



Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp

July 1, 1935 - April 20, 2014

Mrs. Mary Jane Risko Lipp, 78, of Blairsville, GA died April 20, 2014. Born in Chicago, IL to James and Emma Hetzel Risko, she was a retired administrative assistant. She is survived by her husband, Dewayne Lipp; daughters, Kathy and Colleen Sheehan; step-sons, Randy, Rick and Roger Lipp; 7 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

APR 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

RL

“ Growing up I knew my dad was always a great salesman – people used to say he could sell ice to Eskimos! There was NO bigger sale than convincing Mary Jane Sheehan to become Mary Jane Lipp in July of 1989...

I remember clearly him coming to Deb and I being so excited that he finally got a date with her and asking Deb to PLEASE go with him and buy some new clothes so he could impress her and not look like some hillbilly. He shopped and found some nice dress clothes with a nice jacket – he was looking good! Later we found out that he picked her up on a moped for the first date – like I said, he’s a good salesman and she married him despite that!

Mary Jane quickly adapted to being part of our family and embraced the Lipp culture – well maybe embraced, but she at least tolerated all of us quite well. I’m sure she looked back many times and said herself – OMG, what did I get myself into?! But they were perfect for each other, he kept her active and adventuresome and she tried to keep him out of trouble! (Which honestly – didn’t always work)

There are a few words that have heard in the past couple days to describe Mary Jane – Loving, Caring, thoughtful and Patient....

While those are all true and accurate descriptions, I want to share a few other words I would add to the list: Adventurer – Explorer – dare devil and most of all..... Soul Mate.

Over the past 25 years since she has been in our lives – She and my dad have been on a non-stop adventure. Panama, Belize, Cancun, Cozumel, Nassau, London, Paris, Hungary, Canada....

From Mexico to Maine and from Florida to Mount Rainier --- she has traveled and experienced more than most of us ever will – she lived life to its fullest!

Always an adventure and always a story to tell, from towing a 34-foot 5th wheel up the side of a mountain road that was much too narrow for any of us to imagine – to ending up in a hospital in Utah, she experienced it all. Nothing ever slowed her down!

If you put a poker chip on a map of everywhere Mary Jane and my dad have been – it would look like a cover-all game on Bingo night! Which by the way was one of her favorite pass times.

In recent years, even though she slowed down a bit, she still stayed

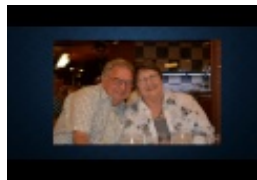
committed to that same adventuresome spirit. Just a couple of years ago, she cruised with us and the Carpenters to Mexico, she also cruised with us and our kids to the Bahamas --- and she kept up with all of the 20-somethings. She and my dad have group camped with us over the past few years several times and had a blast participating in the O-LIPP-ICS that was held at Red Top Mountain park! Mary Jane always insisted on coming down and making the trip when there was a family gathering of any kind – she loved visiting with her step kids, seeing her grandchildren and absolutely loved playing with her great grandchildren every chance she got. She was so proud of her family and all their accomplishments. She loved her daughters and looked forward to spending time with them. She loved meeting them to go shopping – which was another of her favorite past times!

We all love Mary Jane very much – she meant a great deal to us and she was absolutely my dad’s soul mate – they were perfect for each other. There will definitely be a void in all of our lives without her – we truly loved her and will miss her terribly. Randy Lipp

Randy Lipp - April 26, 2014 at 01:18 PM

KA

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Kathi - April 25, 2014 at 04:19 AM

KA

Thank you for posting these for me.

