



Mary Agnes Boland

March 25, 1927 - December 23, 2020

Mary Agnes Boland of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away at the age of 93 on December 23, 2020. Mary was born March 25, 1927, in New London, Connecticut; she was the daughter of the late Mylo C. and Anna J. Keck. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Francis Boland. Mary is survived by her daughters: Annamarie (Rick) Mays, Susan (Mike) King, Brigitte (Jack) Ferrick, and Ginger (Dale) Robertson. Grandchildren include Nicole (Joe), Shane, Kyle (Jenni), Megan (Will), Jack (Sarah), Ethan (Katie), Travis (Rachel), Lauren, Tara (Josh), Eddie (Denisse) and Brett. Great grandchildren include Luke, Zack, Lindsey, Isabel, John, McKinlee, Leah, Riley, Logan and preceded in death, Madison. Mary was a caring, generous wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend to her neighbors and friends.

Mary, daughter of Navy Lieutenant, grew up all over the United States from East Coast to West Coast, her favorite place being San Diego, California. When she was younger, she worked as a soda jerk and would go roller skating in Old Town Alexandria at the Rink. She graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1944 where she was in a sorority. After high school, she worked for United States Mint.

On July 3, 1951 she met her future husband at Glen Echo Park, Maryland at a dance. Arthur dressed in his Marine uniform asked her to dance and told her she had to because it was his birthday. She said, "What a line". He took out his license and showed her it was indeed his birthday. They were married on

January 19, 1952 at the little white church known as St Louis Catholic Church. Once again, Mary would travel, calling home to Pensacola, Florida, and Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; spending time on the golf course or beach. Settling in Alexandria, Virginia. Art and Mary would call Virginia Hills home for 68 years. They raised four daughters and were very active in their schooling, sporting and various activities. Mary was swim team representative for Virginia Hills Swim Club for many years and a timer at meets. She would organize swim-a-thon and her and Art chaperoned many events at the swim club. As the children grew, Mary along with Art helped to organize the Hayfield Athletic Boosters Club and was one of their first presidents. Her husband Art helped build the concession stand with many of the other dads. She spent many nights in the outdoor and indoor concession stand. She opened the indoor concession stand every day for students' afterschool so they could grab something to eat before staying after for studies or sports. They were avid sports fans, especially for wrestling and would host the hospitality room for all the District meets and would travel all over for State Wrestling Meets. During this time, she was an active member of the AVSA African Violet Society of America. AVSA is made up of members around the world. Mary and Art attended yearly conventions around the nation. She would compete with her plants and design. She was a judge, parliamentarian and was elected President of the Society in 1990. At one point, Mary had over 500 plants in her basement. The friendships they made through the Violet Society was dear to her heart. Together, they watched their grandchildren open presents, driving to all four daughters' home on Christmas morning. In later years, they watched the grandchildren play in various little league, high school, and collegiate sports. They were both avid Nationals fans and loved going to John Marshall Library.

Mary was a proud Marine Wife, Mother, Volunteer, and generous individual. She believed that family, especially children come first. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Please contact the family for viewing and funeral service information. The

service will also be live-streamed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the or AVSA PO Box 22417 Beaumont, TX 77720-2417 or Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, Virginia 22172 or online at www.marineheritage.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Mary Agnes Boland



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 05, 2021 at 04:39 PM

SR

Such a beautiful service for a beautiful lady! She will truly be missed. We at African Violet Society of America will miss her and keep her family in her prayers. Sue Ramser, President AVSA

Sue Ramser - January 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM

LM

Beautiful service. Art and Mary's life and love shines through you Ginger. God bless you and your family. Aubrey danced through every hymn! Love always, Lisa

lisa mickey - January 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM

ME

Lovely service. Nice to learn about your Mom. Funny what you were saying about her love of shopping, because the last time I saw her was at Rose Hill Dollar Tree. I always think of your her when I see African violets, and I will always remember her laugh. My sincere condolences for your loss. 💕

Meg - January 08, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ Mary Agnes Boland

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

LC

“ Ginger, Brigitte, Susan and Annamarie ~

My heartfelt condolences to you and your beautiful families! I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to catch up with her at your dad's service -- her mind was as sharp as ever, recounting things from the past that I could barely remember! Still with her wonderful sense of humor, she thoughtfully shared happy memories, even during that difficult time.

Having grown up next door to you all, with Ginger as my best friend, I have such fond memories of your mom! Most vivid is walking into your house and, rather than bolting upstairs to the main living area, I loved walking into her indoor African Violet sanctuary -- it was like being transported into another world where, after my eyes adjusted to the low light, I would find myself surrounded by a room full of these breathtaking beautiful deep purple plants!

Thank you for sharing her service online. I loved hearing the wonderful stories about her and your dad in the early days, especially. I can easily 'see' them dancing in heaven, enjoying each other's company once again :)

Love and peace to you all,

Linda (Bradley) Collier

Linda (Bradley) Collier - January 17, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RW

“ Dear Annamarie, Bridgette, Susan and Ginger,
My sincere sympathy to all of you and your families for the recent loss of your Mother. I have so many wonderful memories of all our years together.

May God grant you all strength to make it through this most difficult time.

God Bless, Hugs to all Rose Wiegel

Rose M. Wiegel - January 06, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.



January 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.



January 04, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.



January 04, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.*



January 04, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.*



January 04, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *The John & Shirley Ferrick Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Agnes Boland.*



The John & Shirley Ferrick Family - January 03, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Your mom was so very proud of her family. Sending all of you the tightest hugs and praying you find comfort in all your precious memories.*



Angie Trijo - January 01, 2021 at 07:43 PM

RB

Annamarie and Family, so sorry to learn of your loss. I wasn't aware your dad had passed too until today. Prayers for everyone. May you find strength in the many memories of such great parents. I never had the privilege of meeting your Mom, but will always remember working with your Dad at the Rosslyn office and then you--many fond memories. Loved the photos shared here, giving a glimpse of the wonderful life they shared. Regards, Rita Buzzanca & John

Rita Buzzanca - January 03, 2021 at 04:22 PM

GW

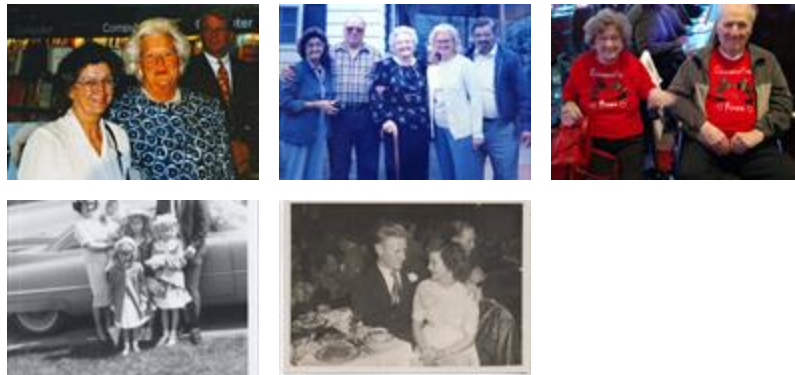
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Ginger White - January 01, 2021 at 03:55 PM

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