



Maryann Allison - Grandon

March 30, 1955 - December 19, 2020

Maryann Allison - Grandon, 65, of Camp Hill, passed away peacefully on the morning of December 19 in the company of her loving husband.

Maryann was the daughter of Paul Allison and Dorothy Ann Allison (Dimartino) of New Cumberland.

Maryann attended St Theresa's elementary and Cedar Cliff High schools. She served 3 years in the US army reserves. Her radio advertising sales career began in Harrisburg, moved to State College, the Wilkes-Barre Scranton area and finally to Seattle Washington. After returning home from Seattle, she retired from radio and started a new career with the Department of Labor and industry – Office of Vocational rehabilitation from which she retired in 2017.

Gordon and Maryann were married in a private ceremony with friends and family on December 30, of that same year, in Margate City, one of their most favorite vacation spots. Maryann had a bubbly and infectious personality and many of her friends were able to instantly recognize her throughout the years because of what her husband referred to as 'that million-dollar smile'. She also loved the beach where she and her husband spent many vacations in places like Margate City, Myrtle Beach and Cocoa Beach. Maryann loved gardening and arranging flowers and thoroughly enjoyed making arrangements for friends and relatives for all occasions, especially family gatherings.

Maryann is predeceased by her parents Paul and Dorothy. She is survived by her husband Gordon, sister Elizabeth (Hall) and her husband William; step children Chris Campbell, Jennifer McCullough, Mike Grandon, and Jeffrey Grandon; niece Layne Hall; nephew Brit Hall and cousin Al Allison. Maryann is also survived by birth sisters Amy Harris and husband James and Valerie Tostanoski, her aunt Joanne Sawmiller and cousin Greg Sawmiller.

Due to Covid restrictions there will be no ceremony but a memorial will be held at a later date and announced with a reposting of her obituary. Donations can be made in her name to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania or Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Charities.

The Musselman Funeral Home is Honored to Serve The Allison - Grandon Family.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I was shocked & saddened to learn of MaryAnn's passing. We worked together at OVR & spent a wonderful afternoon touring historic homes in Harrisburg one Christmas. Despite her multiple responsibilities, she always had a kind word & ready smile. What a lovely lady.
Pam Brauchli



Pamela Brauchli - December 29, 2020 at 03:58 PM

PC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Maryann's family and friends. I was very sad to read this today. I went to Cedar Cliff with her. She was always smiling and so upbeat. Definitely a person you wanted to be around. We lost touch after school but our paths did occasionally cross and it was always great to see her again and catch up on our lives.
She will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

Patricia Conte-Vaughn - December 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM


JS

“ *My sweet dear Mary Ann, we met later on in life creating immediately a strong bond. We loved to talk about of mutual interests of movies, fashion, decor and of course, politics. I will always cherish your visits to Syracuse where we immensely enjoyed your presence bring your forever infectious smile and personality. So many happy times and memories. You fought the good fight with true grit. Your journey took on a critical turn this past fall. You endured your suffering courageously and for so long. Fighting fiercely at every turn, rarely receiving good news but always faced the insurmountable head on with an unshakable ray of hope. Mary Ann you will always be in our hearts, our souls and our spirit. Until we meet again. Love, Aunt Joanne*

Joanne Sawmiller - December 28, 2020 at 01:43 PM

KD

“ *I worked with MaryAnn and I loved talking with her when I had a problem. And I always had problems! She was always so bubbly and happy every time I talked to her and most of all willing to help all the time. I remember her telling me about her and her boyfriend cutting down a bunch of trees (and she was so small) and I called her Lumberjack after that. She often talked about her boyfriend at the time and I am so happy to hear that they married. I'll always have fine memories of her.*



*Karen Davis
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Karen Davis - December 24, 2020 at 08:50 AM

TC

“ I worked with Maryann at OVR. I always enjoyed her sense of humor. She was so fun to work with. Although I didn't get to see her that often because I didn't work out of Central Office, it was always fun to see her at our yearly fiscal meetings. She was also admired for her beautiful wardrobe and amazing sense of style. She will be missed. Thinking of you all at this time. Trish Craig



trish craig - December 24, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RM

“ Dear Aunty will miss your vibrant personality and helpfulness. You are an angel now. Love u

Ranjita mitra - December 23, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SA

“ *My deepest condolences to Maryann's husband and her family. I grieve with you for this wonderful person.*

Maryann was my host mom for more than three months in 2003 when she lived in State College. I was a Rotarian exchange student from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and I was the first student she opened her door for.

She warmly welcomed a 17-year-old girl, coming from far, far away, and treated me as I was her child. A friend of hers suggested us to call her Mutti (german word for mom, that is how usually I call my mom, so we kept it this way). I had an amazing time living with Maryann, and I felt so loved during my stay with her. I will always remember our great trip to Miami for my eighteenth birthday. We had so much fun and enjoyed every minute of it.

I am so sorry that we didn't get a chance to see each other anymore after 2003. Europe and the USA are just too far from each other 😞 We kept in touch by e-mail and Facebook. We always think there is time, but time flies, and all of a sudden, we realize that it is too late.... Our last mail-exchange was in March this year, and it breaks my heart to know that this was our last one.

