



Mary Jane Thaney

May 28, 1949 - June 28, 2024

In loving memory of Mary Jane Thaney, whose vibrant spirit and boundless creativity touched the lives of all who knew her. With profound sadness, we announce her sudden passing on June 28, 2024 at her home in Rochester, NY after a short battle with cancer.

She was born to John Lincoln and Gladys Young in Rochester, NY on May 28, 1949. Mary Jane was a beacon of love, warmth, creativity, and generosity that was widely felt by all whom she encountered.

She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Thomas E. Thaney, and loving children Maxwell (Mary) Thaney, Michael (Adriana) Thaney, and Kaitlin (Dave Riordan) Thaney, as well as five grandchildren who were the light of her life, Brigid, Patrick, Gabriel, Grace Thaney and Zev Thaney Riordan. Mary Jane is survived by her siblings, Nancy (Bruce) Burgoyne, Cindy Worden, Janis Fore, Jack (Deborah) Young, Wendy (Jim) Gregory and countless nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her father, John Lincoln Young, mother, Gladys Young, nephew, Shawn Burgoyne, brothers-in-law, James Worden, Scott Fore, and Patrick Thaney.

A dedicated artist and teacher retired from BOCES, Mary Jane found her truest expression through painting, capturing the beauty of life with every stroke of her brush. Her works, infused with passion and insight, reflected not only her talent but also her deep appreciation for the world's wonders. Each canvas was a testament to her imaginative soul and her ability to find artistry in every corner of existence.

Beyond her art, Mary Jane was a dedicated teacher for over 24 years, working to advocate and support developmentally disabled teens and adults learn and feel a sense of safety and community. She was a beacon of warmth and care within her family. Her love for us knew no bounds, and her nurturing presence brought comfort and joy to our lives every day. She cherished family gatherings, adventures and experiencing as much joy as she could during her time on Earth, creating cherished moments filled with laughter and love that we will forever hold dear in our hearts.

Her adventurous and creative spirit was infectious, always eager to explore new horizons and embrace the beauty in the world. Whether traveling to new cities with her children or experiencing the beauty of Rochester, Mary Jane approached life with a sense of wonder and curiosity that inspired all who accompanied her on these journeys.

Her sudden departure leaves a void that can never be filled and a deep ache given how much she lived for us and with us, but we take solace in the profound impact she had on each of us. Her memory will continue to inspire us to live with creativity, love fiercely, and seize every opportunity to seek out joy and adventure with open arms, just as she did.

In honoring Mary Jane's life, let us remember her not with tears of sorrow, but with gratitude for having been given time with her at all, as she made every moment full of a depth of love and presence that is difficult to capture in words. May her spirit live on through her love and the enduring memories she created with all who were fortunate enough to know her.

As we bid farewell, we find comfort in knowing that her legacy of love, art, and adventure will forever be a guiding light in our lives.

Rest in peace, Mom. We love you most (remember), through and through yesterday, today, and tomorrow too.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Monday 4-7pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Met Mary through bowling, always with a smile, sweet Lady*

David J Giumento - September 09, 2024 at 05:14 PM

LH

“ *Tom,
I am so sorry to hear about Mary Jane. She was a sweet person
and a true lady.
It's been a long time but I think of you often.
My best to you and your family
Larry Hudson*

Larry Hudson - July 23, 2024 at 02:31 PM

CL

“ *Cheryl L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.*

Cheryl L. - July 19, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ *Jason L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.*

Jason L. - July 10, 2024 at 07:26 PM

VL

“ *Tom and Family. We are so sorry to hear about Mary Jane's
passing. She was a generous person sharing her time and talents at
SPX. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless
Vic And Kathy Lynd*

vic Lynd - July 09, 2024 at 03:50 PM

RD

“ Tom & Family, Kathy and I have many great memories about the times spent with you and Mary Jane! Halloween parties with some GREAT costumes, a few libations and a lot of laughs. Then there was the trip to Disney World with the kids; Michael Driggs teasing Kaitlin with frogs, & many Monkey swizzle sticks at the restaurant we all enjoyed together Then there was Mary Jane & Kath working Seton and you and I spending the day running errands for them! Also the great times we spent together at special functions at Locust Hill. AND the good times around your pool in the summers. Keep the good thoughts and memories Thaney family! We enjoyed the friendship of your wife and mother immensely and only wish in our later years we had gotten together more often. We will miss you Mary Jane.
Love, Chip & Kathy Driggs

Robert Driggs - July 08, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KK

“ Dear Tommy, it has been lots of years since I saw you, but I remember our neighborhood fun and friendliness like it was yesterday. In our youth we spent many many hours playing baseball, sledding and biking. Weren't those the days? I feel like I remember Mary Jane. My deepest condolences on you loss of such a vibrant ate and friend. My prayers are with you and the Thaney family.
Warmest regards, Karen Lindsley Knowles

Karen Knowles - July 08, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SC

“ Suresh and Cheryl purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Suresh and Cheryl - July 08, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



July 08, 2024 at 09:07 AM

KF

“ Karen F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Karen F. - July 08, 2024 at 07:36 AM

WJ

“ With love and prayers- Wendy & Jim purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



With love and prayers- Wendy & Jim - July 07, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.*



July 07, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *Dear Thaney Family,*

My deepest sympathy in the massing of Mary Jane. I lived with Mary Jane, Barb and Dorinda my last year of college at SUNY Brockport. Mary Jane, (MJ), was a vibrant, caring woman. I will always remember her bright smile, and easy going spirit. May she rest in peace.

*With love and prayers,
Mary Stazie-Reinhardt*

Mary Stazie - July 07, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.*



July 07, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



July 07, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ Meg Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Meg Taylor - July 07, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ Wonderful memories of our wonderful times together in the ‘Flower City Decorative Artist’ meetings. Rest in peace dear Mary Jane.
Char Redeker



Char - July 07, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Mary Jane will be fondly missed. We met many years ago as members of a paint chapter. She and I along with many members of our group attended many paint seminars together and she was always fun to be with. She would always like to do her own creative thing. It is hard to believe that she left us so quickly. May she rest in peace and continue her creativity with the angels.

Diane Schmitt - July 07, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DS

“ Devina S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Devina S. - July 07, 2024 at 06:43 AM

SF

“ Snider family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Snider family - July 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

SF

“ Snider family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Snider family - July 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ The Morton Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



The Morton Family - July 06, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



July 06, 2024 at 02:17 PM

LF

“ Love, the Bielic and Kochenash Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Love, the Bielic and Kochenash Families - July 06, 2024 at 11:03 AM

CF

“ Courtney McGuire, Katie Bates & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Courtney McGuire, Katie Bates & family - July 06, 2024 at 09:42 AM

NM

“ Neil, Henry and Marina purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Neil, Henry and Marina - July 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



July 05, 2024 at 03:38 PM

KB

“ Keith Bosco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Keith Bosco - July 05, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ Christie Bahlai purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



Christie Bahlai - July 04, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.



July 04, 2024 at 02:10 AM

YF

“ Your Brockport Smiles Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Thaney.

Your Brockport Smiles Family - July 04, 2024 at 02:10 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Thaney.*



July 03, 2024 at 10:28 PM