



Mary Anne Nardello

March 6, 1916 - March 22, 2020

Mary Anne Allison Nardello of Corvallis passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the age of 104.

Mary Anne was born to Karl and Lucy Turner Allison, in Richmond, IN, on March 6, 1916. She attended Iowa Wesleyan College where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She married Army Maj (Ret) Charles Nardello, on July 23, 1955. They were married 13 years before he died. While stationed in Turkey, they adopted two babies from Greece. Mary Anne was proud of her work as a bookkeeper and Red Cross secretary, which enabled her to live around the world before settling in Corvallis. She was heavily involved in community organizations including Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Pi Beta Phi. She was a talented china painter, quilter, and an excellent cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, William Allison, her sister, Lucy Hughston, and her son, Michael Nardello. She is survived by her daughter, Caroline Nardello Braatz, (Rob), her beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth and Alexander Braatz, Andrew, Nick and Jared Nardello, and her cherished nieces and nephews. She also loved several special friends who provided support and assistance as she became less independent. Burial will be at the Willamette National Cemetery. No services are planned.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Caroline,
My condolences about your mother. I often think about our neighborhood and the kids you and I grew up with. The memories I have of ‘Mrs. Nardello’ are sweet ones. To live 104 years is a gift! Caroline, I drive through our old neighborhood, remembering every house, each family and the kids who lived there so of course you and yours are always first. First home on the left!
With Love and great memories,
‘Jimmy’ McClenaghan*

Jim McClenaghan - April 12, 2020 at 02:17 PM

BC

*Jimmy,
How nice if you to write! I drive through there too and have the very fondest memories of our (kid) neighbors and their parents and the neighborhood! It was a very special place to grow up. I still love that house. Mom had a long and incredible life. It was so kind of you to write. Hope you and your family are well.
Love,
Caroline*

Braatz Caroline - April 17, 2020 at 12:04 AM

KS

“ *Mary Anne was a truly beautiful soul! We were blessed to have had her in our lives.*

The Schoettger Family

Kim Schoettger - March 30, 2020 at 08:17 PM

PN

“ 2 files added to the album Mary Anne



Patricia Neet - March 26, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JD

“ We send our condolences to the family and will especially treasure our memories of Mary Ann when she visited our home one Christmas eve. She was a beautiful, elegant person and we will always remember her for her vibrant personality and gracious individuality. Jan and John Dill

John Dill - March 26, 2020 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ The Wurscher Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Anne Nardello



The Wurscher Family - March 25, 2020 at 10:03 PM

EL

“ I will remember Mary Anne Nardello as the best Grandma ever. I will always remember my Grandma for accepting and loving me unconditionally. I do not share the same DNA as my Mom or Grandma, but all three of us share the same middle name. I am Elizabeth Anne, and I am proud to be her granddaughter. I have always known that sharing the same DNA does not define a family, it is the love and support one receives. My Grandma is the definition of hard-working and persistent, which also happens to be key characteristics of myself. I will remember my Grandma for standing outside of the box and allowing her knowledge and curiosity to never end. My Grandma always told me how proud of me she was, and it will forever be my life's goal to continue to make her proud. I miss you very much, Grandma.

Love,
Elizabeth Anne

Elizabeth - March 24, 2020 at 07:44 PM

SB

“ Sue Ann Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mary Anne Nardello



Sue Ann Bowman - March 24, 2020 at 05:54 PM

PN

“ Mary Anne was an extraordinary lady with an appreciation for the finer things in life. She was always dressed "to the nines" and had quite a collection of shoes and handbags to go with her many outfits. She was a strong woman who was very intelligent and would not hesitate to share her opinion, usually gracefully. She loved her family and friends and was young at heart. She appreciated a good martini and was quick to point out a nice-looking man. Mary Anne your smile and wit will be missed by many.

Patricia Neet - March 24, 2020 at 05:27 PM

AS

“ I will remember Mary Anne as a true lady who took pride in always being perfectly coiffed. I would liken her to the Queen as she held court wearing a lovely ensemble with matching hat and handbag. But Mary Anne was no powderpuff. She appeared classy, cultured and refined on the outside; the epitome of a stalwart representative of the DAR. In truth Mary Anne was a strong woman who not only raised her two children but the children of her brother. Many of the years she performed this task as a single parent after the loss of her husband Charles. My favorite memory of Mary Anne is of her enjoying what she loved most: a dinner with her family and friends, wearing a bib for her BBQ'ed ribs, and hoisting a martini. I will miss you.

Ange Sobiegraj - March 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM