



Mary Ellen Chaney

July 2, 1927 - January 16, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Ellen Chaney

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

When Mary Ellen was asked about her obituary, she said, "I was born. I lived. And I died" would be sufficient. To those who knew her and loved her, there is so much more to the story.

Mary Ellen was born in Washington State on July 2, 1927 to Sylvia and Noble Hardman, along with three siblings, Harold, Alice and Richard.

She was a proud service member in the United States Navy and was stationed in San Diego, where she met her future husband, U.S. Marine LeRoy Chaney. She spent her career as a Registered Nurse. She was an amazing mom who is survived by her five children; Mickey (John) Adams, Carla Chaney, Lon Chaney, Jo Ann (Bob) Haynes, and Jill (Scott) O'Callaghan. She was the proud grandmother of six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen passed peacefully at home January 18, 2024, surrounded by her daughters and her beloved cat Izzy, at the age of 96.

Mary Ellen was an avid reader and literally made her mark in many books in the Elkhville library.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to the Rick Warren Memorial Public Library in Elkhville, Illinois or a charity of your choice.

Graveside service will be held Monday, January 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Ellen will be greatly missed. She was such a sweet soul. I so admired her for her military service and for the health professional she was. I'm a pharmacist and women like Mary Ellen have made it possible for women to come, to be in the forefront of their chosen medical field and to be as proud of that. God blessed Mary Ellen and I'm sure she is by His side.*
Respectfully yours,
Paula Dunlap

Paula Dunlap - January 25, 2024 at 03:15 PM

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“*Mary Ellen loved reading and Rick Warren Library! We on the Rick Warren Memorial Library Board extend our sympathies to her family. She was an avid reader and library patron. Mary Ellen served as a Rick Warren Library trustee from January 2011 through December 2015; her service was greatly appreciated. Mary Ellen could think "outside of the box" and contributed greatly to programs and guidance of library activities. She will be missed by all.*

Mary Ann Horstmann, RWL President - January 22, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Chaney.*



January 21, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Chaney.*



January 20, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Chaney.*



January 19, 2024 at 09:03 PM