



## Mary Jane Vaughn

July 29, 1961 - March 28, 2025

Mary Jane Vaughn, age 63, of Coon Rapids, MN, passed away peacefully in her home on March 28th, 2025. Born in St. Cloud on July 29th, 1961, Mary Jane lived a life filled with love, dedication, and laughter.

For 39 years, Mary Jane was a valued and respected member of the NSP/Xcel Energy family, where she not only dedicated her career but also served as a mentor and inspiration to countless colleagues. Her commitment and work ethic were truly remarkable, and she fostered a strong sense of community within the company, bringing laughter to all from the call centers to the CEO.

Above all, Mary Jane was a devoted wife to Eric, her loving husband, and a cherished mother to her two sons, Ryan and Adam (wife Alyssa). Her greatest joy came from spoiling her beloved grandchildren, Oliver and Henry, creating lasting memories filled with warmth and affection. Always devoted to family, she is survived by her brother, Paul Gardner, and she shouldered the responsibility of caring for his special needs throughout his life.

A passionate animal lover, she always had a soft spot for creatures great and small. Her oldest cat, Sophie, stood faithfully at her bedside as she passed, and then passed on herself the next day. From her "office" at the kitchen table, she enjoyed watching the deer, turkeys, and songbirds that she fed in their

lively backyard.

Despite her initial reservations, Mary Jane embraced the sports obsessions of her family, eventually coming to share in their enthusiasm and love for the game. She found a way to get both sons, as well as any teammates who might need a hand, to every game and practice. She was behind the counter at the concession stand or scorer's table during games and the serving table for team dinners. Her infectious laughter and joyful spirit brightened every gathering or event, and she had a unique ability to bring happiness to everyone she encountered.

Mary Jane's presence will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her kind heart, generous spirit, and unwavering love will forever be remembered.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Celebration of Life

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary Jane’s passing. I lived right across the street from her growing up and have happy memories of playing together. My sympathy goes out to her family.

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**Joetta Holewa** - May 18, 2025 at 10:14 PM

PM

“ Mary Jane was a one of a kind. She was a terrific boss and could throw wonderful team gatherings. Lots of memories. My prayers are with Eric and kids. She will be missed.  
Pat Moran

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**Pat Moran** - April 15, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DD

“ I am so sad to hear about MJ. We had so many laughs at work and work conventions. I always thought if I’d go to MN I’d look her up for a few more laughs after retiring. She was truly wonderful.  
Deb Douglas.

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**Debra Douglas** - April 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

WE

“ Mary Jane was always one of the GOOD ones at Xcel Energy. She was there for her employees & coworkers. Truly an honor to work with her.

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**Wendy** - April 05, 2025 at 10:42 AM

TD

“ *The Trapp Family and Gma D purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jane Vaughn.* ”



**The Trapp Family and Gma D** - April 04, 2025 at 03:00 AM

DB

“ *Diane, Bob and the boys purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Jane Vaughn.* ”



**Diane, Bob and the boys** - April 01, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *MJ always had a kind heart, she was very giving and was so loving to everyone around her, she will be very much missed on this earth. Rest in Paradise MJ.* ”

**Dave Kiefer** - April 01, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Vaughn.* ”



April 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM