



Mary Richardson

February 13, 2022

Mary Richardson (Penney), age 82, passed away peacefully Feb. 13th, 2022 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Edward (Ned) and her children, Jennifer Richardson Smith (Steve) and Penney Richardson Odell (Mike). Mary had 5 grandchildren who were her pride and joy: Jennifer's daughters Halle and Hannah and Penney's children Jack, Grace and Brooke.

Mary was born on Feb. 5, 1940 in St. Joseph, Missouri and was the only daughter of Lillian and Leon Penney, who preceded her in death. A graduate of the University of Kansas, with a BS degree in education, she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

A longtime resident of Aurora, Ohio, Mary worked as a Corporate Travel Manager before moving to Sarasota, Florida. She embraced retirement, serving as a vice president for the Sarasota Opera Guild, playing in the Nine Hole League at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club, and volunteering for the Episcopal Thrift House, affiliated with the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, where she and Ned were active members. Her greatest passion was working as a Docent at the MOTE Marine Laboratory and Aquarium for 15 years, sharing her knowledge of the ocean and its creatures.

Mary will be remembered for her wicked sense of humor, kindness and devotion to her family. She had a great sense of adventure, which took her on travels around the world with Ned and her children, including the Galapagos Islands, Europe, China, Australia, the Great Barrier Reef and Hawaii.

Service to be held on March 19, 2022 at 12pm at St. James's Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in remembrance of Mary can be made to the MOTE, Marine Laboratory and Aquarium in Sarasota, Florida at <https://tickets.mote.org/donation.aspx?C=TRIB>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT