



## Sheila Mary Stephanis

August 29, 1948 - December 10, 2023

Sheila Mary (deVitry) Stephanis, of Marietta, passed away at home on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at the age of 75. Born in Bainbridge, she was the daughter of the late Renaud and Elizabeth (Hankins) deVitry. Sheila was the wife of George E. Stephanis. They celebrated 40 years of marriage this past October.

Sheila attended Manhattanville College and Cooper Union in the late 1960s, and graduated from Millersville University in 1991. She touched many lives teaching math for 21 years in the Elizabethtown Area School District until her retirement in 2013. Afterward, she continued for seven years volunteering her time to coach the MathCounts program. A devoted parishioner and Sunday School teacher at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Sheila was always driven to lift the hearts and minds of those around her. Her last Sunday School class was three weeks ago.

She is survived by her husband, George, her two sons, Jean Pierre Stephanis of York and E. George Stephanis of Marietta; three grandchildren, Ayana Stephanis, Helena Stephanis, and Henry Stephanis; one great-grandson, James Stone, Jr; and five of her seven brothers: Renaud Jr., Christopher, Malachi, Pierre, and James. She was preceded in death by her brothers Robert and Alan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 625 Union School Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow at Bainbridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Community Care 685 Good Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary Mother of the Church  
625 Union School Road  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

# Tribute Wall

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“ My heart is deeply saddened by the loss of an awesome neighbor. Sheila loved her family n enjoyed every moment she could spend with them. She extended that loving caring spirit to my family n all who she met. Sheila was truly a blessing in my life n such an inspiration to live each day to its fullest. Her smile radiated the peace n joy within her. I will definitely miss her, but I will forever cherish the fond memories we shared! Thoughts n prayers for all!

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**Kathy Herr** - December 12, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Sheila and I were friends in grade school - I have such fond memories of time spent with her when we were young. Then so pleased to reconnect with her a few years ago - still the same friendly, caring person from years ago. Deepest sympathy to all her family. Embrace the blessing that she was. Know she is with God.

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**Jane Sweigart** - December 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM

JD

“ Words cannot express how much we will all miss you ❤️  
Especially your sisters in law whom you loved as sisters in truth  
I will celebrate your great reunion  
Love and hug for George whose love for Sheila always shined through.  
Julie de Vitry

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**Julia deVitry** - December 12, 2023 at 11:12 AM



*I had the pleasure of knowing Sheila as a colleague at Bear Creek School in Elizabethtown for 2-3 years. She was a positive role model/mentor for both students and teachers. Her spirit shown brightly.*  
*Leah Fraser*

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**Leah Fraser** - December 16, 2023 at 03:20 PM