



Marie Mandin Henry

May 1, 1936 - December 15, 2012

Marie Mandin Henry passed away after a long illness. She is survived by her devoted husband, Earnest Henry; her loving sister, Bernadette Defilippis; and her many adoring cousins, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, blended family members and friends.

Marie was born on May 1, 1936, in St. Helena, to Laura and Edmond Mandin. In addition to a sister, she also had a brother, Edmond Mandin (deceased). Marie attended school in St. Helena, before enrolling in nursing school at St. Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco. After earning her nursing degree, she had a full and varied career — from working at Queen of the Valley Hospital to serving as part of a medical team on a cruise ship for APL.

She discovered her real avocation when she was hired at Sonoma Developmental Center-Sonoma State Hospital to work with profoundly developmentally disabled children. In 1972, she was featured in a critically acclaimed documentary about the facility and plight of disabled children of Corcoran Cottage. "Somebody Waiting" was nominated for an Academy Award.

She later became full-time faculty, teaching in the Santa Rosa Junior College PTEC program at the developmental center. She left the center in the early 1980s and briefly instructed at Solano Community College, before

transitioning to Napa Valley College in 1986 as coordinator of the LVN program. She retired from teaching in 2001.

Marie was also abundantly talented. She was a great cook, a gracious hostess, and had a flair for her home and fashion décor. During her free time, she could be found in the art studio, which Earnie built for her, painting landscapes and still life portraits. She also loved to travel and made several trips to France, her parents' homeland.

Earnie has called her "one of a kind." Marie will be fondly remembered for her abiding love of her family, her intellectual curiosity, her quick (and often wicked) sense of humor, her spiritual questioning, and her seemingly limitless generosity. She had heart that will be terribly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Napa Valley College Foundation, or Napa Humane Society. Services are pending for January. Condolences to the family may be left at claffeyandrota.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Marie Mandin Henry

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Marie Mandin Henry

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Just wanted to Thank You for believing in me and being my advocate. Hope I haven't let you down. Been thinking of you for a few years, now I know why. Sorry I missed you, but I'll see you on the other side. BTW... Thx for All the Rides!!!



Me - April 09, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ Liza Henry lit a candle in memory of Marie Mandin Henry



Liza Henry - January 09, 2013 at 01:36 PM



“ *Crystal Notson lit a candle in memory of Marie Mandin Henry*



crystal notson - January 06, 2013 at 01:49 PM

LH

We miss you and will love you forever! We shall rejoice to Celebrate your Life for you are now reunited with our Heavenly Creator. Please offer Prayers,Praise be.

Liza Henry - January 09, 2013 at 01:35 PM

TW

“ *My condolences to Ernie, Bernadette and all of Marie's family. Saddened to hear of her passing. The office gals share in my sadness and offer their best at this time. Marie was special to us as she had such class. She was very kind and patient. We had many laughs when Marie was in our office as we would exchange stories about family and life in general. She was a special person and we will miss her. We will keep you all in our prayers. Blessings- Tim Wahle, Linda, Patty, Lisa, Robbie, Isabelle*

Timothy Wahle - December 28, 2012 at 12:59 PM

DS

“ *Ernie: What a beautiful picture! Her smile always lit up my heart. She will be terribly missed. We had some wonderful times always full of laughter. Love, De*

De Sturdevant - December 23, 2012 at 09:33 PM