



Mary Banbury

May 31, 1953 - April 26, 2023

Mary Cecil Banbury slipped away from us peacefully on April 26, 2023, at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, KY due to complications from heart surgery in early March. Things will never be the same without her.

Mary was born on May 31, 1953, in Detroit, MI to Raymond and Marion Bennett. Mary was the third of three sisters after Sally Thomas and Susan Waters. Mary spent her childhood years in Royal Oak, MI and graduated from Royal Oak Dondero High School in 1971. Mary and Lee met in middle school and started seeing each other in high school. They graduated in 1971 and married in 1976.

She is survived by her beloved husband and three children, Barb (Hugo) Banbury of Seattle, WA, Kimberly (Casey) Overstreet of Louisville, KY, and Brian (Rebecca) Banbury of Indianapolis, IN. Sisters Sally Thomas and Sue (Dick) Waters, and nephews Richard (Melissa) Waters, Scott Waters, and Mark Thomas. In addition, she was blessed with eight grandchildren: Lexie, Lukas, Andrew, Anthony, Bennett, Greta, Elizabeth, and Evelyn.

Mary had a lifelong passion to care for people and she especially loved children. After high school, she worked as a nurse's aide while attending Shapiro School of Nursing in Detroit, Michigan. She found her calling as a Registered Nurse nurse and worked over 35 years in Labor and Delivery. The

total number of women she helped and numbers of babies she helped bring into this world is just amazing. She was a generous contributor to St Jude's Children Research Hospital in hopes to help ease the suffering of as many children and their families as possible. There is no doubt about her fulfilling her lifelong passion.

Mary loved crafting. Her home is filled to the brim with items she made (or planned to make). She was a real "crafty chick". She had many friends in states all over the country like Michigan, Nebraska, Kansas, Washington and of course Kentucky. All of them will miss her fun-loving smile and quick-witted humor.

She also had a warm and loving compassion for animals of all kinds but especially loved her birds and dogs. She was a generous contributor to the Kentucky Humane Society.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1:00pm on Monday, May 8, 2023 at Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40299. We will receive friends and family from noon until the service begins. We would love for you to attend and celebrate Mary's amazing life with us. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Kentucky Humane Society or St Jude Children Research Hospital in honor of Mary C. Banbury.

https://www.kyhumane.org/donate/?utm_medium=grant&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=dd

https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655

Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ *DFAS IS Platform Division purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Banbury.*



DFAS IS Platform Division - May 04, 2023 at 03:54 PM

NK

“ *Dearest Banburys,*

I am so very sorry for your loss.

I cherish my memories of Mary and all of you from our time in Overland Park.

Mary was a wonderful friend. She was caring, generous and had the best sense of humor!

Even though many years have passed, I will never forget the positive impact she had on me and my family. We feel blessed to have known her.

We hold you all in our hearts as you mourn your beloved Mary/mom/grandma.

Love, Nancy Koller

Nancy Koller - May 04, 2023 at 12:20 PM

LD

“ *My best friend forever*

*What can I say about my unpredictable friend,
While not knowing that this was the end.*

*Many things happened over the 57 years,
Now I'm writing this through my tears.*

*There were sleepovers, dances, and bowling,
And unflushable matter that had us howling.*

*We laughed till tears ran down our legs,
And bike rides that ended with broken pegs.*

*There was horseback riding, golf carts, and skiing,
And going to church (wink) but fleeing early.*

*I will miss our three hour calls and late night dinging,
And all of your funny, funny singing.*

*My heart now has a bigger hole,
That will remain until I am old.*

*When my time comes, I hope you and Eric will wait,
Just beyond that big pearly gate.*

*Then our reunion will have a start,
And the healing can then begin in my heart.*

*I love you my beautiful friend,
And I will until the very end.*

Love, Linda

Linda Davis - May 03, 2023 at 10:38 PM

MI

“ *Mary was kind and compassionate and obviously a wonderful Mother and wife and Grandmother. My thoughts are with the entire family during this sad time.*

Marion Van Ingen - May 03, 2023 at 03:19 PM

PB

“ *Mary, always a great pal, you had a way of making yourself understood, even when your views were at odds with others'. I believe Lee became a better person due to your patient, loving coaching. We had so much fun together way back when, and you made every event better. You made the world a better place!*

Paul Banbury - May 02, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 02, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 02, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 02, 2023 at 02:34 AM



“ *Oh mom ... there are so many words in my mind that I want to say, but it's just too hard to get them all down. You were a really, really great mom and truly my best friend. You loved me unconditionally and taught me how to be a great mother and wife. You always had funny stories to share about your situations and life experiences - some funny, some sad, but you always looked at the brighter side of things. You loved your dogs and wine. Family and friends meant everything to you. Crafting was essential! You were taken too early from us and for that I will never understand. I hope you are at peace and can finally breathe. I will always love you and will carry you with me in my heart forever. Rest easy mom.*



Kimberly - May 01, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Hama is when she took me to see my favorite movie at the time (*Dark Shadows*) after I had a bad day. She always listened and cared about the things I said and did. She loved the color yellow, something I also grew to love and we shared. I loved sleepovers at her house as a kid and doing any crafts she had. She was a fantastic Hama and loved us all super deeply and it showed in the way she showed up for us, loved us, and cheered us on. She will be very missed.

Lexie Overstreet - May 01, 2023 at 09:25 PM

SS

“ Sue, Sally, Dick, Rich & Scott purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Banbury.



Sue, Sally, Dick, Rich & Scott - May 01, 2023 at 05:08 PM

YA

“ Your friends and family at Adaptive purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mary Banbury.



Your friends and family at Adaptive - May 01, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 01, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Banbury.*



May 01, 2023 at 09:27 AM