



Mary McEachern

December 16, 1943 - November 3, 2006

Maryann McEachern, 62 year-old resident of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died November 3, 2006 at her home. Born December 16, 1943 in West Hartford, Connecticut, she was the daughter of John and Patricia Rowlson. Maryann earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters Degree in Special Education, both from Boston University. During her career, which spanned 37 years, she taught special education in and around Cambridge, MA, Anchorage, AK, Hartford, CT and Putney, VT. She moved to Arkansas in 2004 where she continued her teaching activities. She was a volunteer for Washington Regional Hospice as a breast cancer survivor and was active in AA. She was an amateur photographer and had a great love of the outdoors and nature. Survivors include one son, George "Ren" McEachern of Satellite Beach, Florida; one daughter, Shelley Simmons and husband Todd of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two grandchildren, Caroline Simmons and Charlie Simmons, both of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; her parents, John and Patricia Rowlson of West Hartford, Connecticut; two brothers, Robert Rowlson, of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Freddie Long of St. Petersburg, Florida; two sisters, Lynne Bride of Peachtree City, Georgia, and Jane Selden of Oxford, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Washington Regional Hospice, 34 West Colt Square, Suite 1, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Hello Shelly & Ren, I'm so sad about your Mom's passing. I use to come visit your Mom when you guys were little kids. She was an amazing woman and I'm so glad that God did give me the grace to know her. May she rest in peace.

Bobby Reid - November 30, 2021 at 11:52 PM

JH

“ Dear Shelley and Ren,

I was so shocked and saddened when I got a call from your Aunt on Monday to tell me that your mother had passed away. Maryann and I weren't close since she left for Alaska; a few phone calls and letters. But I want you both to know that I loved her very much. She was a unique and inspirational person, always there with a positive approach to almost any issue. She helped to shape my character and had a huge impact on me during my twenties and early thirties.

It was Maryann that taught me how to be a good parent- for that I will always be grateful. I met her when I was 23 and she helped me to organize and teach playgroups. Both of you participated! We got to know each other during those years and I watched how good she was with both of you- very composed, always concerned with maintaining self-esteem. She introduced me to writer Haim Ginott and I learned how to treat my son John with that same respect. I will always be grateful for that.

She also introduced me to Unitarianism. We were having one of those spiritual discussions and she thought that from what I was saying that I might enjoy the Unitarian Church. I tried one the next week and after 33 years, I am still part of the same congregation.

Maryann got me started with photography. She was always looking for a good photo and was expert at capturing moments in nature. I think of her often when taking photos. She was a wonderful writer and was one of the wisest women I know when it came to relationships.

Mostly, Maryann had such a capacity to love. No matter what obstacles were put in front of her, she always tried to protect you and love you.

She was passionate about both of you, so proud of you for who you became as grown up people. She loved her "delicious" grandbabies

and couldn't wait to be with them. I am so very, very sorry that they won't have the privilege of knowing her as they grow up.

So, parenting, relationships, religion, photography, love- I wonder what else there is in this world? Though Maryann and I haven't been together in many years, I knew she was a survivor and was certain that she would always be there. I can't even imagine your loss at this time and my heart goes out to both of you. Please let me know how you are doing and share with me any celebrations of Maryann's life.

With love and deepest sympathies,

Kathy

Jim and Jan Henegar - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JR

“ *I only met Mary Ann about eight months ago and immediately felt she was special. It was at an AA meeting and what she shared was very helpful to me. I appreciated what she had to offer and how much she cared. I will miss her very much.*

Bless you all.

Jeff

Jeff Reddekopp - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

LZ

“ *Maryann will be deeply missed. She was like a second mother to me. She always had something nice to say to everyone. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Linda Zeeb - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

VL

“ *Maryann was one of the participants in our recent Hospice Volunteer Training Classes at Washington Regional. Her life experiences and sense of humor enriched our classes as well as all of us. Our hearts go out to Shelley and her family in their loss.*

Valerie Lima - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ *Shelley,
Again, I would like to express my sympathy in the death of your mother.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

Joyce Bailey - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM