



Mary Scanlon Becker

September 26, 1955 - October 21, 2024

Mary (Scanlon) Becker, age 69, of Chaska, passed away from ALS at home on October 21, 2024, surrounded by several loved ones.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Paul Francis Scanlon. Like her dad, Mary was a gifted athlete. She was a natural basketball, flag football, and softball player. She ran track and was a skilled skier. In 1974 Mary was awarded the Academy of Holy Angels' first Athena Award recognizing outstanding female athletes.

Mary was an avid reader, drawn to stories about influential 20th century figures. An impressive collection of biographies always adorned her bookshelves. The ideal travel companion, every vacation with Mary - from Mill Lake to Lake Como - created wonderful life long memories for her family and friends.

Mary made everything better just with her presence. She lit up every room she walked into with her quick wit and infectious laugh. A confidante for family, friends and colleagues, Mary's gift of putting those in need at ease with care and authenticity will be deeply missed and cherished always.

Mary, and her husband, Gene, were the perfect team. Always an inspiration to those who witnessed their adoring and affectionate love (decades-long

commitment to inside jokes was particularly entertaining), together they filled rooms with laughter. Their support for each other during Mary's fight with ALS, reminded us each day of the depth and everlasting love that sustained such a beautiful 45+ year partnership.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gene; daughters, Lori (Josh) Ask and Chrissy Becker; grandchildren, Bennett, Conley, Brooks, and Cora Ask; mother, Patricia (Rush) Scanlon; brothers, Paul (Carol), Dennis (Judy), Patrick (Carole), Gary (Mary), Tim, Joe (Beth); sister, Molly; as well as uncles, aunts, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Mary's Celebration of Life will be held at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, MN on Friday, November 8th at 11 AM. For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service will be available at: <https://www.wooddale.org/events>

Interment at Guardian Angels Cemetery in Chaska.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary's name to The ALS Association. <https://donate.als.org>

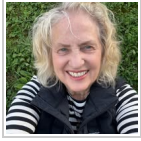
Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wooddale Church
6630 Shady Oak Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Gene and family, While I never knew Mary, I worked with Gene at Cargill and wanted to extend my condolences to all of you. It was wonderful to read that Mary was an amazing wife, mother and friend who lit up the room with her dynamite personality. My sympathy for your loss.

Renee Kessler - November 03, 2024 at 04:45 PM

CS

“ This was a message I received from a girl I went to high school with who played softball with Mary (three years older than Mary) ❤️

So deeply sorry to the entire Scanlon family for your loss. 😞 Mary was a dynamite player on our Morris Nielsen girls ⚾️ team at East Richfield Little League! - Carol Scanlon

Carol Scanlon - November 03, 2024 at 10:57 AM

MC

“ How fortunate we were when we moved to Eden Prairie MN to have our new next door neighbor Mary Becker show up at our door. She was always a bright light, and always opened her door to the 6 children living next door. She always had a smile and a treat for everyone. She always saw humor in every situation. She was a great friend. All our love to Gene, Lori and Chrissy. You will be with her again!

Marilyn Clark - November 02, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JJ

Mary was awesome, her brothers just thought they were good athletes , sorry boys she was the best . Her attitude outshined her abilities, she was always happy . She will be missed . She lived in Des Moines for a short time and her and her husband always welcomed us . Jeff Jardine

Jeff Jardine - November 03, 2024 at 02:24 PM