



Mary Jane Granger

August 31, 1947 - March 25, 2021

Mary Jane (Burke) Granger passed away peacefully on March 25, 2021, in Pittsburgh, PA, at age 74 of complications arising from Alzheimer's. Mary Jane was a passionate and prolific fabric artist who gifted those she loved (or sometimes just met) with handcrafted and colorful quilts that often had a hidden, personalized quirk in the pattern. She was a devoted grandmother to granddaughters Pippa, Della, and Lilli, and was happiest when spending time with them and spoiling them rotten.

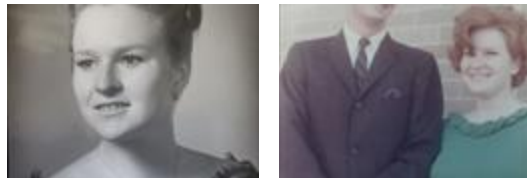
She graduated from Dothan High in 1966, and was married to Thomas Granger Sr. of Dothan in 1968 until his death in 2003. She raised her two sons Thomas Jr. and Richard with love and endless patience in Atlanta, GA. Despite her efforts they were disappointing and mostly useless delinquents, but she was always there for them anyway, and forgave them after they finally produced some grandchildren. Mary Jane was also a doting aunt who adored her nieces and nephews.

She is survived and missed by her children and grandchildren, her brother Richard Burke of Dothan and sister Marian Tucker of Fairhope, AL, and their families, as well as her dear friends Laura Prior and Frances Wells of Atlanta.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Well, Mary Jane always loved to surprise people. She loved to sing, she was awful and I always sang along. She was a fabric artist as were many in the fam. I am a fabric hack but used her remnants to sew masks when we couldn't get any. She loved Tommy Granger from the get go. They raised two awesome men whose families are raising thier wonderful children. She gave her all for what she passionately loved. She will be missed beyond measure. She had now returned to where she came from, shining brightly. And I am left all the better because of Mary Jane. But I will always bask in her glow knowing I was her favorite Brother



Richard Burke - April 01, 2021 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ I have many great memories of time spent with Mary Jane and family. Great and plentiful food spreads for special occasions, a most gracious hostess. I shall miss her sharp, Irish wit. After a lively dialogue between Mary Jane and Aunt Bea, there was not a dry eye from laughter. Tom and Rick you have my condolences and prayers. My guess is there is a bit more laughter in Heaven now. I am having a Mass said for Mary Jane on April 14th, here at St. Michael the Archangel in Auburn. Uncle Dan

Dan Hatcher - March 31, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TT

“ I will never forget how warm and welcoming Mary Jane was when I first met her. It was Thanksgiving of 2000 and she was hosting at her home in Dothan. Leia and I had just married the prior week and this was the first time that I had a chance to meet many of the Burke side of the family. She treated me like family from the start, and made me feel at home. (She also, very kindly, let me know that she didn't wish to be caught on camera as I was filming everything on my shiny new camcorder. I did my best to respect her wishes then and through the following years.) By the time the week ended and we had to go back to Toledo, I felt like I had known her forever. Mary Jane was never shy about letting you know where she stood and how she felt, and even when I didn't agree with her, I had to respect her honesty and conviction. A tough cookie, but a sweet one.

*We love you Mary Jane,
Tim Thomas*

Tim Thomas - March 31, 2021 at 05:20 PM

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Marian Tucker - March 31, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MT

“ We will miss you but I just have to look at my quilt and my children's quilts and their children's quilts to know how much you loved everyone! You were such a generous person so full of life and love and I will miss you terribly! I could call you and you would always lift my spirits if down or we would have grand discussions on how to fix the world!

So happy we took that trip to Tennessee to see our childhood home and the memories it brought back for you. I was just a baby when we left but you seemed to have really loved it there. We also took that trip to Charleston to see Leia and boy that was fun! Two red heads in your red convertible flying down the road listening to 50s and 60s music! There were countless trips with the family to your house for Thanksgivings where you always decorated beautifully! Always had a wonderful time.

Tom and Richard, you guys turned out well and she was very proud of you! And wow, the granddaughters, oh how she loved having granddaughters!

Love you sis, sleep peacefully now and pray for us!

Marian

Marian Tucker - March 31, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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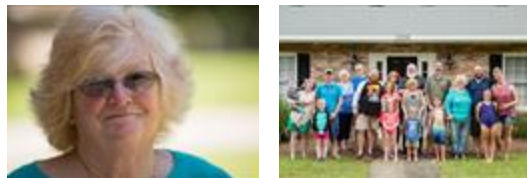
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Richard Granger - March 30, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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Richard Granger - March 30, 2021 at 04:01 PM

LP

“ *I met Mary Jane in 1986 when we both had gift shops on Main Street in Tucker, Ga. We became close friends in the years that followed and spent countless hours together going out to lunch, working on quilts, listening to 50's rock and roll while on mini retreats, sharing life's joys and tragedies - and laughing. Oh my, how Mary Jane could make me laugh. So much fun, such great memories.*

Tom and Rick - I am so very sorry that you have lost your mom. She loved you both so dearly and spoke of you so often. Thank you for giving her 3 beautiful and much loved granddaughters and for taking such good care of her in her final years.

Buddy and Marion - my thoughts and prayers are with you both as well. Mary Jane loved her family, no doubt.

*My sincere condolences to you all -
Laura Prior*

Laura Prior - March 28, 2021 at 04:35 PM