

Mary Dean Aber

May 1, 1936 - January 23, 2024

Mary Dean Aber was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on May 1, 1936. She died on January 23, 2024, at the age of 87. At the time of her death, she was living in the St. Augustine Plaza Senior Apartments in Lawrenceville. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Howard Aber and Jean Johnston Aber, and by her life partner, Martha Fairchild. She is survived by her beloved cousin Mary Jo Howard (Jo) of Virginia who sent care packages and whose calls and visits brought cheer to her life. She is also survived by her cousins, Anne Johnston, of North Huntingdon, PA, Jerri Stuart of Fort Peirce, Florida and by Martha's children Alex Shepler of Lancaster PA and Will Shepler of Florida.

Mary Dean was a 1957 graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School, completed a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Duke University and obtained her License as a Clinical Social Worker after completing her Master's Degree at the University of Pittsburgh. As a therapist, Mary Dean cared for many people and was particularly instrumental in supporting individuals recovering from substance use. Mary Dean had achieved 45+ years of sobriety and was active in 12-step recovery.

Mary Dean's life was characterized by a love for fun and adventure and an aversion to rules and too much responsibility. She loved everything about the beach (dolphins, seafood, sea glass), bicycling, kayaking, playing bridge and cheering the Steelers. Mary Dean was an animal lover and was companioned in her last years by her cat, Lily.

Mary Dean laughed and made friends easily. Her lifelong friend and mischief maker, Judy Musgrave, provided joy and legendary stories that Mary Dean loved to share. Always eager to learn new things, she picked up the Ukulele and had great fun harmonizing and playing with the Pittsburgh Steel City Ukulele group. She especially enjoyed singing with her friend, Priscilla Kleiner, who visited weekly and sang with Mary Dean when she was no longer able to travel.

Her long-time buddies, Kathi Boyle and Betty Hill, invite you to join a Celebration of her Life on Sunday February 18, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation Center located beside the Vintage Senior Center, 421 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation (<https://hughlane.org>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation Center
421 North Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Dean at Phipps - June 2022*



Priscilla Kleiner - February 12, 2024 at 11:58 AM

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Priscilla Kleiner - February 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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“ *4 files added to the album Mary Dean with ukulele friends*

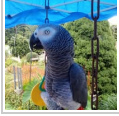


Linda Cusick - February 02, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Bless you, miss. Rest in Peace.*

Luann Shoop - February 02, 2024 at 12:43 AM



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Olwyn Best - February 04, 2024 at 10:45 AM