



## Mary Louise Mason

April 2, 1941 - March 21, 2023

Mary Louise Mason, 81, of Peoria Heights, passed away at 3:25 AM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Aperion Care in Peoria Heights. She was born on April 2, 1941 in Kewanee, IL to Leo and Louise Larson Dierker.

Mary was an elementary school teacher. She taught at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. She loved teaching and she loved her students as they loved her. Even after her retirement from Charter Oak School in 2006, she enjoyed studying her yearbooks to remember her students and clipped newspaper articles of their accomplishments.

She loved animals and had an affinity for rescued cats. She was an avid reader, loved blues and jazz music. She loved Goodwill Markets and collected just about everything. She loved the colors of orange and turquoise.

Mary will be remembered for her big heart, her unique sense of humor, and being able to touch the heart of everyone she met.

Cremation will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's name to the rescue that took in her elderly cats, Hospice Hearts Animal Rescue, PO Box 17605, Urbana, IL 61803, or by using a Paypal link at [www.hospiceheartsanimalrescue.org](http://www.hospiceheartsanimalrescue.org) and clicking on the "Donate Today" tab. On-line condolences and tributes may be made at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ms mason was my 3rd grade teacher along time ago I always remember you!!!!

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**joey mckenney** - March 29, 2023 at 08:24 PM

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“ Mary Lou and her family provided me with experiences and friendship for many years. The world will be a sadder, quieter and less adventurous place without her. She was fun to be around and brought the brightest personality with her. Dawn and I were blessed to know and love her. Bruce Lewis

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**Bruce Lewis** - March 26, 2023 at 04:54 PM