



Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau

August 26, 1951 - July 26, 2018

Mary Frances (Knowles) Trudeau died peacefully, surrounded by her family, after a brief battle with lung cancer on Thursday, July 26th, 2018, in Falls Church, VA. She was born in Sayre, PA on August 26th, 1951, the daughter of Walter D. and Mary Ellen (Reilly) Knowles, both deceased. Mary attended Epiphany School, Notre Dame High School and graduated from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. She was a teacher throughout the Syracuse, NY area and taught art at SRU High School in East Smithfield, PA.

A modern-day Renaissance woman, Mary was an avocational archaeologist, horsewoman, wildcrafter, quilter, history buff, avid gardener and excellent cook, among many other things. People were drawn to her. Strangers opened up to her and told their life-stories. She could meet and make new friends anywhere. Many students called her "Mom." It was evident upon meeting her that she had a lot of wisdom and love to share.

Mary is survived by her husband, Claude Trudeau; her son, Joseph Trudeau, his wife, Amy, and grandchildren, Alison and Sean, of Elbridge, NY; her daughter, Jeannelle (Trudeau) Nuñez, and her husband, Charles Edward, of Montgomery Village, MD; her brother, John Knowles, and his wife, Sharon, of Biglerville, PA; her brother, Walter Knowles, and partner, Diane Mountjoy, of Burke, VA ; and brother, William Knowles, of Sayre, PA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Requiem Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of the Epiphany, in Sayre, PA, on Friday, August 3rd, 2018. Visitation hour will begin at 9am followed by a funeral Mass at 10am. Burial will take place immediately after at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery in Ridgebury, PA. Donations may be directed to your local food bank. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, Sayre, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery

Ridgebury, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

BG

“ Mary was my partner in equine admiration! She's one of the reasons I grew up with horses and had one most of my life. Her mother was one of my mother's best friends and they taught school together for many years.

We rode horse together and in later years, kept in touch. She was the big sister I always wanted and I loved her dearly. Sadly, we lost touch in the mid 2000's and I will regret that forever. RIP my sweet, talented, beautiful, precious friend.

Bonnie Bon Giorno - February 27, 2022 at 08:51 PM

EM

“ Jeanelle, you and the family have our deepest sympathy. Part of our garden is dedicated to her sweetness and generosity and enthusiasm, with some of the beautiful shells she gave us. One of our kitties seems to enjoy resting on or against her shells on our porch, too. That way we feel as though she is here with us.

You and the family were so very important to her, and your happiness was hers as well. It is wonderful that all of you could be together in the last weeks to love and support her.

Gary Loudan and Ellie McDowell-Loudan

Ellis McDowell-Loudan - August 02, 2018 at 03:30 PM

DM

“ So sorry to read this--she was my art teacher at SRU back in the 70's and I remember her as being so pretty and fashionable. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace, Miss Knowles.

Deanna Strobe McIntyre

Deanna McIntyre - August 01, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Knowles Trudeau.*



July 31, 2018 at 09:42 PM



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Jeannelle Nunez - July 31, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *John and I are sorry to see that Mary has passed away. We hadn't seen her in many years, but still remember attending her wedding. It makes me smile to remember the purchase of their first home on Loder St in Waverly, which I believe she told me they paid about \$3,000 for. Talk about a fixer upper! I can still remember her painting the outside of the house, taking advantage of the time in the sun to work on her tan...not many women back then would paint to begin with, but doing it in a bathing suit! She was gorgeous! My memories of her are sparse, but I always felt that she was one of the kindest, friendliest, most unassuming women I have ever met. We are so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace.*

*Sincerely,
Mary and John Schmieg
Charlotte, NC*

Mary Schmieg - July 31, 2018 at 12:57 PM

DS

*Clayde, my pld friend, very sorry to hear about your wife, s passing.
Take Care ol buddy-been a long time!*

Dean Stroud - August 01, 2018 at 08:46 AM

TS

My sympathies to my friends from long ago

tim sink - August 01, 2018 at 08:21 PM

EW

Clayde so so sorry for your loss. Earl Watson

Earl Watson - August 03, 2018 at 12:31 PM