



Mary "Marie" Tiedemann

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Mary (Marie) Josephine Tiedemann, age 87, died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020. Mary was born on July 28th, 1932 in Liverpool, England to Sarah and John Ealey. Mary was raised Irish Catholic and her faith was instrumental in how she lived her life. Her father, a submariner in the Royal Navy, kept the family in Liverpool until the Liverpool Blitz during World War II when the city experienced heavy and sustained bombing by the German Luftwaffe. Mary and three of her sibling's sister Pat and brothers John and Fred were part of Operation Pied Piper evacuations designed to protect people, especially children, from the risks associated with aerial bombings. The country was divided into zones. Mary and her three siblings were evacuated to the Midlands and ultimately housed with foster families in Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Her mother and youngest brother Michael stayed behind in Liverpool waiting for her father to return home. Sadly her father's submarine was bombed and he was killed. Sarah eventually joined her children in Bridgnorth and was successfully reunited with all of her children. Mary spent her formative years in Bridgnorth enjoying a modest, carefree childhood. She excelled in her studies and played netball and field hockey. After graduating from secondary school Mary went on to complete her training as a registered nurse in Shropshire county, England then studied an additional twelve months to become a public health nurse and certified midwife. Mary worked out of Westminster Hospital, a large training center in London. She

made most of her twice-daily calls to homes via bicycle and she took a taxi for delivery calls. After working in London for about a year Mary had the urge to travel, so at the age 25 she boarded a ship to Australia where she worked as a midwife for a number of years. Eventually the travel bug struck and she once again boarded a ship this time to Canada where she continued to expand on her nursing studies at the University of British Columbia. This led to a job in Alaska where nurses were desperately needed. It was while working in Juneau she met Roland "Dutch" Tiedemann who was working for the US Forest Service. Roland and Mary were married on August 7th, 1971 in Vancouver BC. After working in Alaska Roland secured a job at the Lake Wenatchee Ranger District in Washington State. Roland and Mary started a family while living on Lake Wenatchee. Their daughter Jane Klara was born July 23, 1973, and their son, John Nicholas, was born March 30, 1976. Of course Mary ensured Roland was well versed in childbirth by attending Lamaze classes so that he understood what to expect throughout pregnancy and when she went into labor. Mary was adamant that fathers should not only be aware of the natural process of childbirth BUT should be allowed in the delivery room something that was not a common practice at that time. In 1978 the family moved to Wenatchee and in 1980 Mary began working part-time as a migrant school nurse at the Chelan Douglas Health District. She was one of a two person team and her colleagues reported she was a wonderful "back seat driver" as they would toodle along to different schools in Chelan county. Mary eventually transitioned to a full time First Steps nurse continuing to do so until she retired soon after her 70th birthday. She had a wonderful work ethic and expected her co-workers to as well. Mary being a staunch Catholic would often have her co-workers send condoms to her First Step Clients, because she in good faith could not promote birth control. Her colleagues still laugh about that to this day. The health department was like family and she taught three of her coworkers to quilt one snowy January day in 1996. When asked how much fabric to buy she insisted that they always buy two yards. It was determined that only a small amount of fabric was

needed so they devised a plan to distract Mary while they checked out. Mary was a spitfire and those who worked with her loved her like a sister.

Mary had a deep devotion to her Catholic faith and often went to church several days a week before heading to water aerobics at the YMCA. Mary instilled and passed along many English traditions (roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, marmite, Christmas crackers, tea and fish and chips) as well as her love for travel to her children. She visited her daughter Jane in Malawi in 1999 where she was serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer and without being asked joined the nurses in the pediatric unit assisting with complicated cases and sharing her wisdom with the staff. Mary also traveled to Japan in 2003 where her son John was teaching English in Iwakuni. Mary encouraged her children to embrace cultures, expand their knowledge and do the hard things.

Education was important to her and she ensured her children had the opportunities to learn, grow and become good humans. She supported her children in forming their own values even when they did not align with hers. She taught them autonomy and independence and that sometimes life hurts. In 2006 when Mary learned she was going to be a grandmother her midwife instincts kicked in and she provided Lamaze classes to her daughter and son in law Quincy, assisted throughout the complicated pregnancy and welcomed Jayna Morning Davis proudly on May 13, 2007. Jayna adored her mama and looked forward to every visit and every sleepover. When Quincy passed away and the family moved back to Wenatchee Mary made sure she and Roland saw Jayna daily and were instrumental in her childhood. In 2017, her second grandchild, Declan Tashiro Tiedemann, was born, and although he will never really know his grandmother he will have the stories and photos to remember her by and will without a doubt carry on her sense of adventure.

Mary lived a full life. Was ALWAYS true to herself. Created incredible opportunities. Never compromised her values. Was kind to others. Took risks. Told the truth even when it wasn't politically correct. Lived in the present. The list goes on. As we try to adjust to the world without Mary the memories we

have with her and the lessons we learned will resonate and continue to shape how we choose to live our own lives.

