



# Mary Beth Karlek

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**M**ary Beth Hulley Karlek, born on April 2, 1952, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, peacefully passed away on February 5, 2025, at the age of 72.

Mary graduated from Baldwin and earned her degree in Nursing from Duquesne University. She began her career in her father's medical practice before continuing her dedication to patient care at UPMC. Mary then took on the role as caregiver for her mother, Olga.

A resident of Finleyville, Mary cherished her time spent gardening, tending to her plants with the same love and attention that she bestowed upon her family. She was also an avid bird watcher and a passionate animal lover, often finding joy in the natural world around her.

Mary leaves behind her beloved children, Sarah (Rick) Hoover and Philip "Matt" (Amy) Karlek; her siblings, William (Laura), Susan and Paul; neices and nephews Emily (Will), Julie, Lucas (Rahma) and Benjamin; great-neices and nephews; as well as her cherished pets, Riley and Miss Kitty.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, William and Olga Hulley as well as her brother, John.

Per Mary's request, services will be held privately.

Family would like to recognize both the Community Life Mon Valley Team and Caregivers for their unwavering support and companionship.

Donations in Mary's remembrance may be made to Community Life at <https://www.commlife.org/make-a-donation/>

Online condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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EB

**Elisabeth Barrett** posted:

Mary and I were very close friends during our grade school years. We both enjoyed sports. Together in our free time, we did horseback riding, ice skating, swimming and bowling. We had lots of fun together! We remained friendly throughout high school. When I left the area for college, we lost touch. Luckily, however, I returned home for a visit and made an impromptu stop at the Hulley's home. It was a nice surprise and both Dr. and Mrs. Hulley were at home that day. We then called Mary, and we had a chance to talk. For that reason, I am very thankful that I stopped by that day! To the Hulley family - I will always remember the wonderful times that I spent with your family. Love, Elisabeth Barrett (aka Betty Nauhaus)

February 9 at 9:36 PM

EB

**Elisabeth Barrett** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



February 9 at 8:22 PM

JD

**Jean Desabato** posted:

Susan, condolences to you and your family on the loss of Mary. You are in our thoughts. Jean and Chuck DeSabato

February 8 at 9:43 AM

LN

**Linda Newberg** posted:

Mary was one of my best friends in Union School. She was the reason I got to see the Beatles in 1964 at the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh (think we were 13). Lost touch as time passed but she always had a special place in my heart. Linda Hight (Newberg)

February 7 at 11:31 PM

DL

**Diane Landers** posted:

Mary was one of my closest high school friends and she lived a few doors away from me in high school. I remember Mary's laugh.. that deep throated snicker with a snort! And she laughed a lot. She was a good friend and a kind, fun, smart and generous woman. I didn't see much of her in recent years but will always remember her as a dear friend. Rest in peace, Mary.

February 7 at 8:26 PM



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**Emily Siudela** posted:

My fondest memories of her was wandering (probably by myself/in my own little world) through her yard with Daisia and Carmel and her smoking a cigarette, window open in her kitchen, just saying hello, laughing and playing along.. She was so smart and funny and a pillar in our perfect neighborhood, growing up on Coal Bluff Road. She will ALWAYS be loved and deeply missed ☐

February 6 at 7:24 PM



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