



Mary Ann Gallenstein

October 2, 2022

Mary Ann Gallenstein, age 79, of Monroeville, passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Beloved wife of Joseph Gallenstein; loving mother of Jay (Kristine) Gallenstein and Megan Gallenstein; adoring grandmother of Jay Jr. and Willem Gallenstein; dear sister of Emily (Leonard) LoSciuto. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Elma Rish. Mary Ann met her loving husband while receiving her master's degree in Piano Pedagogy from The Ohio State University. They brought out the best in each other and made a great team raising two children. After moving to Monroeville, she began teaching piano and sharing her love of music with the many students she taught over her years as a private piano teacher. She enjoyed playing tennis with friends and was an avid theater goer. She loved travel, particularly visiting her grandchildren in Arizona. She had a remarkable way of making the things she created beautiful. Every summer she tended her flowers with care. If you ever received a present from Mary Ann, she wrapped it so beautifully you wouldn't want to open it. Mary Ann was a committed and loyal friend who touched the lives of so many people. She will be remembered for her loving heart, wonderful smile and contagious laugh. She was truly a gift to all who knew her. Family and friends will be received Friday, October 21, 2022, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.corifuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ I met Mary Ann years ago while shopping in Monroeville. She approached me saying she knew me from attending North American Martyrs parish & working in the Monroeville tax office. One thing led to another and we ended up hiring Megan as an intern for a few summers in the tax office. What a lovely mother & daughter team! I was very fortunate to have known them both and was shocked to hear of Mary Ann’s passing. My heartfelt condolences to the family. I will remember her with a twinkle in her eye & always a big smile on her face.

Janet Weisberg - October 23, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“Mrs. Gallenstein will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the many lives she inspired. I am one of those lives who will be eternally grateful to Mrs. Gallenstein for inspiring me and playing a pivotal role in who I am and what I do for a living. Mrs. Gallenstein provided unconditional support and passion for teaching children piano. My brothers and I all took lessons from her for countless years. Her approach was one-of-a-kind. While helping to build confidence, she also taught responsibility. Practice does not make perfect, but practice is the ‘key’ to development and advancement. As a music therapist and piano teacher, it is not difficult to know when a student/client has not practiced. On many occasions, she would very patiently ask me if I practiced during the week. I would always smile and say ‘of course I did’ – she knew that I didn’t. In addition to being one of her students, Mrs. Gallenstein trusted me to watch over her children for years. She was beyond clever and tactful, before leaving for date night, she would remind me that the piano was there for playing and suggested that I practice while the kids were eating dinner or watching a movie. It is not uncommon to hear adults say that they were forced as a child to learn the piano and that they hated it. Although I may not have always practiced the pieces she assigned, I played every day - because of her! Mrs. Gallenstein motivated me to follow my passion even when I thought I was not good. For me, piano lessons with Mrs. Gallenstein were more than just learning how to play the piano; they were also about overcoming fear, being completely vulnerable and taking a step toward playing with confidence. Because of her influence, I earned a BA in music and then became a Board-Certified Music Therapist. Each and every day I utilize what she taught me and strive to make a difference in the lives of children just as she did for me. Mrs. Gallenstein will always have a special place in my heart and her memory and legacy will continue on through each and every life she inspired.

Katie Harrill - October 12, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DT

“ Words are difficult to come. Mary Ann was a gem! A tennis partner, piano teacher to my daughters, and mostly a dear, dear loyal friend. She leaves a hole left in a broken heart. There was never anyone who was more organized! Balancing family, teaching, tennis, and social activities. And she wrapped a gift that was toooo pretty to open! Her flowers were plentiful and so colorful! I will miss my annual birthday song played on her piano. Lunches. Phone conversations. Her smile and laughter. My deepest sympathies to Joe, Jay, Megan, Emily, JJ, Will, family and friends. Mary Ann will be so missed. ❤️

Dona Todarello - October 09, 2022 at 03:25 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Gallenstein taught me piano for 13 years when I lived in Monroeville. I was greatly looking forward to running into her over the holidays this year to share with her that I was finally able to purchase a piano of my own in my new home. She gave me a gift that I get to carry with me for the rest of my life. I will think of her every time that I play. Thank you Mrs. Gallenstein, I will miss you.

Alex Berardino - October 07, 2022 at 10:01 PM

CG

“ Joe, Jay, Meg and Emily...My heart is broken at the passing of your wife, mother and sister. Mary Ann and I were roommates at Ohio State in Bradley Hall and lifelong friends. She was kind, creative, accomplished and one of the funniest people I have ever known. Joe, I remember how happy she was when she met you, how excited she was when Jay and Meg were born...and then the joy of the grand babies. I will miss Mary Ann's positive energy and contagious laugh. She made the world a better place for us all. Sharing in your sadness. Carolyn Whittington Gillie

Carolyn Gillie - October 07, 2022 at 07:51 AM

BH

“ *Dear Joe and family
We are so sorry for your loss. We think fondly of Mary Ann patiently teaching our children, attending recitals she arranged and enjoying breakfast with you both at Paneras after church. Please accept our deepest sympathies.
Betty and Paul Haley*

Betty and Paul Haley - October 07, 2022 at 07:38 AM

CG

“ *Joe, Jay, Meg, Emily....My heart is broken for all of you on Mary Ann's passing. Mary Ann and I were roommates at Ohio State and part of each other's lives. She was kind, creative, accomplished, and one of the funniest people I have ever known. I remember when she met you Joe, and her excitement when Jay & Meg were born. And then the grand babies and more joy. Please know I am thinking of all of you. Her spirit was contagious and her love for all of you fierce.
Sharing in your sadness. Carolyn Whittington Gillie*

carolyn gillie - October 06, 2022 at 09:20 PM

BF

“ *Of all of Mary Ann's students 2 of my sons were her students. I remember her telling me at the time, many years ago "if we can just get them past the age of 13 they'll be great pianists. We made it!
Thank you Mary Ann and may you rest in peace. With our deepest sympathy. Frand/Wagner Family*

Barbra Frand - October 06, 2022 at 09:47 AM

YT

“ Thank you for allowing us the honor of caring for Mary. The loss of a loved one is never easy, but know our care remains here for you and your family through your grief. We hope we can offer comfort and strength during this difficult time of loss. With heartfelt sympathy, Your ProMedica Hospice Team.

Your ProMedica Hospice Team - October 04, 2022 at 01:10 PM

BN

“ Mary Ann was always so kind and thoughtful. Her family and music was her world. It was an honor to be her friend.

Beatrice Nyilas-Brcic - October 03, 2022 at 08:51 PM