



Mary Grady

May 28, 2023

Mary Ellen Grady of Bellvue, Colorado passed away at her Rist Canyon home in the early hours of May 28, 2023. She was 66 years old.

Mary Ellen Grady (O'Bannon) was born June 30, 1956 in Tucumcari, New Mexico. She was one of nine children and was the youngest of "the twins", coming into this world just 6 minutes after her identical sister. She was preceded in death by her mother, Hallie Ellen Wilkerson, and brothers David O'Bannon, Cleon O'Bannon, James O'Bannon and Ronald O'Bannon.

She met Jack David Grady in Clovis, New Mexico and they were married in December 1974 in Oak Harbor, Washington. They shared two daughters together and were married for 48 years. They moved to Colorado after Jack's retirement from the United States Air Force in 1995. They settled in Rist Canyon in 1998. She was a survivor of the 2012 High Park Fire and her and Jack's home was the second to be completely rebuilt in the Whale Rock Community. She was always the big spender in the family and no one ever thought she would be sick of spending money, but she said so multiple times while rebuilding and re-furnishing their new home. She was well known in the community to drive faster than she probably should have on the unpaved mountain roads, earning her the nickname Mary-o Andretti. She was a lover of nature, both plants and animals alike. She had an extraordinary green thumb and had grown several small rainforests in her homes over her lifetime. She

always made sure the wild birds and her fur babies were well fed and loved. She also donated generously to several nonprofit animal rescues.

She loved her family and Jesus deeply and was generous with those she loved. She was always the life of the party; laughing, dancing and having a good time everywhere she could. She was tenacious and sometimes stubborn when she had her mind set on getting or doing something and often got what she wanted, even if she had to wear Jack down to accomplish her goal. She took great pride in her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Jack Grady of Bellvue, CO; son Clarence Steinert Jr of Minnesota, daughters Cheryl Grady of Fort Collins, CO and Jade Grady of St. Petersburg, FL; grandsons Ryan Grady and Joshua Marshall both of Fort Collins, CO, granddaughters Grace, Hope and Faith Steinert of Minnesota; twin sister Linda Campbell of Bellvue, CO, brother Bobby O'Bannon and sisters Ginger Fultz and Rose Archer.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday July 6, 11 am at Tapestry House in Laporte, CO with lunch reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Big Bones Canine Rescue in Windsor, CO that Mary donated to monthly.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

Tapestry House
3212 N Overland Trail
Laporte, CO 80535

Tribute Wall



“ Happy Birthday in Heaven my beautiful friend, I miss you so much!!!!!! Can't wait to see you again!!!!

Donnie Mallory - June 30, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Grady.



July 09, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ I love you Grandma, I hope you got to see all of those animals that you raised again and that you're pain free. I miss you.



Ryan - July 06, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Happy birthday, mama. ❤️

Cheryl Grady - June 30, 2023 at 11:37 AM

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“ Oh my dearest and best friend Mary! I miss you so much💔 Tthere hasn't been a day go by that I haven't looked back at all of the life, memories, victories, hardships, laughs and hugs that we shared. There will forever be a HUGE hole in my heart😭 I miss you so much dear friend😊

Donna Mallory - June 23, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Mary was a shining light in this world. She did not hold back her passion, her smiles, her laughs, her hugs. I'm so sad. All my love for her family. ❤️

Mandy Cipolat - June 13, 2023 at 10:08 PM

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“ Mary was the better part of me. She helped to make me feel whole. We were very close and often felt the need to""touch" each other. We would rub each other's feet in bed at night to soothe and calm. I miss you dearly, mama! I love you always and forever! There is a void in my heart that aches from the emptiness that is left.

Linda Campbell - June 12, 2023 at 06:19 PM