



MaryFrances Ronan

September 26, 1942 - January 15, 2024

MaryFrances Tucker Morrow Ronan recently succumbed to a lung disease at the age of 81 and died on January 15, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Peter T. Ronan, who took excellent care of her during her final illness, and for 35 years of marriage before that, and her son Gabriel Morrow and partner, her sister, Christine Gibson, her brother Daniel Tucker and spouse, and many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews and their spouses.

MaryFrances graduated with an Anthropology degree from the University of Florida, where she was selected as a Phi Beta Kappa member and belonged to the Delta Delta Delta Sorority. MaryFrances spent most of her working career as a Reference Archivist at the National Archives in DC, where she had an outstanding career working with Indian and land records. She was highly regarded for her knowledge of the records and guidance of researchers. She made a supreme effort when she retired to leave as much information as possible on the computer and in finding aids for her colleagues so her special knowledge would not be lost.

MaryFrances was always active in various art and crafts. She spent many years as the proprietor of the Johns Mountain Pottery on Everett Springs Road, Calhoun, Georgia. She had an outdoor gas kiln, mixed her own clay and glazes, and won a number of special awards for her work. She exhibited her work at arts and crafts festivals.

She had a group of friends who all collected Vogue Ginny dolls and met periodically to set up scenes together and do arts and crafts. She enjoyed sewing for her dolls and made most of her own clothes for years. She also enjoyed making 1/12 scale miniature scenes such as an attic scene, mountain stream and cabin, 1920s kitchen, and Santa Fe inspired scene.

MaryFrances decided to take piano lessons as an adult and was lucky to engage Elizabeth Buday of Rome, Georgia as her teacher. Mrs. Buday was Hungarian, and her own teachers included some who had directly studied with Beethoven, so she was the best person to study Beethoven sonatas with. She gave master classes to help shape up her students work. MaryFrances used this experience at the piano as a basis for going to graduate school at Cornell and Indiana Universities with a major in Ethnomusicology. However, she ended up later getting a Master's Degrees in History and Archival Science instead.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 23, from 10:00 am until time of service, 11:00 am, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry to learn this. Mary Francis and I were classmates in high school and recently connected on Facebook. She certainly had an interesting life and clearly made an impact on those she knew. She will be missed.

Becky Allen - March 26, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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“ Edward Kirven planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MaryFrances Ronan.

Edward Kirven - March 07, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MaryFrances Ronan.



January 22, 2024 at 04:51 PM

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“ MF was an enthusiastic, intelligent a

thelma.tucker - January 20, 2024 at 08:59 AM

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MF was an enthusiastic,intelligent and artistic woman who enjoyed life She always made me feel appreciated and part of the Tucker clan She will be sorely missed

thelma.tucker - January 20, 2024 at 09:01 AM

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Annette Tucker Sutherland - January 18, 2024 at 08:21 AM