



Mary McCarthy Bivins

June 14, 1942 - April 9, 2023

Mary McCarthy Bivins was born in Boston, Massachusetts on June 14, 1942. She died on April 9, 2023. Mary was predeceased by her parents William Joseph and Mary Hurley McCarthy, her brothers William, James, Edward and her sister Ann. Mary was raised in Boston where she attended Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury, Massachusetts and Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She met her husband Lt Cdr Howard Vernon Bivins US Navy (Retired) in 1965 and her travels around the world began. Each of her children were born in different states and with each state she gave her time and talents. In California she sponsored International wives from Sri Lanka, Norway and Turkey. When Howard served in Vietnam she became President of the Wives of Officers Overseas. While stationed in Virginia she worked for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Maryland, Virginia again and Hawaii she became involved in Religious Education and Girl Scouts. She even started her own school out of her home when the teachers in the public school system went on strike. In Seoul, South Korea, Mary taught English at Hyundai Corporation and upon her return to the United States began a career in banking. She finished up teaching High School religion in Leavenworth, Kansas at Immaculata High School.

Mary and Howard retired to Virginia Beach, Virginia and enjoyed the beach and many nights having Happy Hour at the pool. Unfortunately, Howard passed away shortly after their move but Mary made many good friends both

in her community and at church and was able to reconnect with several Navy friends from over the years.

Mary will be remembered most for the love of the poor making hundreds of necessity bags, her generosity to charities, donating money to build a school wing in Haiti in honor of her husband, making quilts for the victims of Katrina, NICU babies, Waco explosion nursing home victims, and hundreds of quilts for friends and family.

Howard died in 2005. Mary leaves behind 3 children, Suzanne Bivins Meyer (Ron), Howard 'Hank' William Bivins (Amy) and Christine Bivins Kim (Jin). She also leaves behind 7 grandchildren - Brendan, Ashley, Ian, Alexandra, Corbin, Howard and Mitchell as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who became family.

Memorials may be made to:

Lifeline to the Homeless 1320 Main St, Houston TX

Joseph's Coat - St John Vianney Catholic Church, Houston TX

Or the charity of your choice

Visitation: Thursday 4/13 6-8pm Dettling Funeral Home, Houston TX

Funeral Mass: Friday 4/14 10am St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church,
Houston TX

Interment (summer 2023): St Patrick's Cemetery, Fall River Massachusetts

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

APR **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Catherine Of Siena Catholic Church
10688 Shadow Wood Drive
Houston, TX 77043
(713) 467-8170
<https://stcatherine-houston.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ We loved visiting with Mary every time visited us at Buttons 'n' Bows fabrics. She shared stores about her family and things she had going on in her life and we shared the common bond of a love for quilting. We miss Mary tremendously and send our condolences to her family.

Lisa Walker - March 14, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *Mary McCarthy Bivins*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



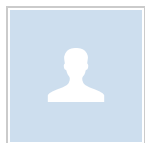
“ *Mary McCarthy Bivins*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary McCarthy Bivins*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary McCarthy Bivins*

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“ Mary was a wonderful neighbor at Lesner Pointe. She loved her condo and her "tower" where she could see all the goings on. We stayed in touch even after her move to Texas to be closer to her kids/grandkids but lost touch as the years passed. May her memory be for a blessing.
Lynn (and Bob) Seltzer



Lynn Seltzer - May 30, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.



April 17, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.



April 12, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.



April 12, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.*



April 12, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.*



April 11, 2023 at 11:55 PM



“ *I'll never forget Mary's love of her students at Immaculata High School Her mission was to help them learn more about their faith, and how to live it. She gave everything she had to that mission. She was a good friend and confidant to Pat and me. Will miss you my friend.*

Nancy S Moran - April 11, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mary McCarthy Bivins.*



April 11, 2023 at 07:40 PM