Mary is survived by her two children, Jane Davis of Steamboat Springs, CO and John (Tracey) Tiedemann of Pleasant Hill, CA; granddaughter Jayna; grandson Declan; brother Fred (Wendy) Ealey of Bridgnorth, England; brother-in-law Bill Barritt of Bridgnorth, England; sister-in-law Rosalinde Milazzo of Chapel Hill, NC; sister-in-law Elizabeth Tiedemann of Staten Island, NY; sister-in-law Claire Tiedemann of Oceanside, CA; numerous nieces nephews and friends who will miss her dearly. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Roland; her father and mother John and Sarah Ealey; daughter Ann Tiedemann; sister Pat Barritt; brother John and his wife Joan Ealey; brother Michael Ealey; brother-in-laws Norbert and Anton Tiedemann; and son-in-law Quincy Davis.

Due to Covid-19 a funeral will not take place at this time. May Mary rest in peace and find shelter with the angels until we meet again. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones and Jones – Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about Mary's passing as well as Roland's. My condolences to the family. I'm related to Roland by my father John Louis Tiedemann who was their cousin. Roland's mother Klara and my Grandmother or "Oma" used to exchange children during the Summer in their youth.

Timothy Tiedemann - December 23, 2021 at 11:40 PM

FD

“ Mrs. Tiedemann graciously agreed to visit my American Studies class at Wenatchee High School. She told the students the story of being evacuated to the Midlands as a child during World War II. Her story brought to life how the British suffered and coped during the Blitz. It was a sobering experience for students. Her daughter, Jane, was a dear student of mine. My sympathy and love to her and her brother.
Faye DeJong

Faye DeJong - June 20, 2020 at 10:06 PM

WI

“ I met Marie through the Health Dept. and Well Child Clinic. We became good friends and then doubled interest, in the NCW Quilt Guild What fun we had and how much Marie gave of her wisdom without me knowing it until my quiet times.
I got to check her and the children in when they came for Well Child appointments. So that is how long I have known her. A good friend forever.
Blessings to Jane and John and the family.

Willow Burts

Willow - June 17, 2020 at 12:36 PM

RJ

“ John and Jayne, please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your mother. Her quilting group, NKOTB, or New Kids On The Block, have missed her presence these last few years as life wore on. I always enjoyed her Englishness as my grandmother also came from England. I loved her pound cake and sharing time over the sewing machine. She and your father are deeply missed. I'm so happy Jayna got to share such a big part of their lives. Take Care and May your lives continue to be blessed. Rosalie Jensen.



Rosalie Jensen - June 16, 2020 at 04:37 AM

MO

“ What a blessing to have known Marie for 30 yrs, work w/her in our pro-life efforts! May you find comfort and strength until we meet her again, in the arms of our Lord Jesus.
Marion Holcomb Osborn

Marion Holcomb Osborn - June 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SB

“ Mary was a lovely person and friend. I was working at the Leavenworth Ranger Station when a young, pleasant fellow told me he was "reporting for duty." After some checking, I told him his duty station was up the road at Lake Wenatchee and off he went. My husband, Jerry Monesmith worked at the Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station and we lived on the ranger station with Mary and Dutch close neighbors. Mary sometimes babysat my daughter and she was sure to tell me that she was teaching her to say "wash" the proper way, without an "r". We were all so excited when her daughter was born. We transferred away and never kept in contact but It was fun to know a proper English lady. It's the end of an era really.

Suzan Beeson - June 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ I always loved getting to visit with Marie at church. Her smile and wit just lit up the room! I didn't know her well...but I admired her deeply. Her spirit reminded me much of my own Irish, Catholic mother...so I know how deeply missed she will be, as we said goodbye to my mom last year. May you carry her devotion and humor and wisdom with you. Peace - Brigid Chvilicek

Brigid Chvilicek - June 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ I remember the well-trained and disciplined Mary, PHN. I marveled at her talent to knit to anything! And her quilting was a work of art. I was amazed to learn about her travels and various work settings. She was more like a mother to me, at work. And she had the experience to be so! I'm thankful she and Rolf are together again. She's going to be busy in the sewing room of the next dimension. She has left behind wonderful human beings to carry on here on. Heidi Collins

Heidi Collins - June 13, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ Dear Jane & John,
My sincere wish to you and your families, strength on your journey, going forward. It was a beautifully and well written "In memoriam" in the Wenatchee World. Thank you.
Mary's former co-worker, Heidi Collins

Heidi Collins - June 13, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ *Jane and Family,*

I did not have the privilege of meeting your mother, but after reading of her life story in the Wenatchee World, I wish I had. She sounds like an amazing woman, with her love for life and people and dedication to her faith and values truly inspiring! I can now see where you dear Jane and Jayna get your zest for life. May she continue to live on in you both and may you cherish those sweet memories of your mama.

*Love,
Jennifer Hamsher*

Jennifer S Hamsher - June 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM

MA

“ *We have wonderful memories of Mary & Roland. We shared meals and laughs.. Marie helped make a quilt to raise money for Paul to travel to the Dominican Republic for dental school. Blessing to John and Jane on your loss. Your parents were sweet and kind and full of Chris's love.*

Marjorie - June 12, 2020 at 10:47 AM

PW

“ *Many wonderful memories of Marie and Roland. Our deepest sympathy to Jane and John.*

Pete and Ginny Weber - May 28, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SM

“ *Thinking of Jane and John at this time.....*

Scott Miller - May 28, 2020 at 04:44 PM

SM

“ *Scott Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary
"Marie" Tiedemann*



Scott Miller - May 28, 2020 at 04:42 PM