



Mrs. Mary Jo Feldhaus

October 25, 1928 - December 15, 2013

Mrs. Mary Jo Walsh Feldhaus, age 85, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2013.

She was born in Nashville on October 25, 1928 to the late Mary Jo Landry Walsh and Charles A. Walsh. She is a graduate of St. Cecelia Academy and attended Peabody College. While in college, she met her late husband, Dr. Henry Feldhaus, Jr. who preceded her in death in 1988. The two immediately became lifetime friends as they worked through life together for 45 years. They began their lives in Nashville while he was a medical student at Vanderbilt and then moved to Grand Rapids, MI for his residency. After four years in Grand Rapids, they moved to Shelbyville where he practiced medicine for 40 years while she supported him with care and love for their family by hauling horse trailers, ski boats, and countless dogs and cats all over Middle Tennessee. After his death, she began working as a travel agent in Shelbyville at Celebration Travel and then worked at Bedford County General Hospital in outpatient care, comforting everyone who walked through the door.

Education was always a top priority for her, and she encouraged all of her family members and friends to learn everything possible, both in the classroom and in their everyday lives. She served on the Bedford County Board of Education for 12 years, and this led to many interesting

conversations around the kitchen table at night with her County Commissioner husband.

She experienced joy in life as she looked for the positive in everyone she encountered and found beauty in everyday that she lived. She cultivated that joy in her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Feldhaus, in 1963 and a sister Jean Walsh Hornberger in 1980.

She is survived by six children: Henry Feldhaus, III and his wife Jenni; Charlie Feldhaus and his wife Imelda; David Feldhaus and his wife Pam; Mary Jo Johnson and her husband Michael, all of Shelbyville; Dr. Julia Ann Hypes and her husband Dr. Mike Hypes of Morehead, KY; Steve Feldhaus and his wife Jennifer of Shelbyville; eighteen grandchildren: Jay Paquin and his wife Gina of Arkansas Pass, TX; Charlie Feldhaus, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Tomball, TX; Michael Johnson, Jr. and his wife Amanda of Knoxville; Dr. Jennifer Feldhaus of Shelbyville; David Feldhaus, Jr. and his wife Erin of Murfreesboro; Mary Jo Johnson of Murfreesboro; Dr. LauraAnne Stewart and her husband Wade of Cartersville, GA; William Feldhaus of Shelbyville; Andrew Feldhaus and his wife Samantha of Shelbyville; John Feldhaus of Huntsville, AL; Melissa Johnson of Murfreesboro; Anna Feldhaus of the Flat Creek Community; Katie Feldhaus of Nashville; Matthew Johnson of Shelbyville; Henry Feldhaus, IV of Shelbyville; Kayla, Blake, and Scott Feldhaus of Shelbyville; her sister Milanne Burns of Shelbyville; and five great-grandchildren: Heidi, Karlee, Gabe, Stephen, and Hattie Jo.

Visitation will be held at St. Williams Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 17, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m., with a Funeral Mass to follow. Father Richard Gagnon will officiate. Burial will be held at Willow Mount Cemetery on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Williams Catholic Church, the Argie Cooper Library Building Fund, The Webb School Concession Stand Building Fund, or the charity of your choice.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Carriage House and Hospice Compassus for their devotion, love, and exceptional care of Mimi.

Cemetery Details

Willow Mount Cemetery

321 Dover Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Tribute Wall



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Feldhaus family. My condolences to you. May you find peace during this time of sorrow.

Brandon Compton - December 17, 2013 at 08:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Jo Feldhaus.



December 17, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ My first memory of Mimi was spending Easter afternoon at her house. Having no family in Shelbyville I was glad to be invited. At first I figured that I would just blend in with the 30 plus family and friends that were there but the truth is that I was welcome, not just invited. Mimi and her family always welcomed us and you felt it. I have many memories of Easters and other occasions there and Mimi was always the same wonderful person with the same wonderful way. Miss you Mimi.

David Young - December 17, 2013 at 09:24 AM



“ Roy W. Stewart Family purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Mrs. Mary Jo Feldhaus.



Roy W. Stewart Family - December 16, 2013 at 04:34 PM

MF

“ Marie Feldhaus and Family purchased the Holiday Homecoming Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Jo Feldhaus.



Marie Feldhaus and Family - December 16, 2013 at 03:21 PM

JG

“ David, Pam, Mary Jo, Michael, family,

I regret a prior commitment at church will preclude our attending your Mom's visitation/funeral, but want you to know we're praying for you. Our personal grief notwithstanding, it is hard to even imagine what it must be like for a child of God to go home at Christmas.

Sincerely,

Julian and Betty goodpaster

Julian/Betty Goodpaster - December 16, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Jo Feldhaus.



December 16, 2013 at 12:51 PM

LW

“ Dear family, I'm hurting for you as I read the news of your loss. Mimi was more than a mother, grandmother or greatgrandmother to your family, she was an extension of love, joy and acceptance to me and everyone she met. Her heart could always stretch a little more to include the next stranger she met and call him her friend. Her smile could light up a room and her laughter contagious! She taught by example and earned the respect of all who knew her. I remember when Julia Ann brought me into her home when we were in high school I couldn't get over her "laid back" attitude and the revolving door that continually brought young people into the Feldhaus home. It was the type of place I wanted to be because I always felt special and at home. Mimi will be missed but for those whose lives she touched, she leaves a legacy to be ranked alongside the Saints of old. Cry only happy tears, family. Love, Lesley Rhodes Ward

Lesley Rhodes Ward - December 16, 2013 at 12:05 PM



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December 16, 2013 at 11:04 AM