



## Mary H Daugharty

May 18, 1937 - April 8, 2022

Mary H. Daugharty caught the train with her ancestors Friday Night April 8th at her home in Cheney Washington. Mary Daugharty's handshake tells you all about her. The over-the-top firm handshake comes from a 5'1" schoolteacher who grew up on a dairy farm in Clark Fork, ID. She bravely waited until she knew it was time to go.

Mary was born in Butte, Montana on May 18, 1937, to Clint and Irene (Monahan) Henderson. As a child, her family moved to Clark Fork, Idaho to a dairy farm for the next 28 years. She met her husband David of nearly 70 years there, and they became a dynamic team as they traveled to far-off places around the world. Their boys marveled at Mary's ability to float a dry fly into a back eddy for trout or shoot, dress, and quarter a large game animal. She studied the natural environment and could name most flora and fauna in the Pacific Northwest.

They settled in Deary, Idaho as Dave started his teaching profession and Mary became a mother extraordinaire to Tim and Scott. They made exceptional friends in Deary and never forgot their roots to this special community.

A transitional year in southern Idaho led to the wonderful community of Cheney, Washington for the last 57 years. Mary received her teaching degree at Eastern Washington State College in 1968. Her career and colleagues at

Betz, Windsor, and Reid laboratory school were highlights in her life. She ended her career by becoming a consultant in teaching mathematics to elementary teachers throughout the west.

Mary was an inspiration to all as she championed a can-do attitude in any endeavor she pursued. She touched hundreds of students, inspired colleagues, and led educational talks and seminars. Mary had many great experiences with teaching at the Laboratory School and teaching English majors at Tver State University in the Soviet Union.

Mary was a tireless protector of the people who had a scarcity of resources, emotional isolation or are minority populations. A master sewer, quilter, knitter, chef, fundraiser, and community organizer, she continued to serve in Spokane County for 50 plus years. Mary and her like-minded tribe of doers, secured prom dresses for homeless girls, raised money for musical instruments for public school children, knitted pairs of slippers yearly for battered women's shelters, handed out free books to families at the Spokane Christmas Bureau, and defended Planned Parenthood from "all enemies foreign, and domestic."

Mary leaves Dave, Tim, Kim, Piper, Quinn, Scott, Patty, Conor, Katie, and scores of family and friends to catch a later train.

A Celebration of Mary Daugharty will be held on April 23, 2022, at 11:00 am at the District #3 Firehall, 10 S Presley Dr. Cheney, WA 99004. Come share memories, laughs, cheers, music, and food in celebration of the intrepid Mary. A private family burial of her ashes on the Henderson farm is planned in Clark Fork, Idaho this summer.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested donations be made to Planned Parenthood in Mary's name. Cremation was performed by Cheney Funeral Chapel.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 23. 11:00 AM (PT)

Spokane County Fire District 3 Firehall  
10 S. Presley Drive  
Cheney, WA

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ Although I taught in Cheney School District for many years, I did not get the opportunity to work with Mary or get to know her until I joined Alpha Delta Kappa. Over the years in our meetings Mary always stood out expressing her opinions, goals, passions and concerns as we discussed our altruistic projects. Her heart was everywhere and she cared so much.

When I was President two years ago and the pandemic started spreading, we had to cancel some of our meetings. Mary called me because she had a concern about some of our older members who were not leaving their homes and, therefore, missing social contacts. As the pandemic continued, socializing was becoming difficult. She started a committee (that I joined along with other members) to brainstorm ways that our members could continue to connect and not feel isolated.

That was Mary!! Always caring about the well-being of everyone. She was a go-getter all the way...an inspiration to us all and that is how I will remember her.

*Sending love to Dave and the Family,*

*Nancy Abel*

---

**Nancy Abel** - April 12, 2022 at 06:06 PM

BS

“ Dear Dave and Family,  
We never thought Mary would succumb to death; she was such a powerhouse.  
When I started teaching in Cheney, Mary would talk to me about a strong contract and our responsibility to make it stronger. We worked hard to make Cheney a wonderful place to work. How much laughter we and others shared about foibles and mistakes! Never one to sit on her laurels after her retirement, she led our chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa to refurbish apartments for various charities, give to high school seniors who needed help, and work to make life better for anyone who needed assistance, among many more projects.  
She and I enjoyed banter about our different spiritual beliefs. Although, our lives were different in that area, she never let that effect our friendship.  
I will miss her until it's my turn to leave this planet. I know I will see her again.  
Love to you all,  
Bonnie (Cannon) Sullivan

---

**Bonnie Sullivan** - April 12, 2022 at 01:33 PM

VM

“ Well where to begin. Mary taught all 5 of our children at Windsor Elementary. K-6. She taught me to be firmer, not take a lunch to a kid that forgot it. She taught a little son in K to put the toilet seat up, so the little girls wouldn't go "ick." We had many coffee's about family, marriage but mostly children. She loved our kids, each one. They in turn loved her back. Mary and Dave have been one of the building blocks in five McBride kids lives. God speed Mary,

---

**Vicki McBride** - April 12, 2022 at 11:52 AM

SF

*You will be missed Mary, you are the sweetest person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I used to mow the lawns a black stone every Friday morning and when we were finished you would give us lemonade and ice cream sandwiches. I will miss your smile and your kindness.*

-----  
**Scott Farley** - April 13, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DP

“ *So very sorry to hear this, Mary was a great family friend and second mom to us when they lived in Deary. To Tim and Scott's kids, have them tell you about the time we were going camping and us kids got up early ,playing in the garden and started blowing up firecrackers 🧨, we lost a lot of popularity that morning with both sets of parent's*

-----  
**Dennis Proctor** - April 12, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JM

*Mary Daugharty was truly a consummate professional woman who made constructive differences in the lives of countless school children. She was a task master who said what needed to be said when it needed to be said. More importantly she knew how to be a good friend and was to many of us. Thank you, Mary, for your kindness, your talent and your pursuit of excellence as a teacher, parent and friend. RIP.\nJack and Phyllis Martin*

-----  
**Jackson J. Martin** - April 13, 2022 at 01:41 PM

BC

*Dear Dave, Scott and Tim,*

*I will always remember Mary Daugharty as Mrs. Daugharty, and as a woman and a mom to Tim and Scott who were my friends and AAU swim club teammates (has it been 50+years?). Both Mary and her husband Dave were avid supporters of swim team and had an endless supply of enthusiasm and optimism for our prospects as competitors. You couldn't help feeling the happiness when you were with them on the way to a swim meet or get a ride home. They loved the outdoors and the state of Idaho.*

*I can't imagine what a loss she is for the family. She was a treasure, her and the memories I have of the Daugharty family growing up in Cheney. I wish you all the strength to move forward and heal from this loss. My thoughts are with all of you.*

*Brian*

---

**Brian Casey** - April 15, 2022 at 11:37 AM

TN

*I just want to share how lovely the service was, done in typical Daugharty style, with informality, sharing, art, and love. Thank you so very much for setting up a place and a time during which huge fans of Mary (like me) could show our love, thanks, and memories.*

---

**Toni Nyman** - May 25, 2022 at 02:49 AM