



Mary Anne Rodriguez

August 30, 1932 - March 22, 2020

Mary Anne Rodriguez, age 87, of Wilmington, DE, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, March 22, 2020. Mary Anne treasured her family (including her beloved dachshunds) and was deeply devoted to them her entire life. She was born in Battle Creek, Michigan and grew up on a farm. She spoke fondly of the simple life she shared with her parents, grandparents, and siblings.

She met her husband, Ruben, in Kalamazoo, Michigan and shared 64 years of marriage together. Mary Anne graduated with a degree in Education and taught middle school in Puerto Rico for many years. An avid reader and lifelong learner, Mary Anne could always be found with a book in her hand. She enjoyed writing stories about her dachshunds and her time growing up in Michigan, which she shared proudly with family and friends. She enjoyed classical music and was an accomplished pianist, often found behind the organ at church or entertaining her grandchildren with a song. Mary Anne was a true treasure, a selfless woman of unlimited compassion whose love and support for her family was of utmost importance her entire life. She will be deeply missed.

Mary Anne is survived by her beloved husband, Rev. Ruben Rodriguez-Yejo; sons: Kevin Rodriguez (Jann), Ruben J. Rodriguez (Sophia), and David Rodriguez (Angela); grandchildren: Michael (Angelique), Matthew, Hayley, Alex, Javy, Tony, Jennifer, Marielle, Aden, and Abiel; and siblings: Harry

Hallenbeck (Lora), Kathleen Miihlbach (Dale), and James “Jim” Hallenbeck; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Joe Hallenbeck (Marge).

Services and burial will be private. To send an online condolence visit, www.stranofeeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *My condolences go out to the Rodriguez family during this time of loss.*

Ryan Costello - March 26, 2020 at 11:58 AM

 Doreen Hartman

“ *Ruben, Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I am very sorry for your loss.*

In sympathy,

Doreen Hartman

Doreen Hartman - March 26, 2020 at 09:09 AM

SG

“ *Kevin and family, our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. What a beautiful lady Mary Anne was. She touched many lives and lived a full life. No doubt she is dancing with the Angels. May the memories that you all hold dearly give you the strength you need to continue on. With our deepest sympathies, Ski and Jim Bob*



Ski Golden - March 25, 2020 at 07:30 AM

AS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of this beautiful lady , good memories I have of her back in the seventies while she worked at Colegio San Judas in my home town of Ponce ,PR as my English teacher . I have to say and I know it's not only me that she is the reason why I can talk , write and express myself in this language and helped me to go through interviews in the US and companies in Puerto Rico . On my first interview for a lab job in Florida in 1990 , first time in the US , the Lab Director asked me about my English , he was pretty amazed , and I said , thanks to the best English teacher , MRS Hallebeck , GOD BLESS HER . 🙏🌸❤️

ANA SANTAELLA - March 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM

SR

“ Mary Anne thank you for being a good mother-in-law, and quietly sharing your wisdom just by the way you carried yourself. Thank you for raising a good man, my husband Ruben. Thank you for being a loving grandmother to Javy, Tony, and Jenny. They will always cherish the times with you and remember you every time they look through the beautiful memory albums you made for them. Thank you for always being there for us as a family. I know you will continue to watch over my children up from heaven. Rest in peace and know that you will always live in hearts. We love you!
Sophia

Sophia Rodriguez - March 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM

KR

“ You were there for me in the good times as well as the bad times. Will always remember our days together as I grew up on the island of Puerto Rico. Many laughs as we zipped through the country side in that blue VW.

Thanks for the memories and your unconditional love. Loved our talks in the last days. It goes without saying; “Will love you always”
Kevin

Kevin Rodriguez - March 24, 2020 at 01:23 PM

MS

So sorry for your loss brother. Continued prayers for you and family. No Doubt

Mike Shaffer - March 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM

DO

Kevin, I just buried my second mom last week, she was 85 and a treasure. The sting will be there for awhile slowly changing to fond memories you will begin to console yourself with. Moms are treasures when they leave a wealth of longing to their loved ones.

Feeling your pain buddy.

Prayers for you and the Rodriguez family

Dan Menefee 0 - March 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM

OC

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR YOUR Loss!! She taught me english in PR. I learned a lot with her in primary and junior high school. Orlando Cintrón and three other siblings.

Orlando Cintrón - March 24, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LN

Mrs. Hallenbeck, as we all knew her at the parish school where I studied in Ponce in the 70s (Colegio San Judas Tadeo), was an exemplary mentor, a woman of exceeding kindness and a loving, immensely gifted teacher. I studied English with her from 4th through 8th grade. Generous, patient, creative, she shared with her students a passion for language learning, a love of her culture and the gift of music and the arts as means to cultivate our language skills and our poetic imagination. I remember every song and poem she taught us, every play we perform, every lesson she taught. But I cherish, above all, the memory of her luminous presence and deep kindness. I am now a Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University. In my first book, a doctoral dissertation written in her mother tongue I acknowledged her with gratitude and fondness. It could not have been written without her. May she rest In peace and may God bless her family in this moment of sorrow and thanksgiving!

Luis M. Girón Negrón

Luis M. Girón Negrón - March 24, 2020 at 06:27 PM

OC

So sorry for your loss and the loss of the whole family and relatives. She was an excellent teacher. Very dedicated to her profession that was her vocation really. Me Orlando Cintrón and my siblings learned English language with her. We sang, we dance and we wrote english because of her. Was a great privilege for us to get Mrs. Hallenbeck as a teacher in the late seventies in Ponce, PR. Very good memories from her. She should be with God right now, in arena with flying colors.

Orlando Cintrón - March 24, 2020 at 06:35 PM

DT

Grace an peace is for you now, blessed to have her as a mom , truly more than any of us will know

David Turner - March 25, 2020 at 06:36 AM