



Mary Jane McDowell

August 1, 1922 - December 12, 2020

Our beloved mother, Mary Jane McDowell, passed away peacefully of natural causes Saturday December 12 at the age of 98 at Juniper Village, Mount Joy, PA. The daughter of Harry and Ruth Pittenturf, she was born August 1, 1922 in Gettysburg, PA. She was a loving and beautiful soul with an adventurous and independent spirit.

She spent the majority of her life in Marietta, PA working for Wyeth Laboratories, but she allowed herself an early retirement to do what she and her husband James loved best, traveling.

Before and after retirement her love of travel took her all over our great country and beyond to many other countries visiting family members and enjoying the wonders of the world. From Canada, China, New Zealand and Europe to all parts of the United States, the best parts were being with family.

When at home her most precious times were eating breakfast out, she was a regular at Hinkles, or joining family members at Shank's Tavern for an early dinner. The best part of staying home may have been the family gatherings at her nieces or nephews' homes.

Another very important part of her life was as an Eastern Star member. She was very active in the Donegal Chapter where she served as a past Worthy

Matron, and could always be called on to take an active part whenever needed. She was a committed and active member well into her 90s.

Along with her husband, Mary Jane was a longtime member of the English United Presbyterian Church of Marietta, PA where her children were baptized.

After her loving husband Jim passed away in 1988, Mary Jane continued living her life to its fullest. Although she lived alone until the age of 96, she was never alone. She was surrounded and supported by her siblings and their extended families, her children, grandchildren, her bingo and dominoes friends and her Eastern Star fellowship.

Mary Jane is survived by her children, Jerry, Mike and Janey, her many grandchildren, great-grand children and great great grand children. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim, her first child James and her siblings Marie, Marjorie, Marian, Harry and Mary.

A memorial service honoring Mary's life will be held at Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy on Sunday, August 1 ,2021 at 3 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church following the service. Interment will follow the greeting at Marietta Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Village Hospice, 98 Masonic Dr Suite 101, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 3:00 PM.

Donegal Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane McDowell*



Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc - August 12, 2021 at 08:56 AM

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Do you know if Mary Jane owned a 1969 Camaro convertible car

williamwentworth - August 06, 2025 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Mary Jane was a wonderful person. We always had fun together no matter what we were doing for Eastern Star. We were on committees together and she was such a joy. I will miss seeing her at Hinkle's.*

Peggy Brenner - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our beloved Aunt Jane I will treasure her So many memories. She always had a listening ear, a non-judgemental word and loved unconditionally. ❤️*

Theresa - December 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Jane McDowell*

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