



Mary Ann Meredith

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Mary Ann Meredith passed away on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, following a battle with brain cancer. She was 72 years old. Born in Turlock, California on November 14, 1949, to Arthur and Mary Knutson, Mary Ann was the youngest of four children. She lived in Patterson, California until the 3rd grade, then moved to Indio, California for 2 years. The Knutson family eventually settled in Running Springs, California, where Mary Ann attended Running Springs Elementary School and Rim of the World High School, where she met her future husband, Jim Meredith. They were married September 26, 1970. Mary Ann attended California Lutheran University, where she studied for two years and spent a semester abroad in Salzburg, Austria, before completing her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Redlands. She also obtained her secondary teaching credential with an emphasis in Physical Education and German through UC Berkeley in 1973.

In 1980, Mary Ann and Jim had their only child, Erin. They moved from the SF Bay area to Penryn in 1981, and despite their initial worries that it was “too far out,” they became accustomed to the country life, staying there for nearly 20 years. During that time, Mary Ann became a frequent classroom volunteer at Penryn Elementary school, served on the school board, and volunteered with the Penryn Friends of the Library. She and Jim “downsized” to Rocklin around 2000, where they made many friends through the Sunset Whitney Country Club and hosted infamous Rocklin Jubilee parties in their flamingo-filled back yard. She also assisted Jim in his property management company until his retirement. Following Jim’s death in 2011, Mary Ann moved to Loomis and found great joy in being “Meemaw” to her two grandchildren, Ryan and Reagan, who lived next door.

Mary Ann was a planner in all aspects of life and was known for her positive attitude whether the plans went as expected (as they usually did!) or not. She was very creative, enjoyed entertaining friends and family, and loved going shopping. Whether it was items for the grandkids or a particular accessory she envisioned to decorate her home, Mary Ann always seemed to find a deal she couldn’t refuse. She also loved to travel and took

many trips and cruises around the world with her family and friends – it is said she never missed an art auction or a meal. One of her favorite destinations was shopping on Front Street in Lahaina, Maui, where she knew exactly how and where to get free parking. A lover of all animals, Mary Ann was particularly fond of her cats, many of whom showed up hungry at her doorstep and quickly became permanent residents.

Mary Ann is survived by daughter Erin (Jeff Rodzen), grandchildren Ryan and Reagan, brother Chuck Knutson (Bellory) of Sacramento, sister Winnie Wilson (Don) of Roseville, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Ann is preceded in death by her husband Jim Meredith, her parents, and sister Diana McCoy (Jim, also deceased).

A memorial at the Newcastle Cemetery (850 Taylor Rd. Newcastle, CA 95658) will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Cancer Society or American River Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Newcastle Cemetery

850 Taylor Road
Newcastle, CA 95658
<https://www.nrgcemetery.com/newcastle-cemetery>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Erin and Jeff,

So shocked and sad to see the post of your mom's passing! (Obviously, I'm not on FB much.) We knew her as the life of the party (what a great laugh!), and because she and Jim had those crazy Fourth of July parties we became great friends and got to spend a ton of fun time with them both; they made us feel so welcome when we moved into the neighborhood and joined Sunset Whitney CC. Mary Ann and I (Priscilla) shared many a fun shopping day together... and it lasted allll day from place to place where she knew all the bargains! I loved how she would even bring a cooler with diet sodas and chocolate chip cookies. And, we shared a love for cats. On occasion, she would even fill in as a cat sitter when ours wasn't available.

Earlier this year we thought of her when we visited Maui and stayed near Lahaina. I can't tell you how many times she talked about the beautiful village and packed streets with all the shopping she could ever ask for. What a gorgeous area!

Very happy for you both too, that she got to know and spend so much time with her grandkids. Can't imagine how much fun that must have been for her.

Hold the moments and memories close.

*Thinking of and hope you're all well,
David and Priscilla*

David and Priscilla Rasanen - May 29 at 09:08 PM

PW

“ *Your mom was just delightful , Erin. Jim and I and Whitney really enjoyed those fabulous 4th of July parties. Your parents were so good to Whitney and by extension to us. You had the most fun parents. I won't forget the Phantom. What a great joke. And since knowing your mom I have always thought of her every time I saw a flamingo no matter what size or where I saw it. Such a loss to your sweet little family. Best always, Pat and Jim WELLS*

Patricia Wells - May 03 at 03:17 PM

AR

“ Erin and Jeff,

Joy and I want to express our deepest condolences to your family. Mary Ann was always so friendly and kind. I still have fond memories of all those 4th of July parties at their Rocklin home! I remember the last time we saw her at Jeff's birthday brunch. I am glad Joy got to meet her and feel her warmth and kindness too!

Anirban Roy - May 02 at 12:11 AM

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Murray Family Funeral Chapel - April 30 at 06:14 PM