



Mary Jane White

June 7, 1932 - January 9, 2022

Mary Jane (Leak) White — Retired Librarian, Michigan Education Association (MEA)

Mary Jane (Leak) White, Grand Ledge, Michigan passed away January 9, 2022. She was born June 7, 1932 to Leona and Leon Leak. She was predeceased by her mother Leona when she was age two; an infant son Mark Edward White; her beloved caregivers grandparents Virena and Ira Curtis (Lake Odessa); aunts/uncles Ruth Mildrid and Edward Lawrence Peckins (Portland), and Maxine and Charles Palmer (Lake City).

In 1951 Mary Jane married William Fredrick White. The marriage dissolved in 1973. She is survived by four sons, Stephen Lee (David) (Phoenix and coastal Maine), Geoffrey William (Kelly), Matthew Monroe (Karole), Thaddeus Curtis (Sharon), all of Grand Ledge; one daughter Ellen Irene White (Duluth, MN); one cousin Thomas Edward Peckins (San Antonio, TX); one brother Donald Leak (Freeport, MI); one niece Teresa Leak Sweet (Alma, MI).

She also leaves behind four grandchildren, Claïresse (Michael) Dewey, Helena Jayne White, Curtis White and Nickolaus White.

A memorial service will be Held Friday, June 3, 2022, 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Grand Ledge, MI. Visitation will be at the church from

2:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Arrangements by Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI. Those wishing to make memorial contributions may do so to Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 116, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or the Delta Township Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
201 E. Jefferson
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ *Love is not written on paper, for paper can be erased. Nor is it etched in stone for stone can be broken. But it is inscribed on a heart and there it shall remain forever.*

- Rumi

Ellen Irene White, Daughter

ellen white - January 25, 2022 at 01:15 PM

SP

“ *Jeff, so sorry to hear about your Mom. Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Dick & Sherri Peffley*

Sherri Peffley - January 16, 2022 at 10:41 PM

LH

“ *Mary Jane is the person who caused me to connect to the wonderful church I now attend - Trinity Episcopal. I remember walking into the church for the first time and sitting near the front, then realizing that I didn't know the Episcopal service ... when to stand and sit, etc. I turned and Mary Jane was just behind me. I whispered, "Oh dear, I'm not sure what I'm doing," and Mary Jane immediately said, "I'll help you." Up she came to my pew and sat next to me, and that was that. I remember Mary Jane liked to drink tomato juice at the early service coffee hour, especially if she could add a little hot sauce. She told wonderful stories. Bon voyage, Mary Jane. You made a huge difference in my life.*

Lori Hudson - January 14, 2022 at 07:53 AM

DC

“ I met, and got to know, Mary Jane during a Trinity Church potluck. My son was a rambunctious toddler at the time, so I'd chosen a seat away from the group hoping that his vocalizations and potential food throwing wouldn't interrupt anyone's meal. Here comes Mary Jane to sit with us. (For the record, I tried to warn her off.) She made clear that she was purposeful in her choice of seating, because I'd need someone to refill my beverage and get me dessert.

And wait on me, she did!!

It is a lesson that I've endeavored to pass forward to other moms at public dining, private get-togethers, in stores.... Thank you, Mary Jane, for setting such a good example for me to follow!

~Denise Clarity

D Clarity - January 13, 2022 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ *Mary Jane truly had a FULL life. She will be missed by many. We date way back to Kiwanis Days and the Duck Races. Mary Jane always dressed to a Tee, head to toe, and cared how she looked, as well as caring for every one else. A true FRIEND Diane Bishop.*

Diane Bishop - January 12, 2022 at 09:57 PM