



Mary Elizabeth Hill

July 15, 1948 - June 13, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Hill, born in Baltimore Maryland on July 15, 1948, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, June 13 after a 21 month battle with cancer. Mary attended a private high school in Baltimore and started her college career at St. Mary's College in southern Maryland before transferring to the University of Wisconsin where she attained her teaching degree and met her husband, Rick. Mary was determined to live long enough to celebrate their 55th anniversary, which was June 12, the day before her passing.

Mary taught elementary school students in Petersburg Virginia, Portland and Salem, Oregon before retiring to the coast where she continued to work with kids and families through Waldport's Seashore Family Literacy Program, leading the back to school and Christmas gifting events as well as teaching in the summer school classes, where she was called "Miss Mary".

Mary was an active member of the Seal Rock Garden Club and maintained a large greenhouse in her home. She loved her cats and fed the local birds every day. She cherished her collections of fossils, crows and exotic bird houses.

Mary is survived by her husband, Rick, their son Ryan, who lives in Minnesota, her sister Anne in Connecticut and her brother Bill in Maryland.

Donations in "Miss Mary's" memory to Seashore Family Literacy are welcome.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary, Rick and Ryan were all very dear friends of mine. We spent many summers on our boat skiing on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.*

I have very fond memories of our regular barbecues and hanging out on the river.

Mary always had a book in her hand enjoying the summer vacation time from teaching.

I remember the joy their son Ryan brought them including a dinosaur trip in a rented RV one summer.

Rick and Mary moved to Seal Rock after retirement and we loss touch.

I am struck with grief to learn of her passing and battle with cancer. Hopefully Rick, Ryan and her other family members have found peace in their memories of dear Mary.

Best,

Bob Jester

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