



Mary Alberta Osmanski

December 25, 1948 - August 18, 2021

Mary Alberta Osmanski, of Fayetteville, died on August 18th, 2021 from complications of metastatic cancer, at the age of 72. She was the only child of Ronal and Ruth Kayser, born December 25th, 1948 in La Jolla, California. She moved to Chambersburg in 1969, graduated from Shippensburg State College and became a teacher in French, German, and English until her retirement in 2009 from Tuscarora School District. Her parents died in the previous century, and she is survived only by her spouse of 25 years, Stephen Osmanski. Mary was a dedicated teacher, serving her students and school in many roles beyond the classroom. She was a student government advisor, a department chair, and repeatedly took many of her students to Europe on guided tours to experience foreign countries first-hand. In her later years Mary became interested in historical reenactment and earned many awards for her work, especially as a reporter and editor for an event newspaper, the Pennsic Independent, with a two-week daily circulation of over 10,000.

There will be a memorial service to commemorate Mary's life, to be held at Sellers Funeral Home, on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 4:30 pm. In place of flowers, Mary asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in her name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 23. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

William F. Sellers Funeral Home
297 Philadelphia Ave.
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Tribute Wall

SN

“ We were so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Though we know she has gone home to God, it is still difficult for the loved ones left behind. Mary and her family and friends are in our thoughts during this difficult time. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are praying for all of you, now and always.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth - August 26, 2021 at 08:59 AM

CB

“ Mary, how I will miss you. From the first time I met her on GENie, she touched my heart. She was funny, warm, kind, and always had time for anyone. I'm so glad she met Steve and that they shared such an amazing marriage. She may be gone, but her bright spirit will live on in those who knew her. R.I.P. my friend until we met again. Cathy

Cathy Bowden - August 23, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DA

“ I'm another who first met Mary through GEnie She was warm, kind, and funny. She encouraged me to be the best me possible. And that is how, when my marriage was falling apart, she invited me to fly out to meet her and spend a week. I ended up volunteering to spend the day at school with her, talking to the kids about what it was like working in high tech - hopefully inspiring them to chase their dreams.

i got to see her (and Steve!) in person a couple of times over the years, and loved that we were able to stay in contact, regardless of where life took us. I bought a copy of every book that had a short story by her, I eagerly awaited her posts about her epic journey to France with a mutual close friend, Marta, and cheered for her when she found the love of her life, Steve.

Mary's impact on those around her is vast. Her kindness meant so much to me at a time I very much needed it.

May these memories lighten grief.

Dani - August 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

DJ

“ I first met Mary on GEnie in the early '90s. She was a warm, caring, and gracious person and always had interesting stories to tell about her students, the SCA, her life, travels, and friends. She was universally loved.

I had the privilege of meeting Mary and Steve about 10 years or so ago when they came to Portland so Steve could take a summer class at Portland State. Mary and I had a wonderful time getting to know each other in person over lunch, and I had dinner with both Steve and Mary before they left.

To Steve, and all of Mary's family and friends, my heart is with you. Know that Mary made many, many lives richer, and her memory will live on in our hearts.

Darcy Javanne - August 21, 2021 at 04:52 PM