



Mary Burke Eichmiller

February 24, 1951 - November 4, 2021

Mary age 70, formerly of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Nov. 4, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick A. and Mary L. Eichmiller and husband Thomas Rector. She is survived by her son Scott Rector, sister Gretchen Donahue, brother Frederick C. Eichmiller (Linda), niece Sarah Donahue (Jon Dolan), nephew Brendan Donahue (Beth), niece Megan Eichmiller-Volante (Joshua), nephew Graham Eichmiller (Mariah). Mary is the great-aunt of Daniel Dolan and Alaina Donahue.

Mary was always kind, cheerful, and could find the humor in every situation. Her presence livened up every room she entered. Her nephew fondly said, "Mary, the aunt that taught me everything I wasn't supposed to learn!"

Mary found her passion in life at an early age. She worked as a nursing assistant while in high school and never looked back, later earning her master's degree in nursing at the University of Minnesota. She was a dedicated nurse for many decades, serving in several Minnesota hospitals: St. Mary's, Fairview, University of Minnesota, and Shriners Twin Cities Hospital for Children.

She enjoyed creating a wide variety of crafts, ranging from stain glass, pottery, wood carving, painting, to sewing and so much more.

Mary was also an outstanding athlete. She both participated in many sports and loved watching sporting events throughout her entire life.

Mary was the first person to help any family member or friend whenever possible. She never surrendered to life's adversities. We will miss her very

very much. We will love her forever.

Memorials preferred to Shriners Hospitals for Children (online or mailed to:
Attn Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394).

Possibly a celebration of life may be held in Spring 2022.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ It seems obvious and idiosyncratic to state but she was definitely a successful woman who helped a ton of people throughout her life. Thank you for sticking by me and helping me through all the ups and downs(Injuries) I and so many others encountered in there lives.

With eternal love forever
Son Stupendous Scott

Scott Rector - November 09, 2021 at 02:58 PM

JE

“ Condolences to Mary's family, friends and all loved ones, may find peace in memories. Mary "took me in" as a new graduate nurse at Shriners and she taught me more then nursing skills over the years. I am the same age as Scott (I started right after Scott's accident) and she immediately took me under her wings and told me " You are going to be a successful nurse and I am going to make sure of it." . Mary taught some hard lessons with some tough love at times, but, it always came from the heart. Her stories and her pride in her son were my favorite part of working weekends when she would stop in with photos and stories to share.

Mary- you are a blessing for all of the work you did for the patients at Shriners both bedside and " behind the scenes"- the success you accomplished and lives you changed will never be matched.

Rest Easy Mary, you will be so missed but live on in everyone's lives you have changed for the better.

Jessalin - November 08, 2021 at 02:57 PM

SR

Thank you Jessalin for your kind memory and share; Sincerely Mary's son Scott!

Scott Rector - November 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM

CK

“ Gretchen and family....I am so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. So sorry for your loss. Memories take me back to all the times I spent at your home, playing in the cute little playhouse and jumping on the little trailer helping Fritz tap the maples for syrup. Even though we were closer in age, little Mary was always around to make it a three-some. She was a great sister to you. And later, when we were cheerleaders together on A squad and Mary on B squad....lots of good times. I'll always remember her with fondness. God's blessings to you all. Sherry (Strang) Ksiazek, Elk River 763-421-0424

Cheryl L Ksiazek - November 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM

GE

What wonderful memories for me to think about. Thank you so much Sherry. Gretchen

G. E-D - November 13, 2021 at 08:11 AM