Maryann was a wonderful lady, a carrying Mutti, a lovely person with a bright and loving smile and heart.

I will carry you and our amazing time as a little family in my heart forever.

You will be sorely missed. Thank you for everything, my dear Maryann.

Love Sabina (your Bosnian daughter)

Sabina - December 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JM

What a wonderful story! I have no doubts that she would have been the ultimate host mom 🙏

Jenny McCullough - December 23, 2020 at 03:05 PM

DR

“ I met her 40 years ago through my sister, Mary Ann Stoner who passed 10+ years ago. What a vibrant and beautiful personality. My condolences to the families and all who got to know her. Dolly Reitz

Dolly Reitz - December 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM

VS

“ Oh Maryann....long ago memories.....Fly with the angels

Vicky McFadden Spraggs - December 22, 2020 at 10:05 PM

DO

“ May God give you strength, peace and comfort during this difficult time. May the memories and love you shared be the healing light with each passing day. Mary Ann was a good friend to me. We met when I worked at Labor and Industry. She will be missed.

Donna - December 22, 2020 at 09:36 PM

DY

“ My deepest condolences to Maryann’s husband, sister Liz, and all friends and family. Maryann lived next door to me when my family moved to the area when I was three and she was five. She was always the fashionista at birthday parties, even as a five year old. I always was in awe of her. As teenagers, she included me in some special times. I remember going ice skating with her and the laughs we had. She also drove me to school when she got her driver’s license. We would always go to McDonalds for hot chocolate after school on cold days. She will never be forgotten. The last time I ran into her we were both shopping. She hugged me and said ‘I love you’. I love you too, Maryann. I hope to cross paths with you again.
XO
-DyAnn Posmoga

Dyann - December 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

TH

“ The family has my deepest sympathy. I worked with Maryann for a few years at L&I and she was such a fun coworker who always had a smile on her face. She attended my surprise 40th bday party a few years back so it was good to catch up with her. So sorry to hear this news.

Trina Hawk - December 22, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JR

“ oh Maryann, you came to Lemoyne Jr High & we all wanted to dress like you, be you & know you!! ~ Such a smile & genuine person. Again, our world has sent another angel above. Sending warm hugs and love to all left here xoxo ~ Jyl Abbott Reeves

Jyl Abbott Reeves - December 22, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ *MaryAnne was the classiest lady I ever knew. When first meeting her at work, I knew instantly she was someone who I wanted to get to know better. She loved life. She was the perfect balance of fun-loving and no-nonsense. She will be missed by everyone who ever met her.*

Jessica Rowan-Tree - December 22, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DE

“ *The smile, the laugh, her love for animals, her great big heart. My crazy funny friend. I will miss you so very much. Sending my condolences to Gordy and his family as well as to all of our "posse girls". Our big little light may be gone but she will always be around us.*

Debra Jo Eckert - December 22, 2020 at 08:00 AM

KA

“ *Far too many cherished memories to pick just one. Sincere condolences to Gordy and the family. A bright light has gone out and you will be sorely missed my dearest, sweet friend*

Kathy - December 22, 2020 at 07:46 AM

SK

“ *My husband Jim and I only met Maryann briefly ~ with Gordie at my Dad's viewing and funeral in 2018. I could see the joy and feel the love between them and my Heart was warmed. Her vibrant smile and Radiant Spirit live on in my memory. Condolences to the family and dear friends for the loss ~ and Celebrating as her Spirit Soars!!*



S Suzanne Grandon & Jim Kempers - December 22, 2020 at 12:26 AM

JM

“ Maryann had a vibrant personality that will be missed deeply. She was a wonderful friend, wife, MiMi and we will love her and cherish our time with her forever ❤️



Jenny McCullough - December 21, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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BROWN-SKINNED
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“ MA was the consummate professional, and if you had the pleasure of working with her, you would certainly agree. She was also a wonderful friend, and her million dollar smile would light up a room, no matter the mood. MaryAnn, thank you for your friendship. May flights of angels carry you to your rest.

Lisa Pletz - December 21, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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Lisa Pletz - December 21, 2020 at 07:08 PM

PB

That's how I'll remember her.

patty brann - December 21, 2020 at 07:10 PM

RD

I've known Maryann since my early twenties but lost track of her.

A little over (10) years ago Gordie asked me to go to a local establishment so he could ask this "Woman" out. (She had worked part time as a Manager for a local Band.) I went & He introduced me to her, couldn't believe it was Maryann! Gordie asked her out & the rest is History. I've known Gordy since 2nd grade & all I can say is she put a "constant smile" on his face throughout their Relationship! She was always very positive & will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Rick Dougherty

Rick Dougherty - December 22, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JM

Love this 🙏💕

Jenny McCullough - December 22, 2020 at 02:09 PM

ML

Gordie, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Maryann at L&I, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. She always had a smile on her face. The family has my deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.

Marsha Leitzel

Marsha Leitzel - December 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

EK

I was shocked to hear of this. She was a wonderful woman I have known well for years. Maryann was the angel among us. Gordy and family in our prayers.

Edwin Kratzer - December 23, 2020 at 09:48 AM