



Mary Jane Weber

March 28, 1933 - December 4, 2024

Mary Jane (Gibson) Weber passed away peacefully in Corvallis on Dec. 4, 2024. Her husband of 65 years, Dale Weber, was by her side.

A memorial service celebrating Mary Jane's life will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20, at OSU's CH2M HILL Alumni Center.

Mary Jane was born in Keithsburg, IL to parents Lucille and Fay Gibson. In her early years near Letts, Iowa, she graduated from Letts High School with her senior class of 12 students. Her passion for music and dream of teaching led to her studies in music education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. President of her sorority, Theta Upsilon (now Delta Zeta), she earned her degree in 1955.

Mary Jane met Dale through a close friend who taught with him at Bettendorf (Iowa) High School. They married on March 29, 1959, in Letts at Letts Methodist Church. The couple began married life on their family farm near Geneseo, Ill. while Mary Jane performed as a pianist, taught music and eventually welcomed into the world their daughter Faye.

In 1967, the family moved to Ames, Iowa where Dale conducted his graduate studies in Animal Science at Iowa State University while Mary Jane continued teaching music. Dale often stated that Mary Jane's work in music put him

through grad school. After Dale completed his studies at ISU, they moved to River Falls, Wisc. for Dale's job as a professor of Animal Science at UW-River Falls. In 1976, the family headed west to Corvallis where Dale taught and conducted research at Oregon State University for more than 45 years.

A member of Grace Lutheran Church, Mary Jane loved the Corvallis area and was renowned for her commitment to helping others in the community. She volunteered for the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Gift Shop and also served three-plus terms as president of the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. She was recognized for having volunteered more than 16,000 hours – the most in the hospital's history.

Mary Jane enjoyed live music performances at OSU and in Portland. She loved traveling with family and friends throughout the U.S. and abroad, especially in Germany and Switzerland. She was very engaged with her two grandsons' academics and sports.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, her brother James Gibson and her sister Sally Kendall. She is survived by her husband Dale, daughter Faye Abbes, son-in-law Ron Abbes, grandsons Christopher and Matthew Abbes and several nieces and nephews.

The family kindly suggests donations in Mary Jane's memory be made to Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation (give.samhealth.org) or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (PT)

CH2M HILL Alumni Center
725 SW 26th St.
Corvallis, OR 97331

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Krimhilde and Garry Roth-Strong lit a candle in memory of Mary Weber*



Krimhilde and Garry Roth-Strong - December 20, 2024 at 09:41 PM

WF

“ *Wendel Roth-Strong and Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Weber*



Wendel Roth-Strong and Family - December 20, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KR

“ *I was fortunate to spend some time with Aunt Mary this past August. I will always remember her as a kind and generous woman with a good sense of humor. One of my earliest memories took place at grandma's house when the two sisters--Aunt Mary and my mom--played music together. My mom played the piano and, at that time, Aunt Mary played drums. What a great sound! Aunt Mary was quite talented and blessed with a beautiful singing voice as well. Thank you, Aunt Mary, for the memories. 😊❤️*

Kathy Rick - December 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

ER

“ *The world works in mysterious ways. Following the first snowfall at our new home on Grant Ave, we observed that several neighbors seemed to shovel their sidewalks more readily than others. Turns out we had landed amidst a small cluster of fellow lowans. Wilder still that Mary Jane had been our childhood music teacher at Meeker Elementary school in Ames, Iowa. How fortunate to have such lovely neighbors here in Oregon, to live in a community where people like Mary Jane always had a kind word, a friendly smile and a willingness to encourage others on their path. I'll always think of her waving on the driveway amid the many beautiful roses.*

Ella Rhoades - December 09, 2024 at 05:30 PM

ER

“ *Ella Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Mary Weber*



Ella Rhoades - December 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

GP

“ *You were a wonderful music teacher to me, Gary. So thankful Mary could sing at our wedding back in 1966. We will never forget the memories and her talent.
Blessings to the family, Gary/Joan Polfliet Bettendorf, IA*

Gary Polfliet - December 07, 2024 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ We remember going over the hill and winding through the cow pasture down the back way to your farm near Geneseo for piano lessons. It felt like Brigadoon!

She had so much patience with young struggling piano players.

We loved seeing you all drive by in the VW bug!

We all remember Mary Jane playing the organ at church.

It is so sad to hear of losing another one from “ the greatest generation”

The “Weber Girls”

Lynn, Reneé, & Sue

Sue Janusz - December 06, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MW

My condolences to you and your family, Faye. Looks like your mom lived an amazing life.

Mark Woodburn - December 19, 2024 at 01:57 PM