



Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli

December 5, 1953 - July 9, 2017

Mary Jane Pignatelli, 63, of Lenox, MA died Sunday, July 9th at Berkshire Medical Center surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born December 5th, 1953, in Pittsfield, MA, she is predeceased by her parents, William and Mary Conry Heaphy of Pittsfield, MA, and her late sister Joan Heaphy of Troy, NY.

Mary Jane grew up in the beautiful Berkshires, graduating from St. Joseph's High School in 1971. After high school, Mary Jane attended Winthrop Community Hospital School of Practical Nursing where she received a Certificate in Practical Nursing in 1972. She continued her studies at Laboure' Junior College to pursue an Associate's Degree in Nursing in 1977. While raising three children, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 2002 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mary Jane worked as a Registered Nurse at Berkshire Medical Center for over 20 years in several different capacities, establishing herself as a true leader amongst her colleagues. She taught the LPN Program at Berkshire Community College for 8 years, where she had a profound impact on students and their educational achievements. For the past 8 years, Mary Jane worked as the school nurse at Lenox Memorial Middle & High School and Morris School of Lenox, MA where she was loved by all the faculty and students.

Mary Jane was extremely passionate about nursing and taking care of others. She especially loved working with all the children in the Lenox School System.

Mary Jane was a communicant of St. Ann's Church and volunteered on several committees and boards including: the Lenox Board of Health, Lenox Bullying Prevention & Intervention Community Task Force, Lenox Safety & Wellness Task Force, Tri-Town Health Department, Salvation Army Board and the Class Advisor for the class of 2018 at LMMHS. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, sports, especially the Boston Celtics and was an outstanding cook. She took great pride in her family and was a devoted mother and a loving wife to her husband, Gary F. Pignatelli. They would have celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary this October.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband Gary and her three children: her daughter Andrea and her husband John Simons of Manhattan, NY, her son Mark and his wife Daniela and her youngest son Dan, all of Lenox, her siblings; Barb Heaphy of Lenox and Bill Heaphy of Pittsfield, and her niece and nephews. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Manny and her grand dogs; Bailey, Russell, and Larry.

SERVICES: Calling hours will be hosted at Roche Funeral Home in Lenox on Thursday, July 13th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Funeral services for Mary Jane will be held on Friday, July 14th at 10:00am at St. Ann's Church in Lenox with a Liturgy of Christian burial celebrated by Monsignor John Bonzagni. Burial will follow at St. Ann's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Ann's Church in care of Roche Funeral Home 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240 or to The Mary Jane Pignatelli Scholarship Fund in care of Lenox Public Schools 6 Walker Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Burial

JUL **14.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall



“ Roche Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli



Roche Funeral Home - July 13, 2017 at 09:15 AM

KC

“ Gary, so very saddened to hear of Mary Jane's passing. Her sweet and generous spirit will be sorely missed by so many. You and your family are in our thoughts and we pray that memories of all your wonderful years with Mary Jane will sustain you in the days ahead.

The Kurdzionaks--Kathy, Jo, Peter and Jim

Kathy Carbin - July 23, 2017 at 06:46 PM

FS

“ Such a heavy heart, missing you MJ. Every time my text ding goes off, I hope it is you with an update. It is so surreal.... not talking everyday. You left quite a Legacy.... You are the strongest person I have ever known. Gary, Andrea, John, Mark ad Dan - Thank you, it was an Honor to be asked to take part in MJ's Tribute..... you all gave her so much to be proud of and a beautiful send off. Thanks' for sharing her with us....Sempre Familgia! Love ya!

Francie Sorrentino - July 18, 2017 at 08:24 PM

BK

“ *Becky Knox lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli*



Becky Knox - July 16, 2017 at 11:30 PM

BK

*Dear Gary, Mark, Andrea and Dan,
I am so very sorry for your loss. There are no words that can express my sadness to hear this news. Sending prayers for peace and comfort. May beautiful memories sustain you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Becky Knox*

