



Mary Jane McLaughlin

July 1, 1938 - January 17, 2016

Mary Jane McLaughlin, 77 of Kearney died, Sunday, January 17, 2016 at CHI – Good Samaritan in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to family for future designation. On-line condolences may be shared at osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane was born July 1, 1938 in York, Maine to Foster and Mary (Sewell) Beard. She was married to Ray McLaughlin in Portland, Maine on December 21, 1957. While Ray served in the Air Force they lived in Georgia, Mississippi, Michigan, the Philippines and eventually came to Bellevue, NE. They moved to Kearney in 1978. They were married for 25 years.

She was an avid quilter and loved to collect light houses. She was an advocate for seniors in the Kearney area.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Tracie) McLaughlin of Kearney and their children, Lindsay of Kearney, Lauren (Joel) Thurman of Greeley, CO and Adam of Omaha, daughters, Kim (Tim) Almgren of Omaha and their daughter, Rose Almgren, Tonja (Gabriel) Parra and their daughter, Samantha of Pembroke Pines, FL and Tracy (Matthew) Troncone of Haddonfield, NJ and their children, Macie and Sydney. She is also survived by her half- sister, Geraldine Parshley of Rollinsford, NH and her ex-husband, Ray McLaughlin and his wife, Donna of Kearney.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Paula Butler.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane McLaughlin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Tammey Frick lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane McLaughlin*



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“ Going to High School in Bellevue, Nebraska, Scott McLaughlin was my best friend. I spent a lot of time at the McLaughlin house and Mary Jane became my surrogate mother. She was always quick to laugh at our antics and always positive and supportive to be around. She treated me as one of hers and I probably spend more time at their house than I did at home. Plus being a kid in the 70's, who could not love her name?

Mary Jane was a creative soul, always sewing and knitting. I remember her reupholstering all their furniture one summer. Amazing. When I went off to college she knitted me a beautiful afghan in my school colors. She also cursed me for going to a school that included black because it about made her go blind.

Although Mary Jane was from Maine, she didn't have much of an accent. The exception was whenever Mary Jane yelled at Scott and me for some of our antics. This usually involved tormenting Scott's youngest sister. Then the Maine accent would come out!

The hardest I ever heard her laugh was when Scott and I broke into her old records stored in the basement. We played some of the worst music we had ever heard. Of course at our age we were into Led Zeppelin and Aerosmith. The worst song we played was "Dungaree Doll" by Eddie Fisher. Mary Jane defended the song but we were having none of it. A couple weeks later I called the McLaughlin house pretending to be a local DJ. Mary Jane took the call and I explained in my best DJ impression that she could win \$50 dollars if she could identify the song I was about to play. She bought it. When I started playing "Dungaree Doll" she howled! She will be missed!

*Rick Harness
Fort Collins, Colorado*

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“ *Thoughts and prayers go to the family of Mary Jane, she will be greatly missed. Cimarron Court will not be the same place without her!*

Kerry Smith Manager



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