



Mary Matilda Shaughnessy

January 8, 1924 - April 25, 2025

Mary Matilda Shaughnessy (née Everett) passed away peacefully at the age of 101, leaving behind a legacy of love, family, and hard work. Born on January 8, 1924, in Baltimore City to Gussie Virginia Carter and Robert Gordon Everett, Mary grew up in Parkville, Maryland. She attended Towson High School and later the University of Maryland, setting the foundation for a life marked by dedication and resilience.

In 1940, Mary married James Augustus May, and together they raised eight children. After their marriage ended, she found love again with John Shaughnessy of Baltimore, a World War II veteran and retired Baltimore City detective. They married in 1963, blending their families and building a life full of purpose and achievement.

Together, Mary and John founded Chesapeake Moving & Storage in Baltimore, a successful business they operated for 28 years. Following their retirement, they moved to Florida in the 1980s and eventually settled in St. Michaels, Maryland, where they spent their later years. John passed away in 2015, and Mary continued to be surrounded by the family and community she cherished.

Mary is survived by six of her children: Emily Hammontree of Grand Junction, CO; Mary Lapides of Cockeysville, MD; Richard May of Sparks, MD; Robert May of St. Michaels, MD; John May of Fallston, MD; and Michael May of Brooklandville, MD. She is also survived by two stepchildren, Michael Shaughnessy of California and Barry Shaughnessy of West Virginia. Mary

was predeceased by two sons, James May and William May, both of Baltimore.

Her proud and enduring legacy includes 24 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren, each a testament to the strong and loving family she nurtured throughout her life.

Mary will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family, her entrepreneurial spirit, and her deep ties to every community she called home. Her life was a blessing to all who knew her, and her memory will be treasured always.

The family will receive guests and friends on Friday, May 2nd from 9:30 until 10:30 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, MD. A funeral service will follow at Christ Church St. Michaels Parish, 301 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels MD, beginning at 11am. Interment will follow at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in Mary's memory are encouraged to do so to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Ave. Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (est)

Christ Church
301 S. Talbot St.
St. Michaels, MD 21663

Graveside

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (est)

Maryland Veteran's Cemetery Chapel Hurlock
Hurlock, MD

Tribute Wall

MM

“ For Mom:

I want everyone here today to know: our mother was extraordinary. She lived a life rich in authenticity and kindness, qualities that I know we all strive to emulate every single day.

Your spirit, Mom, endures in the way we treat others, in the way we face life's challenges with courage, and in the hope we spread in times of despair.

We promise to honor you by living our lives with the love and generosity you so effortlessly embodied.

And we will remember how your eyes sparkled with mischief when you shared some unconventional wisdom,

or how your touch could make everything right.

As we say goodbye, know that this farewell is not the end but rather the beginning of carrying your love forward. And we will find solace in the belief that your essence lives on within us and through our actions.

Thank you, Mom, for the countless gifts you bestowed upon us: your love, your strength, your unwavering faith in our potential. We will forever cherish every memory, every piece of guidance, and every joyful moment we shared.

As for me, I stand here, proud to be your son, and equally humbled by the legacy of love you continue to inspire. Your light will guide me, and your spirit will be my constant companion.

I want to share with you all a poem which hastened my caring for Mom over the past ten years:

MOTHER, MY GUIDING LIGHT

*Her heart embodies a warm, golden radiance
Patience is her exemplary trait
In a tumultuous nine months, she selflessly nurtured me*

Facing profound changes and bodily discomfort

At the precipice of losing herself, she persevered

Waiting patiently with unwavering love and care to behold my face

*She cradled me with unbridled joy,
her eyes brimming with tears as she held me*

How could I not reciprocate such devotion for her?

*Love you,
Michael*

Muchael May - May 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CH

“ *Christine lit a candle in memory of Mary
Matilda Shaughnessy*



Christine - April 29, 2025 at 11:17 AM

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*I remember when Mary & John would come in Newcomb Post Office.
They were always so pleasant to chat with.*

Christine - April 29, 2025 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ *Bonnie Stein lit a candle in memory of Mary Matilda Shaughnessy*



Bonnie Stein - April 29, 2025 at 09:28 AM

Holly
May

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Holly May - April 28, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Helena Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mary Matilda Shaughnessy*



Helena Thompson - April 28, 2025 at 01:26 PM

LW

“ *Ms. Mary was my neighbor. Even as with her beautiful family, she always treated us as family too. Such a sweet and caring soul! Always the smile and treats for the kids. I am lucky to have shared the same birthday with her and Elvis! God bless you dear friend, may you Rest in Peace. The Wilkison family.*

LeRoy Wilkison - April 28, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *LeRoy Wilkison lit a candle in memory of Mary Matilda Shaughnessy*



LeRoy Wilkison - April 28, 2025 at 12:27 PM