



Mary Beth Crafts

September 4, 1941 - February 19, 2021

Mary Beth Crafts, nee Mary Elizabeth Amend, was born September 4, 1941 in New York City (Manhattan). Her parents were Edward R. and Kathryn Quinlan Amend of the Bronx. At the age of two, Mary Beth moved with her parents to Bayside (Queens) where she attended Sacred Heart Grammar School. Following her high school graduation from The Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica Estates, the family moved to Slingerlands, NY, a suburb of Albany. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, from the College of St. Rose in Albany, she was employed as a claim's representative by the Social Security Administration, training first in the Albany District office, and then returning to Queens to work in the Flushing District Office. In 1968, she was promoted to a budget analyst position at Social Security Headquarters in Woodlawn, MD.

In 1973, she married Walter Crafts, a telecommunications specialist with the Social Security Administration. They purchased a home in the Ten Hills Community in Baltimore City which was their permanent residence until June of 2005. In 1974, she became a stay-at-home Mom on the birth of their son, Walter Michael. Daughter, Susan Elizabeth followed in 1978. During this time, she received a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the University of Maryland's University College. Mary Beth returned to full time employment in 1989 as the Administrative Assistant at St. William of York School in Baltimore. She left in 1996 to become the Director of Admissions at Mount De Sales Academy in Catonsville retiring in 2002.

Mary Beth was an active member of AAUW Baltimore, and the West Side Democratic Club, and served as president and on the Boards of both organizations. In addition, she was appointed to a term on the Baltimore City Commission for Women by then Mayor Kurt Schmoke. She also served on the Board of the Hunting Hills Swim Club, as President of the St. William of York Parish Council, and as President of the Ten Hills Garden Club. She is listed in the 1991-1992 Edition of Marquis Who's Who of American Women, and in the 1992-1993 Edition of The National Reference Institute's, Who's Who in American Education.

Mary Beth and Walt moved to Lewes, DE in 2005. She became an active member of AAUW Coastal- Georgetown, and AAUW Delaware which she served as Co-president for three years. She was also a member of the League of Women Voters, the Progressive Democrats of Sussex County, and the 20th RD Democratic Committee.

She is predeceased by her parents, Edward and Kathryn Amend, and her husband, Walter Crafts. Mary Beth is survived by her son, Walter M. Crafts, grand-daughters Maria Eduarda and Abigail Elizabeth, daughter Susan Crafts Spencer, and her husband, Jason Spencer. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Suzanne Crafts of E. Boothbay ME as well as her nieces Louisa and Susanna, nephew Joseph and five grand nieces and nephews and one great grand niece.

Services will be private.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Crafts.



June 02 at 02:43 PM



“ I'm saddened to learn of Mary Beth's passing. I met her at a meeting of the AAUW and she graciously welcomed me to the group. We became Facebook friends and quickly realized that we shared political beliefs and we became "close" on Facebook. I hadn't heard from her on FB in a while. I will miss her incisive analysis, her words of wisdom, her kindness, and sense of humor. She is in my thoughts and prayers.
Chiqui Gavilan

Chiqui Gavilan - March 08 at 01:57 PM



“ I MET MARYBETH THROUGH THE FIRST TOWN CLUB IN LEWES AND WE AND OUR HUSBAND JUST CLICKED. SHE WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST PERSONS I KNEW.
ALSO UPBEAT WITH HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE. ENJOYED PLAYING CANASTA WITH HER. NOW YOU AND WALT ARE TOGETHER. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH.
PEACE,
MEG MOCCI

meg mocci - February 24 at 03:33 PM



“ I knew Mary Beth through First Town Club of Lewes.
Her smiling face shall be missed.
Estelle Stevenson

Estelle L Stevenson - February 23 at 06:31 PM



“ I became a friend of Mary Beths through political activism and we kept in touch only through Facebook. She was such a progressive and her sense of humor kept me smiling. I am glad I knew her. What a wonderful life she seemed to have. I will miss her

Anne Pikolas - February 23 at 08:34 AM



“ Eileen L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mary Beth Crafts.



Eileen L. - February 22 at 02:36 PM



“ Eileenlamb lit a candle in memory of Mary Beth Crafts



eileenlamb - February 22 at 02:26 PM



“ I remembered her from when she worked with my mom at SSA in Woodlawn. One of my memories from there was Thanksgiving dinner at her house and she allowed me to have a bit of wine with dinner. I was probably 8 or 9 and it was only a sip but the impression it left of a grown up treating a kid like it was OK to ask and even try something stayed with me. It was really nice to get to communicate with her as an adult on social media and get to see what a wonderful person she really was and that it was not just a kid's memory. I am so sorry for your loss. The world is dimmer place without her light. I hope the memories people share help lighten the grief at your loss. .

Cindy Barton-Lewis - February 21 at 07:17 PM



“ Aunt Marybeth how I will miss your stories of family and friends , your “ Queen of small world stories” . I know you and Uncle Walt are sharing a look , him rolling his eyes and you saying , “ oh me” , I love you and will dearly miss you. “Anywho” , we know you are together in peace.



Louisa - February 21 at 06:52 PM



“ Ever communicative, her thoughts and passions illuminated every encounter she experienced and added to each of our many group meetings.

Aimee Wiest - February 21 at 06:07 PM



“ I have so many lovely memories of her and we miss her very much.

Phoebe Lief - February 21 at 05:34 PM



“ We love you Grandma! You'll always be missed. RIP



Debora - February 21 at 01:49 AM



“ Mary Beth was a fun, smart and loyal friend. We shared many happy times at meetings, book club, church, movies and countless lunches and dinners. She was interested and interesting. Enjoy a glass of heavenly Chardonnay with Walt. I treasure our friendship.

Denise Emery - February 20 at 11:52 AM



“ MaryBeth was a gracious, brave lady and an inspiration to all at St. Peter's in Lewes who got to know her. My sincere sympathy to her family.

Pat Casadei - February 20 at 11:47 AM



“ Erin Leaman lit a candle in memory of Mary Beth Crafts



Erin Leaman - February 20 at 11:28 AM



“ Mrs. Crafts, you were a truly amazing women and left a wonderful impression on everyone who crossed your path. May you and Mr. Crafts rest peacefully together.

Erin Leaman - February 20 at 11:33 AM



“ Mary Beth, I am sure Walt, always reliable, welcomed you with a Celestial Chardonnay at your reunion! Here's my toast to both of you: Cheers!!! ... and enjoy endless well chilled glasses of only the finest.

Christine Lazorchak - February 20 at 11:03 AM



“ I love you Mom. I hope you are enjoying a glass of chardonnay with Dad!



Susan - February 20 at 10:28 AM