Kathy - April 26, 2014 at 08:11 AM

BL

“ Good Afternoon! Thank you all for being here. I apologize if I look down, I'm not very good at public speaking! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Rebecca Lipp. My official title is Mary Jane's step-granddaughter- in- law; a mouth full, I know. For about 7 years I got to know and develop a relationship with Mary Jane. Sadly, I never had the privilege of knowing my grandparents. When her grandson, Matt, and I started dating, I was beyond thrilled that he had grandparents and hoped that one day I would be able to have a loving, meaningful relationship with them. From the moment I met Mary Jane, she welcomed me with open arms. We spent days talking about shopping, our July birthdays, love and marriage, our Hungarian heritage. We also had a constant debate about how Pepper, their cat, is in fact mean! Her smile and laughter was contagious. Her zest for life and her love for her husband were undeniable. I once had the pleasure of going on a cruise with Mary Jane. I must admit I was worried that she and Grandpa Dewayne wouldn't be able to keep up with us youngins. In true Grandma Fashion, she proved me wrong. While in the Bahamas, we danced in a conga line where every time you went past start, a bit of liquor was poured into your mouth. After about 7 times around, I was done but grandma kept going! In October 2012, Matt and I got married. While at our wedding, grandma saw one of my close friends and her husband posing for a silly picture. Grandma put her bag down, walked over to my friend and said “our turn!” It is the memories that I have with her that will keep my smiling even though she is gone. The last time I saw her was around Christmas, she told me several times that Matt and I needed to come visit them in Blairsville. I smiled and said I know, grandma, we need to make it up there. It pains me that we didn't take more time out of our busy lives to go spend an afternoon with them- soaking up the sun, listening to their wisdom, enjoying each other. Why is it we always think about what we should have done after the fact? I find comfort in knowing she is in a better place and we all have a new guardian angel watching over us. Today and every day, remember to hold your loved ones close and enjoy the small things in life- for one day you will wake up and realize they were the big things. Thank you.

Becca Lipp - April 25, 2014 at 03:53 AM

KA

Thank you Becca! This was beautiful.

Kathy - April 26, 2014 at 08:15 AM

SL

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah Lipp - April 23, 2014 at 08:24 PM

“ It isn’t often we get second chances in life. I lost my grandparents when I was just a little girl and when I married Chris I got the chance to be a granddaughter again. Grandma Mary Jane never made me feel like anything less than her own flesh and blood. She welcomed me completely and with all the love in the world. She was so good at making each one of us feel the most special, and we all genuinely felt like her favorite. She never wasted an opportunity to hug me and tell me how loved I was. She made me feel like a rock star anytime I walked into a room.

I thought of my favorite Grandma moments yesterday and I remembered when we were at some sort of party where somebody else’s kids were running around and she, very loudly, and quite close to the parents told me that my children were better looking than the other kids there. I remembered that she would never turn down a glass of wine and she always waited up late for Chris and I when we spent the night at her house. We’d show up, tired from a drive from Florida and she’d be up, waiting to get us blankets, give us hugs, ask about the kiddos, offer us up some food and tell us how happy she was to have us there. I’m sure I’ve watched at least one season of two and a half men with her and Chris probably watched 4 more. Chris stayed with grandma and grandpa while working in Warner Robbins and they took him in with open arms and I know that even though she always tried to force beets on him at dinner time, he cherished that time spent with her and grandpa. Anybody that knew Grandma and who also knows her cat Pepper can understand her great capacity for love. That cat is the most hateful, vicious animal I know and Grandma loved the hell out of him. She let that beast sleep by her head and she would sing his praises with her arms covered in bandages from where he tried to eat her alive. She’d be out camping with the family and here would come Pepper, all leashed up to the RV.

Speaking of animals, she also loved my kids with every fiber in her being. And they love her as well. GGMA always had a hug ready for them and never spoke a cross word. To her, our kids could do no wrong. They are so lucky to have loved her and to have been loved by her. We all are.

Sarah Lipp - April 23, 2014 at 08:04 PM

KA

This was beautiful tribute to my Mom, Sarah.

Kathy - April 24, 2014 at 04:46 PM

RG

“ *Dewayne, So sorry to hear about Mary Jane...shocked and saddened.*

Richard and Jane Gidaro

Richard Gidaro - April 23, 2014 at 09:35 AM

NE

“ *Mary Jane was a wonderful neighbor at Houston Springs. She and Dewayne welcomed us to the community and we loved living next to them, we were so sad to see them leave.*

She has been and will continue to be missed.

