



Mary Kay Ellingen

October 5, 1953 - February 5, 2019

Mary K. Ellingen, age 65, our dear mother, sister, daughter, friend, and inspiration, died on February 5, 2019, after a courageous fight with a catastrophic illness. Preceded in death by her loving father, Edward Ellingen.

Born in Greenville, Michigan, Mary excelled academically, ultimately graduating from the University of Michigan Law School. Mary was a fierce Advocate for Human Rights, a devoted member of Plymouth Church, a Master Naturalist, and a dedicated volunteer for the wild birds of Minnesota. Above all, Mary loved her children, Caitlin (Michael), Chris, Charlie, and Molly, her grandchildren, Ava, Jack, and Isabella, her mother, Virginia, her siblings, Steven, Lisa, Gina (her twin), and Ed, her many nieces and nephews, her sister-through-friendship, Barb, her other dear friends, near and far, and of course her treasured dogs, Sarah and Poppy. Mary was kind, compassionate, determined, tough when she needed to be, and unfailingly loyal. She was simply the best.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the University of Minnesota Raptor Center or the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Memorial service will be held at 3PM on Saturday, February 16th with visitation one hour prior, all at :

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

FEB 16. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Mary's passing, and even more sorry now that we were out of touch for so long since our time together in Ann Arbor. I spent a lot of time with Mary when we were in law school together. Mary was the kindest person I knew from those days, beautiful and funny, and also very open and honest about our law school experience and everything around it. I would say neither of us really enjoyed law school, but I have nothing but good memories of the time we spent together. She balanced her life better than most of us -- adopting her little "needle-nose" collie, Sasha, during our first year was part of that -- and her friendship was the brightest of the very few bright spots in my own law school experience. My wife Ann and I will always remember Mary as a good friend, and a very sweet person. My condolences to her family, and especially to her children and grandchildren, who have lost someone who was truly very special. -- Scot and Ann Stirling

Scot Stirling - October 05, 2020 at 12:48 PM

CG

“ Sadly, I will miss Mary's annual Christmas photo-cards; our chats about our shared love of dogs and wildlife; our growing up in Greenville as a cousins; and her just being a wonderful person.

Charles (Chuck) Gibson - February 16, 2019 at 01:06 PM

TD

“ Tom Pat, Tom Cassie, Meara Matt, Sara Dana purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Kay Ellingen.



Tom Pat, Tom Cassie, Meara Matt, Sara Dana - February 13, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Ellingen.*



February 12, 2019 at 02:24 PM



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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Ellingen.*



February 12, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Ellingen.*



February 11, 2019 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ We grew up with Mary, and the entire Ellingen family, as her sister Lisa's sidekicks, hanging at the house almost daily, and running the neighborhoods of Greenville from kindergarten until we left for college. Mary and Gina were pretty much the pesky younger sisters that we didn't pay much attention to! Even so, Mary was a big part of our childhood and it saddens our hearts to hear of her passing. Childhood memories never leave us. Even though neither of us had been in contact with Mary, Lisa kept us informed of the entire family throughout the years.

May memories of joy and happiness shared, sustain and comfort the entire Ellingen and extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jan Bridson and Jean Parker (the Swartzloff Twins)



Jan Bridson - February 11, 2019 at 08:14 AM