Becky Knox - July 16, 2017 at 11:34 PM

SA

“ *Maryjane no word she can do describe on how much I am going to miss you were the best aunt auntie godmother ever I will miss you dearly Andrea mark dan and uncle Gary just know I'm thinking of you guys And Just a phone call or text away Rest In Peace auntie love alayws sarah*



sarah - July 16, 2017 at 06:26 PM

PK

“ *Mary Jane was one of the Conry cousins. It was always great to reconnect with Mary Jane as she was our " go to "person for family news. I hope that she, Joan , and my sister Chris are able to stay out of trouble now that they are all together !*

My sympathy to Gary, Barb, and Mary Jane's family. Pam Conry Kiernan

Pamela Kiernan - July 14, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SM

“ Mary Jane was one of the kindest and most gentle women I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was there for both of my children in so many ways when they attended LMMHS - she was a true example of how all of us should live and I will miss her so much. My deepest sympathies go out to Gary and her children and to everyone in our community who will feel the tremendous void she leaves behind.



Suzanne Merritt - July 14, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JH

“ Maryjane I miss meeting you at Loeb's and complaining about what we're cooking for dinner that night , wondering if they'll complain on what we picked!! We talked about everything in front of that meat counter , food , Gary and Bruce, Dan and Emma and everything in between, I'll miss you ,you were a true friend , we had a lot of laughs together , I'll make sure Emma and Dan always stay close and they watch out for each other , that we don't have to worry about ! I'll miss you 💕💕 Love Jodi

Jodi Salvatore Huber - July 13, 2017 at 07:28 PM

SR

“ Mary Jane was a beautiful person. I was happy to know her. She certainly raised some incredible children! I remember we went out one night with some other mothers and somehow the two of us ended up feeling a little out of place. It was nice to have someone like her to talk to. Stan and I are here to help in any way we can now and in the future. We are so sorry.

Love, Susan And Stan Rosen

susan rosen - July 13, 2017 at 04:21 PM

TK

“ A wonderful person whose memory I will always cherish.. oh how she made me laugh! My sincere sympathy to all of her family.

Tracey Kersteen - July 13, 2017 at 04:26 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Roche Funeral Home - July 12, 2017 at 03:09 PM

MF

“ Much love, Meredith Conry, Vanessa Kruger & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.



Much love, Meredith Conry, Vanessa Kruger & Family - July 12, 2017 at 01:24 PM

AT

“*Mary Jane, my dear friend, number one nursing faculty colleague - my kimosabe! I will forever remember our great times together at BCC. You were a wonderful nursing professor and mentor for our students. Your nursing expertise will live on in the students who were so fortunate to have been guided by you. You were an exemplar as a nurse, colleague, and friend. One joy I will always remember is your great laugh. I can hear it in my head and expect I will summon it up whenever I need a lift. We shared some wonderful moments. Sometimes the most stressful of these moments created the most humorous times we shared. To this day, those memories brings a smile to my face.*

To Gary, Andrea, Mark, Dan, and the rest of MJ's family my deepest sympathy for your loss. Although too short a time, I hope you take solace in the very good fortune to have had such a great, loving, devoted, wonderful person as wife and mother. Mary Jane touched so many lives in such positive, loving ways that her memory will live on.

Love you MJ. Rest in peace. Your job is done. And well done indeed!

Ann Tierney

ann tierney - July 12, 2017 at 10:38 AM

PE

“*Gary and family, so sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing. Gone too soon! Prayers to you all for peace and comfort. Much love, Tom, Pam, Ally, and Nick Egan~*



Pamela Egan - July 12, 2017 at 06:58 AM

DC

“ *Mary Jane was such a beautiful person. We had wonderful chats about school nursing. Rest easy my dear friend. Until we meet again. With fond memories, Diane Carroll*



Diane Carroll - July 11, 2017 at 09:00 PM

LA

“ *Love forever Aunt Annie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.*



Love forever Aunt Annie - July 11, 2017 at 08:23 PM

DA

“ *Danny, Kevin, Tommy, Mary Anne, Chrissie, Joan, Patti purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.*



Danny, Kevin, Tommy, Mary Anne, Chrissie, Joan, Patti - July 11, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.*



July 11, 2017 at 05:15 PM

MR

“ *Mark, Francisco and Rama purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.*



Mark, Francisco and Rama - July 11, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Mary Jane Pignatelli.*



July 11, 2017 at 03:03 PM