Nancy & Bob Epstein - April 22, 2014 at 12:40 PM

RH

“ *Mary Jane was well loved in River's Edge R V Park. Her cats really miss her. Robin and Harley Hollingsworth.*

Robin Hollingsworth - April 22, 2014 at 06:22 AM

DF

“ *Dewayne, we are so sorry for your loss. Mary Jane was a wonderful woman. You are in our hearts and prayers. Cathy, Don, Joel & Leanne Trednick.*

don trednick family - April 22, 2014 at 05:44 AM

DC

“ DeWayne, We were saddened to hear of Mary Jane's passing. Was looking forward to maybe seeing you guys in May. Our love and sympathy to you and all the family.
Don and Carolyn Carroll

Don and Carolyn Carroll - April 21, 2014 at 10:04 PM

DC

“ Don and Carolyn Carroll purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.



Don and Carolyn Carroll - April 21, 2014 at 09:56 PM



“ There are no words that can express the pain that I am sure the family is going through. May God's Grace and Love be ever present in the days, weeks and months to come.

Margie Medlin - April 21, 2014 at 08:20 PM

KS

Thank you Margie.

Kathy Sheehan - April 21, 2014 at 10:47 PM

LC

“ Love & Hugs to my dear friend, Kathy Sheehan, on the tragic death of her mother. Thinking of all of the family of Mary Jane Lipp at this sad & difficult time. May your lovely memories of this beautiful woman comfort you in your grief. Always loved & never forgotten. <3 Linda L. Crow



Linda Crow - April 21, 2014 at 07:52 PM

KS

Thank you Linda.

Kathy Sheehan - April 21, 2014 at 10:47 PM

CR

“ Mary Jane, you will be missed. You were the bright smile and cheerful laugh at family gatherings! I have appreciated being able to know you better since living in GA and loved your dedication to family, especially DeWayne. May your spirit & love carry on. Love, the Riggle's xoxo

Colleen Riggle - April 21, 2014 at 04:50 PM

AN

“ DeWayne, I'm so sorry for your loss. MaryJane was a very special Lady and will be greatly missed. You are in my heart and in my prayers. Love You Amie Y Newman

Amie Y Newman - April 21, 2014 at 03:49 PM

TI

“ Dwayne, We are at a loss for words over the tragic death of your beloved wife our dear friend MaryJane. May all the beautiful memories you shared with MaryJane sustain you through this difficult time. I will miss our conversations about our babies the cats she and. I had a love for cats like no other. We will miss her but have comfort in knowing that she is with The Lord now and we will meet again.. God be with you dear friend.

Thurman and Nancy Imboden - April 21, 2014 at 02:13 PM

JC

“ *Mary Jane was loved by so many people, she was one of the sweetest friends I had. She was always there if you needed her. Dewayne we are so sorry for your loss, you are in our prayers. Jean and Al.* ”



Jean Cunningham - April 21, 2014 at 01:56 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.* ”



April 21, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LS

“ *Love, Pat and Rita Sheehan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.* ”



Love, Pat and Rita Sheehan - April 21, 2014 at 10:19 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.* ”



April 21, 2014 at 09:51 AM

RT

“ Ray and Lynn Trice purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.



Ray and Lynn Trice - April 21, 2014 at 09:50 AM

RT

“ Dewayne, we are so sorry for the loss of your wife, she was a dear lady and will be missed by all who knew her. You and your family are in our prayers.

Ray and Lynn Trice - April 21, 2014 at 09:41 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss DeWayne, You and your family are in my prayers.

Bobby Barnes - April 21, 2014 at 08:52 AM

TS

“ Terry Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp



Terry Sanders - April 21, 2014 at 08:34 AM

BB

I'm so sorry for your loss DeWayne, You are in my prayers.

Bobby barnes - April 21, 2014 at 08:51 AM

SH

Randy and Deb, I am so sorry for your tragic loss. You know that I would be there tomorrow if I could but I can't. I will be lifting you up in my thoughts and prayers! Stacy Horst

Stacy Horst - April 21, 2014 at 02:52 PM

TE

Dewayne , Prayers lifted for you and the Family as Heaven has gained yet another wonderful Angel that we will all miss dearly.

Terry - April 21, 2014 at 04:19 PM

EB

“ *Edward B. purchased the Loving Lilies and Rose s Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Lipp.*



Edward B. - April 21, 2014 at 06:47 AM