



Mary Margaret Sjoquist

January 5, 1945 - May 28, 2026

Mary Margaret Sjoquist passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026, at the age of 81.

Born on January 5, 1945, in Ontario, Canada, she was the daughter of the late Chester Mixer and Virginia Brown. Mary spent her early years there before moving to the Washington, D.C. area in 1973. Determined and ambitious, she attended The Catholic University of America Law School while raising her young daughter. She went on to build an impressive legal career, beginning at the Securities and Exchange Commission before moving into private practice. Throughout her career, Mary was known as a fierce and highly respected attorney, becoming the first female partner at one of her law firms and paving the way for others who followed.

While Mary was accomplished professionally, she will be remembered most for the way she cared for others. She believed deeply in treating everyone with kindness, dignity, and respect, and she instilled those values in the people around her. She had a gift for conversation and connection, treasured her many friendships, and loved spending time with family and grandchildren.

Mary also loved traveling, reading, live sports, especially Capital's and National's games, going to the theatre, volunteering, and giving back to her community. In retirement, she generously devoted her time to Talisman Therapeutic Riding and other nonprofit organizations on Maryland's Eastern

Shore.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charles; her daughter, Megan Lanier, and son-in-law Gregg Lanier; her beloved grandchildren, Dano and Elijah Lanier; and her brothers, Mike and John Mixer, along with their families.

Mary's fierce personality, intelligence, generosity, and love for others will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Talisman Therapeutic Riding: <https://talismantherapeuticriding.org/donate/>

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kent Island Resort
500 Kent Manor Drive
Stevensville, MD 21666
<https://www.kentislandresort.com/>

Tribute Wall

JC

“ We are so sorry to hear of her passing. We enjoyed her weekly visits to the farmers market in Kent Island. Always so kind and pleasant- we will miss seeing her. Thinking of your family. Tatyana and Jill from MSAK

jill caron - Yesterday at 09:36 PM

CC

“ From all of us at Canine Country Club, we are sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Sjoquist. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Canine Country Club - June 01 at 10:47 PM

DV

“ Dale and Cathy VanSchaik



Dale and Cathy VanSchaik - June 01 at 09:51 PM

SW

“ I lost touch with Mary over the years but will remember her just as her obituary states. She was fierce, intelligent and generous. A true mentor to me when I was deciding whether I should go to law school. Sending love and prayers of peace to Megan and Charlie - Suzanne Walker

Suzanne Walker - June 01 at 05:18 PM

BM

“ Barbara M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Sjoquist.

Barbara M. - June 01 at 11:40 AM



“ Mary and I shared many interests, both personally and professionally. We also shared a Canadian background. I admired her intellect and enthusiasm. But what makes her most memorable is her kindness and respect for others.

Gerry Laporte - June 01 at 08:35 AM

DB

“ I first met Mary when I was a new attorney at the EEOC and Mary was working there part-time and going to law school. Megan was perhaps four years old. Little did I know then that Mary's suggestion that I meet a fellow law student would be the best decision of my life. Yes, that's when I met the man who would become my husband and who is, to this day, the love of my life. We were then lucky enough to have two wonderful children.

Mary and I became fast friends, and even after she went on to work at the SEC and later in private practice and the PCAOB, we always kept the friendship going. Every Christmas eve for almost 40 years we joined Mary and an assortment of family and friends as she hosted us with a fabulous meal (Charlie's soups were legendary). I shared with Mary her love of travel, and Paris, in particular. We managed three girls' trips there over the years, enjoying our mutual love of art, history, and, of course, French food and wine.

When I think of Mary my heart overflows with the love I had and continue to have for her. May her memory be a blessing.

Dale Birdoff - May 30 at 03:17 PM