



Mary Joanne Gaffney

May 29, 1938 - August 14, 2022

Mary J. Gaffney

Age 84, of Hopkins passed away August 14, 2022. Preceded in death by parents Ray and Louise Gaffney, and brother John Gaffney.

Mary attended Muldoon High School in Rockford, IL and graduated from University of WI-Madison with a degree in Education. She moved to Minneapolis and taught Kindergarten and 2nd grade in the Robbinsdale School District for 37 years. She cherished her years teaching and once retired was able to spend time with her grandniece and grandnephews which brought her great joy.

She led an active life full of sailing, skiing, card playing, gourmet dinner parties, traveling, and attending many concerts and theatre events. Most of all she loved meeting and getting to know people and their life stories. Her generous spirit and big smile made strangers and family members alike feel special - and she never forgot a name.

Survived by brother George (Maxine) Gaffney and sister Martha (George) Bailey; nephews Ray (Leslie) Gaffney, Rob (Angie) Gaffney, and Tim Gaffney; nieces Peggy (Dan) Way, and Molly Gaffney; her best friend Maddy and many other adored relatives and friends.

Mary, your life was our blessing and you will never be forgotten.

Visitation Monday, 5-7pm at Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Funeral mass Tuesday, 11:00 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 105 Forestview Lane North, Plymouth. Luncheon to follow.

Memorials preferred to Mary's favorite charity, Cando Canines, New Hope,
MN.

Washburn-McReavy.com

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
105 Forestview Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Joanne Gaffney.*



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“ *Miss Gaffney was my daughter's second grade teacher at Pilgrim Lane in 1993. Both my daughter and me adored Miss Gaffney. She made each child in her classroom feel special and was so welcoming to the parents. I still remember her beautiful smile. We had recently moved into the district and Miss Gaffney made that transition for my daughter so easy. So very sorry for your loss.*
Barb Deede

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