



## Mary Christine Sopher

December 31, 1960 - August 26, 2024

Mary Christine (Hilst) Sopher, 63, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, August 26, 2024.

Mary was born on December 31, 1960, in Peoria, IL, to Nancy K. (Salander) McCann who preceded her in death.

On October 9, 1996, she married Terry D. Sopher in Pekin, IL, who also preceded her in death in 2023. Mary and Terry shared forty-one years together.

She is survived by her son, Douglas Dean Hilst, of Peoria, IL, and her grandson, Dominic Hilst, of Chicago, IL. Mary is also survived by her brother, Douglas J. Hilst of East Peoria, IL, and four sisters: Peggy Swadinsky of Peoria, IL; Louise (Jerry) Harr of East Peoria, IL; Theresa (Eric) Haynes of Germantown Hills, IL; and Lisa Tubbs of Bloomington, IL. Mary also leaves behind extended family; Donna Miles of East Peoria, IL, Jodi (Chris) White of Germantown Hills, IL, and Mark Dalpiaz, of Peoria, IL. She also leaves behind brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and her beloved dog, Shelby.

Family was everything to Mary, and she cherished her relationships deeply.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Willard (Red) C. McCann; her grandmother, Mary (Babe) Mendenall; her niece, Nancy Coffman; her nephew, Jake Polston; and her great-nephew, Evan Ramos.

Mary attended Great Oaks Community Church where she was proudly baptized.

She enjoyed a life filled with activities such as bingo, NASCAR, Indy Car racing, fishing, boating, camping, and traveling to destinations like Florida, Las Vegas, and Arizona.

She was a devoted friend, maintaining close ties with many people dating back to her childhood and teenage years.

A private family viewing will be held, followed by cremation. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Great Oaks Community Church in Germantown Hills, IL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry for your loss Peggy of your sister. May God bless you thru these days if sorrow and oain

Sylvia Fritz - September 25, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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“ I HAVE A ANGEL IN HEAVEN I CALL HER MY SISTER MARY 🕯️ 🙏 JOHN15:26 I WILL SEND THE FRIEND TO YOU FROM THE FATHER 🕯️ 🙏 HE IS THE SPRIT OF THRUTH WHO COMES OUT FROM THE FATHER 🕯️ 🙏 WHEN THE FRIEND COMES TO HELP YOU 🙏 🕯️ HE WILL GIVEVWITNESS ABOUT ME 🙏 🕯️ I HAVE A ANGEL IN HEAVEN I CALL HER MY SISTER MARY 🕯️ 🙏 IN JESUS NAME AMEN. 🕯️ 🙏 I LOVE YOU CINDY AND FAMILY 🕯️ 🙏

Cindy jackson tiller - September 02, 2024 at 07:07 PM

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“ Q: How did you meet Mary? \n \n A: I just always knew her ! Mary was one of the most genuine persons you could meet . She was happy energetic and real ! She could be hardheaded but wouldn't deliberately hurt a soul . She was a good friend and I will miss her deeply 😞

Candy McCann - August 30, 2024 at 11:11 AM