



Mary Menasco Skinner

January 26, 1942 - July 23, 2023

Mary Elizabeth Skinner, 81, of Houston, TX passed away Sunday, July 23, 2023, after a long and valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Helena, Arkansas on January 26, 1942.

At the age of 18, upon graduation from Bellaire High School, Mary eloped with Skip Skinner on July 2, 1960. They lived in Bryan/College Station, TX while Skip attended Texas A&M College. After which they moved to San Antonio for a short time before moving to Houston, TX where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Mary was a very talented seamstress. She made beautiful dresses for her girls when they were young, costumes for school plays and many of her own dresses for years. She was a great cook and gifted cake decorator, making homemade cakes for birthdays, holidays and Little League Baseball Team parties. She loved to crochet, creating beautiful, warm afghan blankets for loved ones throughout her life.

Mary worked at the Briarwood School for children with learning differences and learning disabilities for 32 years (1982 to 2014) serving as Secretary to the Administrator. She was the welcoming face of Briarwood; Mary was the first person to greet all students and families with a warm and kind smile.

Mary's family was always her priority from assisting Skip with various business ventures to serving as neighborhood taxi driver and Team Mom. She taught all of her children how to cook, bake pies and do several craft projects. She also served on the Memorial Ashford Little League Board of Directors for several years.

Mary is survived by Daughters: Dawn Skinner, Sherri Erdem Scheliga and husband Tom, and Son: Bobby Skinner and wife Tricia. She was blessed with four grandchildren: Nicole Erdem, Tyler Skinner, Jacob Skinner and Colton Skinner. She is also survived by Brother: Bill Menasco and wife Judy, and Sisters: Francis E. Braun and Cindy Croal.

Mary was preceded in death by her Husband, Roy "Skip" Skinner, and Parents, Earl and Francis Menasco.

Services will be held at the Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079 (www.dettlingfuneral.com) on August 5, 2023, at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the Family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Reception to Follow Service

AUG 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
14006 Memorial Dr.
Houston , TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Menasco Skinner*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Menasco Skinner*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Menasco Skinner*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Menasco Skinner*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.*



August 03, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.*



August 03, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.*



August 03, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Menasco Skinner.

August 03, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.*



August 02, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Menasco Skinner.

August 02, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Menasco Skinner.

August 01, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.



July 31, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Menasco Skinner.

July 31, 2023 at 11:21 AM

 Marilyn
Kelley

“ *Mary was my dearest friend. My life was blessed knowing her and I am a better person as a result.*

We worked together at Briarwood School for 28 years. During that time we laughed together, learned from one another, advised each other, consoled one another and did I say, laughed together. Also during that time, the two of us were involved in quite a few shenanigans. So much so that we began referring to Mary as Lucy and myself as Ethel. Eventually Skip began referring to himself as Desi. We did have a lot of fun.

We had to continue our friendship long distance for nine years. I will always be so grateful that I moved back just in time to have one last visit, laugh and hug with Mary.

Mary (aka Lucy), you will always be in my thoughts and memories.

*Love,
Marilyn (aka Ethel)*

Marilyn Kelley - July 30, 2023 at 06:51 PM

PS

Marilyn, I remember her telling us about some of those shenanigans with much fondness. It was clear her life was enriched with your friendship. Thank you!

*Love,
Tricia*

Patricia Skinner - August 03, 2023 at 09:41 PM

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Marilyn, what a lovely tribute. Those days with you both at Briarwood were the happiest times for me. So much fun and laughter. I am so grateful for that time and will always cherish those memories of both Mary and Skip. That laugh of hers was just the best. Rest in Heaven my dear friend. Love, Lynn.

Lynn Thomas - September 28, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Menasco Skinner.*



July 28, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Menasco Skinner.*

July 28, 2023 at 11:06 AM