



Mary J. Sherrill

October 17, 1949 - April 18, 2021

Mary J. Sherrill (known to her friends as MJ), age 71, of Herscher, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born October 17, 1949 in Bremerton, WA, the daughter of James H. & Dolores Ann Ohm Williams.

She was a 1967 graduate of Elizabeth Forward High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Business Administration Management degree from New York Institute of Technology in August of 2000.

Mary married Charles D. Sherrill on April 3, 1971 in McKeesport, PA.

Always an individual with a personality deeper and more complex than most realized, she possessed an extraordinary musical talent; an excellent voice and the ability to bring a group of quasi-talented voices into a magnificent choir.

Her spirituality was beyond the traditional religious driven ones and her life was a testimony to her concern and care for others.

Instrumental in raising two nephews, Lance and James Williams, along with her own daughter, Cristin Kersten, she rose rapidly through PepsiCo as a Sales and Distribution Manager, achieving selection to the Chairman's Ring of Honor in 2014.

Surviving are her daughter, Cristin Kersten of Buckingham; two brothers, Robert (Yvonne) Williams of Greensburg, PA, John Williams (Pam Malone) of Corona Riverside County, CA, and sister-in-law Janet Williams of North Huntingdon, PA. She was the proud grandmother of four grandchildren,

Megan Kersten, Joshua Kersten, Sarah Kersten, and Johnathan “JJ” Kersten; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great aunts and uncles as well as numerous cousins. Also surviving is her husband, Charles of Canfield, OH.

Anyone who knew her knew, she loved her dogs Cooper and Tucker who she would proudly refer to as “her boys.”

She was a caring and charismatic person to all.

Free from pain and secure in the knowledge that she was loved as few others, she will be a constant part of so many lives.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents; two infant sisters; two brothers, Don and Paul Williams; and one sister-in-law, Arlene Williams.

Private burial will be held at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Herscher.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Herscher, IL

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers to MJ's family. She truly was one of the best people I have had the pleasure of knowing*

Steve Grinstead - May 05, 2021 at 08:45 PM

MP

“ *From the first time I meet her she was always so pleasant and loved to joke around with you. My prayers for peace go to Cristin and her kids.*

Michele Perry - April 22, 2021 at 08:23 PM

JP

“ *MJ was a great friend and co-worker she will be sorely missed.. My prayers go out to her family during this time.*

Jason Parsons - April 22, 2021 at 08:31 AM

HS

“ *MJ was a great person, she will be missed.*

Heidi S - April 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM

KL

“ *Kelly Loughry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary J. Sherrill*



Kelly Loughry - April 20, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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“ Kelly Loughry lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Sherrill



Kelly Loughry - April 20, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RL

“ Roger Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Sherrill



Roger Lewis - April 20, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Sherrill



Susan - April 20, 2021 at 10:25 AM

SU

Mrs. Sherrill was a very good person, she will be deeply missed.

Susan - April 20, 2021 at 10:26 AM

SW

MJ was "one" very special person. My deepest sympathy to her family. She will always hold a place in my heart for the kindness, compassion, laughter, friendship and incredible memories she gave to me.

Sue Wess - April 20, 2021 at 12:26 PM

AN

I have so many fond memories of MJ and I am very grateful to have known such a wonderful person.

Andrew

Andrew - April 20, 2021 at 05:00 PM



There was never a time when I spoke to MJ that I can't remember a smile or a laugh. Never one afraid to tell you how it was. If you wanted to hear it like it was, just ask MJ. I could not have said it better, I'm too am grateful to have known such a wonderful person as MJ. Jason

Jason Baugh - April 21, 2021 at 09:27 PM