



Mary Ellen Massey Shelton

April 5, 1936 - April 3, 2020

Mary Ellen Massey-Shelton, 83, passed away on April 3, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Born on April 5, 1936 in Alexandria, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Commodore Bradley (Thomas) Massey and Helen Loretta Clark Massey. Mary Ellen attended St. Mary's Academy from Kindergarten to 11th grade and then attended Alexandria Business School to become a secretary for Catholic Charities in Alexandria. She later went on to be a Sales Secretary and Sales Coordinator for Holiday Inn, Telegraph Road. She married Ronald J. Shelton in 1957 and they had 1 child, Connie, in September 1964. In 1978, she met her significant other, Richard Rusk, and they were together 34 years before he passed away 2011.

Mary Ellen loved the entertainment industry, enjoyed roller skating as a child and teenager and went to the Alexandria Skating rink frequently as one of her favorite past-times. She also loved bowling and had been on several bowling leagues. She had a love for old musical's, movies, shows, concerts, dancing, parties, socializing, traveling, and living life to its fullest with fun and laughter. She loved her family and friends spending as much time with them as possible. She enjoyed spending time with her friends at Texas Ribs, the Waldorf Elks Lodge, and the Waldorf Moose Lodge. She enjoyed going to Cape St. Mary's Marina in Mechanicsville where Richard and she had their

boat in the early 1990's. She loved her dogs Nicholas, her Min Pin, and Sabrina, her Bichon and took them on many ventures. Some of her favorite musicians were Elvis Presley and George Jones. Some of her favorite movies were "Gone with the Wind, Meet me in St Louis and the Easter Parade".

Mary Ellen felt a need to perform duties that were important to her and gave a purpose. She was a member of several private clubs, and was an avid Catholic. She served as a Lector for St. Peters Catholic Church as well as belonging to the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member of the Board of Elections and assisted voters with the Primary and General Elections from 1992-2016. She became a Notary for the state of Maryland from 1998-2002. She was a member of the Gaming Review board for Charles County from 2008 – 2011. Her most recent was being a volunteer at the University of Maryland, Charles Regional Medical Center as a Greeter. She started there in 2012 and continued to present.

She was truly admired by her family and friends for her feistiness and zest for life despite her health obstacles.

Mary Ellen is survived by her daughter Constance (Connie) Lynne Shelton of Waldorf, MD; her sister Helen Elaine Massey-James of Jacksonville, FL; her nephew Robert Thomas James and his wife Melissa of Jacksonville, FL; cousin, Mary Virginia Johnson of Rome, New York

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, a private interment will be held at St. Peter's Church Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date and time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or the ASPCA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Massey Shelton*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Massey Shelton*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My sincere condolences Connie, on the loss of you dear mother and best friend. I can't even imagine. Sending prayers that the many memories you have will bring peace, comfort, and smiles. Much love. Kevin Peck*

Kevin Peck - April 15, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *I am so heart broken Connie over the lost of your Mom. She was a wonderful person. I will miss her at the Elks and I sure wish we made our date earlier for the Eagles Club. I was so looking forward to that when she got better, I guess God had other plans for her. RIP my sweet friend.*

Love Nina

Nina McClanahan - April 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

KJ

“ While I never met Connie's mom, she I could tell raised an amazing woman. I worked with Connie at Dual Incorporated and remained friends virtually. I love all the love Connie and her mother had for each other and loved her mom was a little spitfire. Connie I know your momma is proud of you and will always be looking over you! Hugs so sorry for your loss but I do believe your momma lived life to it's fullest!



Kara Judd - April 13, 2020 at 07:12 AM

BS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Bill Sinnott - April 11, 2020 at 02:04 PM

BS

“ I first met this most wonderful lady in early-mid 1980’s at Holiday Inn, we quickly became lunch buddies sitting in the bar and watching All My Children... MaryEllen was so touched when I called her from the airplane plane while flying to Hawaii in 1984; she mentioned this many times since. We’ve stayed in touch via birthday cards/calls, FB, an occasional dinner, a lunch by the water, a bull n oyster roast and the such. I will forever miss my dear friend and will cherish the thought that I was part of her life. I’ll finish with the expression that she always said at the end of every conversation as well as how she signed her cards to me... Love you; Tootles!

Bill Sinnott - April 11, 2020 at 11:18 AM

LA

“ So Sorry for your loss Connie. She was always soo sweet, n always the life of the party. She will be dearly missed. Prayers to you and the family.

Laini Allyn - April 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TO

“ Tricia Olsen lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Massey Shelton



Tricia Olsen - April 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM

TO

If Mary Ellen was at the party, there was always laughter! Her smile, her fun style was always admired. May God comfort you at this time and always. She loved her Connie!

Tricia Olsen - April 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM