



Mary Jane Brown (Ricci)

October 10, 2013

Mary Jane Brown, Ph.D., born March 25, 1939 in Columbus, Ohio. Preceded in death by her parents Oreste Ricci and Clara D'Andrea Ricci, husbands Michael W. Fallon and Dr. Donald L. "Deacon" Brown, M.D. Died at home Thursday, October 10, 2013 surrounded by her loving family who cared for and tended to her in her final days. Survived by her significant other, Richard Gravley; and her children, Paul Fallon (Khisha), Quinn Fallon, Kathleen Fallon Wiant (Wade), Erin Fallon, and Megan Brown Nowak (Peter); and beloved grandchildren, Austin Wiant, Olivia Wiant, Collin Wiant, Aidan Wiant and Ava Wiant. She also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Jeanie Brown; and other special family members, Dr. Timothy Fallon (Judy), John Fallon (Cheri), Janie Fallon-Murphy (Michael), Nancy Willemstein and Diana Whightsel. She was a graduate of Linden-McKinley High School and The Ohio State University, from which she received her doctoral degree in History. Dr. Brown then went on to teach history at Otterbein College and Columbus State Community College, and was published as author of *Eradicating This Evil*, which chronicled a vital, but largely unexplored period in America's post-bellum history. She was an active member of Impresarios of Opera Columbus, Columbus Italian Club, and was a founding member of the Christ Child Society of Columbus. She will be remembered dearly for her loyalty to her family and friends, the courage she exhibited during the periods of adversity in her life, and her dignity. She held immense pride in her family, her heritage and Catholic faith. Although never a zealous fan of sports, she could always be found on the sidelines of

Bishop Watterson High School and St. Andrew School sporting events. She enjoyed extensive travel, including special family vacations to Emerald Isle. She was a prolific reader, enjoyed gardening, hiking, snow skiing vacations and boating with her family and was a local music aficionado. Her Thanksgiving celebrations were known for being large gatherings, where she opened her home to all. Special thanks to Dr. Timothy J. Fallon for his endless dedication and care for her, as well as her family. Family and friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, October 14, 2013 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St. Worthington, Ohio 43085. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235 with Monsignor Frank Mouch. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Catholic Social Services, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215; HomeReach Hospice, 180 East Broad St.; 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or to the charity of your choice . Condolences for the family may be sent to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Brown (Ricci)*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *"Thinking of You" message to the family
October 10, 2014*

This past year the void in my life has been filled with over fifty years of precious memories. I am a better person for having had the privilege of sharing those years with my dearest and closest friend, Mary Jane. And you, her wonderful family, are in my prayers every day as you cope with your loss. Sheree Fabyan

Sheree Fabyan - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and extended family of Mary Jane Brown, our close and dear friend for well-over fifty years. We have volumes of memories of many, many happy times and the laughs we shared, both in Ohio and in Florida, as well as memories of the difficult challenges and sad times that Mary Jane met with dignity and resolve.

We will be forever grateful that our daughter and granddaughter were welcomed to every holiday celebration by Mary Jane and Deacon and that they will have those vivid memories to cherish of what family, friends, and holidays mean.

We will remember and admire Mary Jane for her many accomplishments as well as her compassion and dedication to helping others less fortunate, but we will remember and admire her most for her love and pride in her family and their accomplishments.

Mary Jane was a true friend and always there for us.

Jim and Sheree Fabyan
West Palm Beach, FL

Jim and Sheree Fabyan - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Mary Jane was an exceptional person, so vibrant and young at heart. Our sincerest condolences to the family.

Ray & Sue DeAndero - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Kathleen and Wiant Family - We know your mom will still be watching your family's sporting events from the BEST place! We will miss her at Ava's and Colin's games! You all were a great source of LOVE to her!*
Peace, The Moore's

Moore Family - October 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Our condolences with the loss of our dear friend Mary Jane. Impresarios of Opera Columbus will miss her.*

Riek & Andy Oldenquist - October 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of this gracious woman who did so much for the DeAndero family!*

Rick DeAndero - October 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May God's love and peace be with you at this time. Prayers going your way. Love, Alison*

Alison McCarthy - October 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM