



Mary Frances Haunold

September 21, 1933 - February 21, 2021

Mary Haunold (née Bacchi), age 87, died peacefully on February 21, 2021. She was born in New York City and grew up in an Italian neighborhood in East Harlem, NY. Her parents, Camillo ("Tom") and Frances Bacchi (née Astuto) came to the U.S. from Sicily, Italy, as children in the early 1900s. All of Mary's educational experiences were in New York City, where she graduated from Hunter College, an elite all-women college at that time. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in January 1955, Mary accepted a job as a laboratory technician at the Columbia University Eye Institute, where she worked until 1959. That year, she married Dr. Alfred (Al) Haunold, a research scientist at the University of Nebraska, whom Mary had met years earlier through a mutual friend. Their nearly-five-year, long-distance courtship culminated in marriage at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Mary's home parish in East Harlem. The couple moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where some of their children were born. Sadly, an infant boy died in 1963.

They briefly moved to the Washington, DC area when Al accepted a job with the Smithsonian Institution. Another job offer from the U.S. Department of Agriculture took them to Corvallis, Oregon in 1965. Mary was a full-time homemaker who enjoyed a large number of activities and friendships until age-related problems forced her to slow down. She loved to sing, and performed in many musicals while at college, in Lincoln, and in Corvallis. Mary was an accomplished seamstress, creating many outfits for her children and herself. She enjoyed playing her violin in the Pro Musica Corvallis String

Orchestra. Mary gave freely of her time, volunteering for many activities such as Stone Soup, Fish, and St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir for many years. Health problems and increasing cognitive difficulties mandated care at Willamette Springs Memory Care and from Lumina Hospice until her passing. Mary was beloved by all who knew her. She was gracious, kind, giving, compassionate, wise, colorful, artistic, funny, an exceptional cook, and humble beyond measure. She had a smile that would light up a room.

Mary is survived by Al, her husband of 62 years, and by her children Chris (Jill) of Boise, Idaho; Monica Harbolt (Jim) of Tigard, Oregon; Michelle Lorenz (Bill) of Elk Grove, California; Julie Catala (Reynold) of Albany; Karl (Laurie) of San Jose, California; Erik (Jenn) of Corvallis; and Jennifer Pendergast (Joe) of Longmont, Colorado; as well as 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. The service will be live streamed at <https://tinyurl.com/MaryHaunold> for those who are unable to attend in person. A private graveside interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Donations in Mary's name may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church; the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence; Jackson Street Youth Services; or Lumina Hospice - all in Corvallis.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Corvallis, OR

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Mary over 20 years ago in ProMusica Orchestra and we drove together Wednesday evenings to orchestra rehearsal for many of those years. Mary's warmth, friendliness, sense of humor, merry disposition, compassionate nature and energetic spirit drew people easily into her orbit. I will always cherish the fun memories of sharing a stand with her in the Second Violin section. She will always hold a special place in my heart. My condolences to AI, and the rest of her family. Nancy Pliskin

Nancy Pliskin - March 04, 2021 at 03:10 AM

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“ It was a pleasure and a privilege to know Mary. I shared a stand with her from time to time in Pro Musica, and we shared rides out to Penney's the last few years Mary played with the group. She was always so upbeat, and I will always remember her hearty laugh. May your fondest memories of her carry you through her loss and bring smiles to your hearts.

*Phyllis Bailey
Corvallis*

Phyllis S Bailey - March 01, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing and the loss to her family. I knew Mary from Pro Musica, where she played second violin. She was always cheerful, wanting to know how we were all doing, and made clear her eagerness to face the evening's musical challenges. Her love for life and her family were obvious in her manner and comments and her inclusiveness and friendliness helped make us more of a family. We missed her vitality when she had to stop coming to rehearsals, and I'll miss not being able to be with her again.

Wendy McKee - February 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Mary's family. I met Mary through violin lessons and later played with her in Pro Musica. We both played violin and had so much fun together. Mary was the sweetest, most genuine person I have ever known. She was talented in so many things yet so humble. I will always remember her laugh. She loved her family fiercely and was so proud of her children and grandchildren. I feel blessed to be able to call her my friend. Rest in peace Mary.

Kathy Blaustein, Corvallis

Kathy Blaustein - February 25, 2021 at 03:21 PM