



## Mary Ellen Daniel

August 23, 1925 - September 24, 2017

Mary Ellen entered what she described as her “last great adventure” on September 24, 2017. She is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Jim Daniel, beloved son Jimmy, son-in-law Rick Baron, her parents and four siblings. She is survived by daughters Julie and husband Bill Sias, Valerie Baron, Meme and husband Jack Horton, and 10 grandchildren, Katie Sias Gerrish and husband John, Billy Sias and wife Kate, Jimmy Sias, Ben, Jonathan and David Baron, Ellen, James, Charlie and Laura Leigh Horton.

Mary Ellen was born and raised in New York City where she attended the Dominican Academy. In 1944, she met Jim at a USO dance. The two were very attracted to one another but Mary Ellen was leaving for Cornell University and Jim who was in Navy Intelligence needed to complete his masters from the University of Texas. Jim left the United States to lead the Schlumberger office in Venezuela. Mary Ellen took a post graduate cruise and the two reunited and married May 20, 1950.

McAllen, Texas was their first home which Mary Ellen admitted was a huge culture shock after her exciting life in NYC, but she nevertheless embraced new friends, new foods, and the beauty of the Valley. In 1955, Jim and Mary Ellen moved to Houston. Mary Ellen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her hallmark was her plain common sense which made her a confidant to many. Her skills in budgeting, cooking and sewing were

legendary. Jim always said their girls were better dressed than anything they could buy in the stores. In later years Mary Ellen acquired certification as a librarian. She also volunteered for many organizations, particularly those associated with the church. She and Jim were founding members of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, and for over 50 years they belonged to their cherished Holy Name of Mary Family Guild. Special thanks go to Maxine Mattox and the team of caregivers who cared for Jim and Mary Ellen for many years.

The Daniel Family will be present receive friends, Wednesday, September 27th from 6-8 pm with Vigil beginning at 7 pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, September 28th at 10:00 AM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, Houston, Texas 77024. Mrs. Daniel will be laid to rest following a reception. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Charity Guild of Catholic Women, Alzheimer's Foundation of America or Harris County friends of the Library.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Vigil Service

SEP 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
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## Funeral Mass

SEP 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
11720 Joan Of Arc Drive  
Houston, TX 77024

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Daniel*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Daniel*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Daniel*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Daniel*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mary Ellen's family. Make God your stronghold during this difficult time. Remember that he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7.*

**Fran** - October 09, 2017 at 08:19 AM

GB

“ Dear Julie, Valerie, Meme and Family,

*We are deeply sorry for your loss. May wonderful memories of Mary Ellen and the love of your family surround you and give you all strength now and in the coming days ahead. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace and comfort as you remember your sweet Mom.*

*With love,*

*Gerry and Taylyn Bush*

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**Gerry Bush** - September 29, 2017 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ Dear Julie,

*My deepest sympathy is with you and your family during this very difficult time.*

*With love,*

*Mitra Mujica-Margolis*

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**Mitra Mujica** - September 27, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ 175 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Detting Funeral Home** - September 27, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mary Ellen Daniel*.



September 27, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry about Aunt Mary Ellen, I've lost another anchor from childhood. She was always discrete about my incident with the barbecue pit (not so much Uncle Jim). Tons of excellent memories. Will miss her terribly, our prayers are with you and your families.*

*Dennis, Maria, Julia, Eric, and Nicholas Tynan Bent*

**Dennis** - September 27, 2017 at 12:10 PM

LT

“ *Lucretia T, Lucretia M & Tim purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Daniel.*



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**Lucretia T, Lucretia M & Tim** - September 26, 2017 at 04:33 PM

JA

“ *May Her Gentle Soul Rest In Peace. May The Family That Mrs Daniel Has Left Behind Find Peace In The Almighty God. I pray the love of God enfolds you all especially during your journey through grief. I send you thoughts of comfort. LET IT BE WELL WITH YOUR SOUL MS. VALERIE BARON!!!*

*Joanna Akyeampong  
CHI St Luke's Hospital  
THI*

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**joanna akyeampong** - September 26, 2017 at 12:38 PM

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*We are deeply sorry for your loss. Aunt Mary Ellen was sweet, funny yet humble. Her smile and laugh were contagious. May you find comfort knowing she is home with our creator and with her loved ones who went on before. God's blessings and love be with you all. While we are unable to be with you tomorrow, know that our thoughts and love will be with you.  
Sharon & David LaBarbera*

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**Sharon LaBarbera** - September 27, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Daniel.*



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September 25, 2017 at 06:33 PM