



Mary Jane Kistinger

October 1, 1967 - July 3, 2024

We are sad to announce the passing of Mary Jane Kistinger

A memorial service will be held on Thursday the 25th of July at Buono Funeral Service, Inc at located at 100 Main Street, Saugerties, NY, 12477, from 3:00-6:00 PM. During that time calling hours are from 3:00-5:00. From 5:00-6:00 PM, there will be an officiating by Pastor Jeff Dodig, and friends and family who wish to speak and pay their last regards are welcome. Following the service, a food and refreshment gathering will take place from 6:15-9:15 PM at the Maribella's Private Dining Room, located at 123 Partition Street, Saugerties, NY, 12477.

All are welcome to gather and celebrate Mary's life.

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Mary J. Kistinger of Saugerties, NY, passed away on July 3, 2024, after a courageous six-week battle with an unexpected illness. She was born in Suffern, NY. and throughout her illness, she demonstrated bravery and an unwavering zest for life, continuing to pursue her passions in art, food, gardening, and vintage everything. Her family stood by her side during this unexpected transition.

Mary graduated from Binghamton University, NY, with a BFA in art. She embarked on a journey of exploration, spending her last semester and internship in London and traveling throughout Europe.

A woman of diverse talents and passions, Mary pursued various careers that aligned with her interests. She began her career in cooking, fueling her love for whole foods and working as a chef at Edge of the Woods Market in New Haven, Connecticut and the Cambridge Food Co-op. She later transitioned into academia, working at MIT in Boston and then at UMass Lowell in the International Exchange Department. Afterward, she moved to Florida to be closer to her sister, where she found a fulfilling role as a marketing coordinator at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. Her latest job was at Newberry's Artisan Market in Saugerties, NY, where she sold vintage and personal creations, always finding joy in working with her passions.

Mary had a great love for animals and had a special place in her heart for her beloved cats, Marshmallow, Nugget, and Curie. She cultivated her caring value for animals by volunteering regularly at the Cat Café in Miami Beach, FL. She also had a green thumb and took pride in her gardens, with lilies being a common sight. Art and vintage collections brought Mary immense joy, and she was an avid student of art, specializing in printmaking and even running her own printmaking art studio in Lowell, MA.

In the realm of eternal peace, Mary has reunited with her beloved parents, Joan Kistingler and John Kistingler. While her physical presence may be absent, she leaves behind cherished memories and the love she shared with her twin sister and best friend, Ann Kistingler, and her dear cousin, Jill Cohan (Dodig).

On her mother's side, Mary's departure leaves a void felt deeply by her Aunt Dorothy Dodig, along with her cousins Jeff Dodig, John Dodig, Jay Dodig, and

their respective families. Similarly, on her father's side, her Aunt Joan Kistingner, Aunt Diane Kistingner, and Uncle Gary Kistingner, along with her cousins Amanda Kistingner, Sarah Apa (Kistingner), and Jacob Kistingner, mourn her loss alongside their own families. Included in her family, Mary also leaves behind her stepsister, Debbie Sippola, from her father's beloved partner, Doris Sippola.

Mary was a treasure to all who knew her and will be deeply missed. We take solace in knowing that she is now in the loving embrace of the angels, surrounded by beautiful trees, which were another one of her passions.

In leu of donations Mary would ask that you volunteer or donate to Saugerties Animal Shelter

<https://saugertiesanimalshelter.com/donate.shtml>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ All of us at The Newberry Artisan Market purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jane Kistingner.



All of us at The Newberry Artisan Market - July 23, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ All of us at The Newberry Artisan Market planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Kistingner.

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Mary graduated from Englishman University, NY with a BA in Art. She embarked on a journey of exploration, finding her true passion and internship in London and traveling throughout Europe. A woman of diverse talents and passions, Mary pursued various careers that ranged from her interests. She began her career in retail, but her love for home design and working as a chef at Eddy at the Woods Market in New Haven, Connecticut and the Cambridge Food Group. She then transitioned into academia, working at MIT in Boston and then at US Coast in the International Exchange Department. Afterward, she moved to Florida to be closer to her family, where she found a fulfilling role as a marketing coordinator at the Miami Beach Botanic Garden. Her later job was at University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL, where she sold vintage and personal collections, always finding joy in working with her passions. Mary had a great love for animals and had a special

relationship with her dog, who truly was her best friend and her supportive family. Similarly, in her father's role, her Aunt Joan Kistingner, Aunt Doris Kistingner, and Uncle Gary Kistingner, along with her cousins, Amanda Kistingner, Terri Ann Kistingner, and Jack Kistingner, meant her time alongside their own families, to add to her immediate family. Mary also looked back to her inspiration, Deborah Kistingner, from her father's beloved partner, Doris Kistingner. Mary was a treasure to all who knew her and will be deeply missed. We hope comfort in knowing that she is now in the loving embrace of the angels, surrounded by beautiful trees, which were similar size of her parents. In the of decisions, Mary would ask that you volunteer or donate to Longmire Animal Shelter.

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