



Mary Anne Heffernan

October 11, 1944 - February 21, 2018

Albany – Mary Anne Heffernan passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Mary Anne was a beloved wife, guide, teacher, and friend of William V. Law, and is remembered with love by all those whose lives she touched.

She survived 30 years on kidney dialysis and became an expert on this process, helping other patients and was involved with their rights and welfare. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Phyllis Tacelli Heffernan. She grew up on Partridge St. in Albany near New Scotland Ave. She graduated from St. Teresa of Avila for grade school and junior high and from Vincentian Institute in 1962. She went on to graduate from the College of Saint Rose in 1966 and became an English teacher in the Albany area, retiring from Albany High School. She was the first woman radio announcer on a beautiful music station, WSHS, and then went on to work at WKLI.

In addition to her husband, she will be sorely missed by her entire family, including her brother Neil Heffernan, wife Mary and their daughters Amy Citone (Heffernan), Jayne Scanni (Heffernan), Erin Smith (Heffernan) and son John Heffernan. She is also survived by 3 grandnieces and 4 grandnephews, also survived by many other cousins.

A celebration and remembrance of the life, soul, and psyche of this magnificent woman will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Albany followed by her Funeral Mass at 11:00 am.

The Rite of Committal will be held in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul Church)
Corner of Yates and Ontario Streets
Albany, NY

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul Church)
Corner of Yates and Ontario Streets
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *She was my teacher at Albany high School in English and I loved her loved loved and she loved me when I would miss a test she would have me write a poem to make up for the test she touched my heart in so many ways and was such a big influence on me I've been thinking about her a lot lately sad to see that she is gone I just wanted anyone to know family that this woman was amazing*

Biagina Lounello - March 24, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *Mary Anne Heffernan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MF

“ *Bill, I just read of the passing of Mary Ann. I realize it's been almost 3 years since. I am so very sorry. I know exactly what you have been going thru. I lost my wife, Joyce to cancer just 3 weeks prior to Mary Ann's passing. I think of you often Bill, and wonder what you're up to. We shared some good times back in our radio days. Mike Foster*

Mike Foster - January 02, 2021 at 06:40 PM

WL

“ Mavourneen,

Today 08/11/2019 is our 35th wedding anniversary. Although my existence becomes more vacant and meaningless each day without you, I know in my heart that one sacred day we will be together to continue our fabulous Journey consciously together in a love that is more than love for eternity

Bill

William Law - August 11, 2019 at 04:52 PM

WL

“ Mavourneen,

Today 08/11/2019 is our 35th wedding anniversary. Although my existence becomes more vacant and meaningless each day without you, I know in my heart that one sacred day we will be together to continue our fabulous Journey consciously together in a love that is more than love for eternity

Bill

William Law - August 10, 2019 at 11:49 AM

BL

“ *Beloved Mary Anne,
On this Thanksgiving Day I post these words.
Not mine originally but very appropriate.*



Bill

*"Thank you for the days,
Those endless days, those sacred days you gave me.
I'm thinking of the days,
I won't forget a single day, believe me.*

*I bless the light,
I bless the light that shines on you believe me.
And though you're gone,
You're with me every single day, believe me."*

Sir Ray Davies

Bill Law - November 21, 2018 at 03:57 PM

KK

“ *Mary Anne was a long time member of the Capital District Chapter
of the St. Rose Alumni Association. She will be greatly missed by
many. May she rest in peace.*

Kathleen Kieffer - March 06, 2018 at 10:22 PM

JH

“ *She will be missed. I remember her well from
CSR and the laughs we had in the Campus
Center. May she rest in peace.!*



Jean Hart - March 06, 2018 at 11:13 AM

JO

“ *Mary Anne and I taught together in the English Department at Albany High. She certainly fought the great fight with her kidney failure problems. She was a pleasure to know and work with during her time at school. I was so sorry to hear of her passing and sorry as well for your loss.*

Janet O'Brien

Janet O'Brien - March 05, 2018 at 10:26 AM

CB

“ *I taught English with Mary for many years and have fond memories of our time together. I am saddened by her passing.*

Cheryl Bentley

cheryl bentley - March 05, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KE

“ *Very sad to read about Mary Anne's passing. May she rest in peace.*

Kathleen Economides - March 04, 2018 at 07:20 AM