woman in her early business career. She held a weekly local radio hour, "The Mary Mason Show" in the 1970's through the early 1980's hosted by George Dietrich where Mary and George would discuss all manner of food, entertaining and life subjects. During this period, Mary also wrote a weekly column in the Star Democrat where she shared gourmet food and entertaining ideas. During her career, Mary found time in the late 1960's to operate Pier Street Marina in Oxford MD and teach cooking classes at Chesapeake College. Mary's warm and upbeat nature will be missed by all of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

In addition to her family, one of Mary's joys in life was working side-by-side with her staff and helping thousands of her customers entertain their families and friends. Many of those customers and staff became her life-long friends.

Mrs. Mason is preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 50 years, Frank E. Mason Jr. who passed away in June of 2009. She leaves behind a daughter, Dr. Clara Ann Mason and her husband Frank Curnutte of Trappe MD. She also leaves sons Frank E. Mason III of Easton MD, Matthew S. Mason and his wife Kerry of Annapolis MD and three granddaughters whom she cherished, Bonnie, Catherine and Caroline. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Mason is preceded in death by her brother Carmen Serrano.

Mrs. Mason was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Easton MD.

Memorial services for Mr. and Mrs. Mason will be held on Thursday February 20th at 10:00am at Christ Episcopal Church in Easton MD. Burial will be private. Arrangements will be made by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the Mason family requests that donations be made to The Spring Hill Cemetery c/o The Mid-Shore Community Foundation 102 East Dover St. Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church  
111 Harrison St.  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary S. Mason*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary S. Mason*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary S. Mason*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *JASCO friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary S. Mason.*



**JASCO friends** - February 20, 2020 at 05:39 AM

JB

“ Dear Clara Ann, Frank, and Matthew,

*I was so sorry to learn of your mom's passing....I know she was a strong woman who raised a beautiful family. My heart and prayers are with you now in your time of sorrow. I still have many beautiful items displayed in my house that I bought from your mom's store. I have always marveled at her amazing taste and eye for the unique. I think of her and your family every time I look at them!*

*May God surround you with His peace now and always,  
Love,  
Jen Woolford Benhoff*



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**Jennifer Benhoff** - February 19, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Mason



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**Brenda Jackson** - February 19, 2020 at 09:45 AM

BJ

*Frank, Clara Ann, An Matthew, when I received the news about Mrs Mary I was very sad. I said my friend is gone. Mrs Mary kept me laughing and would tell you some stories, which was very interesting. I will miss her smile, an laughter. It was a pleasure to have known your mother. I send my condolences to the family, and will be praying for everyone. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy coming in the morning.*

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**Brenda Jackson** - February 19, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mary S. Mason.*



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February 18, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *It is with great sadness learning of the passing of Mary Mason. She was such a lovely woman who shared much love and happiness to her family and many that she met during her life. Her beautiful smile and generosity will long be remembered as well as her marvelous talent for all of the wonderful parties that she catered through the years. My heartfelt sympathy to her family who were the love and proud moments throughout her life.*

*Barbara Fish  
Eldersburg MD*

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**Barbara Fish** - February 18, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary S. Mason.*



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February 18, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary S. Mason*.



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February 18, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary S. Mason*.



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February 18, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary S. Mason*.



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February 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Amy N. Gagnon* lit a candle in memory of *Mary S. Mason*



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**Amy N. Gagnon** - February 18, 2020 at 11:15 AM

AG

*Deepest condolences from Steve and Amy North. Mrs. Mason was a treasure and we have many fond memories of her. May she rest in peaceful sleep.*

**Amy N. Gagnon** - February 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary S. Mason.*



February 18, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ *Jon Brassel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary S. Mason.*



**Jon Brassel** - February 18, 2020 at 08:39 AM

SP

“ *Mothers hold their children's hands for just a little while... and their hearts forever. She will be surely missed. She was just a pleasure to have known and worked for. I will always remember the stories that she enjoyed and shared.*



**Sherry C Potter** - February 18, 2020 at 08:08 AM

CM

*Sherry- Thank you for your continued care of our mom. You are part of our family.*

**Clara Ann Mason** - February 18, 2020 at 09:05 AM

JC

“ *Jim Chance lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Mason*



**Jim Chance** - February 18, 2020 at 06:46 AM

AS

“ *My deepest condolences to the Mason family. She loved all that worked for her. I remember her with love.*



**Alicia Carroll Summers** - February 17, 2020 at 11:23 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Mason*



**nancy smith** - February 17, 2020 at 05:23 PM

TD

“ Terry Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Mason



Terry Dunn - February 15, 2020 at 12:54 PM

TD

*My dear friend Clara. Words can not express the sympathy I feel for the loss of your sweet mother. I know she is the light in your life and the matriarch of your family. She was a wonderful lady and equally beautiful. Life goes by in a blink. Cherish the memories you have and she will always be with you. I extend my sympathies to your entire family. Love and hugs to you in your time of loss.*

Terry Dunn - February 15, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JC

*Dear Clara, Frank and Matt-- So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a kind, dear, talented woman who helped make Easton a special place and she will be missed by many. My deepest sympathies...and hugs to you and yours.*

Jim Chance - February 18, 2020 at 06:45 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Mason



Phil Foster - February 15, 2020 at 04:38 AM

GA

*Mary was truly ahead of time , wise with a generous , kind heart. It was a privilege to have her guidance with community projects. Sincerest regards to her family. Georgia Adler*

Georgia Adler - February 20, 2020 at 08:24 AM