



## Mary Jane Brady Banyi

October 18, 1945 - July 24, 2025

Mary Jane Brady Banyi, 79, of Lynch Station, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, July 24, 2025, following a courageous, years-long battle with ovarian cancer. She was the devoted widow of John Banyi and was later blessed with four years of marriage to John Grivetti.

She was born October 18, 1945 in New York City, NY, a daughter of the late Patrick V. Brady and Catherine Dwyer Brady. She was a devoted member of St. Victoria Roman Catholic Church and a dedicated public school teacher who touched countless lives through education. She was recognized for the Washington Post Agnes Meyer "Teacher of the Year" award in 1998. She cherished spending summers in Vermont, where she found peace and joy. Her nurturing spirit led her to serve as a foster parent, opening her home and offering care and compassion to those in need. A passionate reader and lifelong learner, she also served as a Special Advocate for children in Campbell County, championing the well-being of vulnerable youth.

She is survived by one son, Andrew Banyi and his wife, Angie of Lost Creek, WV; one daughter, Denise Mills of Manassas, VA; one brother, Robert Brady and his wife, Elizabeth of Burlington, VT; one sister, Virginia Kulls of White Plains, NY; five grandchildren, Madeline Mills, Aidan Mills, Kaylee Konovalchik, Casie Banyi, and Brady Banyi; three great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stephen and Paul Brady; a sister, Patricia McGuire; and a brother-in-law, Robert Kulls.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 6, 2025 at St. Victoria Catholic Church.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Rd., Ste. 201, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Victoria Catholic Church  
305 Victoria Drive  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Aunt Mary Jane including ALL her children, Denise, Monica and Drew. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Laurie Klatt** - August 03, 2025 at 02:31 PM

CG

“ Kyle & I were saddened to hear about the passing of Mary Jane! She was an inspiration as she battled cancer! Every time she came into Carter's Store she had a smile on her face and a calm spirit! She & John would be the first ones to order Taco Salads the day we would put them back on the menu! The sign outside advertising them would go up and John would be the first in to order two! John, we will be thinking about and praying for you! Our condolences to the family! May God give you peace and comfort the days ahead!

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**Cheri Goldsmith** - July 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

SL

“ I met Mary Jane when we moved to Runaway Bay. I always remember her tossing a ball for Charlie and our fun playing Bunco. We moved back to Michigan in 2016 and my dear husband, George passed away in 2022. MJ texted me and she said that she always remembered George walking our dog Teddy passed her house. MJ was a very strong and brave lady and she fought very hard. She will be missed by many but I know she is now at peace. May wonderful memories help soften the sadness for all her family.

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**Sandra Lacombe** - July 29, 2025 at 07:22 PM

LD

“ Mary Jane was my best high school friend. The last time we saw each other was 4 years ago at my sister's memorial. Since then we communicated frequently, all through her heroic cancer battle. I am so happy she had John by her side. She will be missed by so many! Several years ago I uncovered some of our letters back and forth during college days, which I shared with her. Mary Jane was some kind of tough, funny, loving and endearing...ALWAYS. I will always love you.

Lucille DiDomenico - July 29, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Sending so much Button Bay love to Denise, Monica, Drew and John. Things won't be the same here without MaryJane.

Julie Symula - July 29, 2025 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ I'm sorry to read of Mary Jane's death. I knew her as a kind colleague as a teacher at Altavista Combined School and at St. Victoria's Church. She always seemed upbeat and had an easy smile and sparkle in her eye.



Romayne Beard - July 28, 2025 at 11:09 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Banyl was my 8th grade English teacher. She joined us a couple months into the school year when our original teacher unexpectedly resigned- I believe we were her first class at Altavista. She had incredible stories and a very calming demeanor. I could listen to hear all day! I admired her deeply and am thankful she is resting in the arms of our Savior.



Maria Wyatt - July 28, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JG

“ We spent four years in Berlin, Germany from 1969-1973 and were close friends with M.J., John, Denise, Monica and Drew Banyi. Many fond memories spent with the family. it was not too long ago that Mary Jane had written me to say that she had called hospice for help, so she knew her days were numbered. She loved her family and thoroughly enjoyed all the days that they spent in Vermont each year. Great gal and fun friend. She will be missed!!  
Jann Gray, Conneaut Lake, Pa.

Jann Gray - July 28, 2025 at 07:20 PM

KK

“ I got to know Mary Jane when we both volunteered for the American Red Cross. She was an eager "newbie", and was a perfect as a compassionate, caring, smart volunteer with a great listening ear, a big heart, and a wicked sense of humor! She was a bright light in this world, and will be missed. ❤️

Kathy Kilcher - July 28, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MR

“ My all time favorite 6th grade teacher! I thank you for all you taught me. I'm thankful I found you after so many years and got to reconnect and stay in touch. May you RIP and my prayers to your family.

Michelle Robertson - July 28, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CS

“ May you, the family of Mary Jane, find comfort in Psalm 34:18. Mary Jane and John Banyi were one of the first couples to build a house here in Runaway Bay. They were always active in the community.

Carol Skeen - July 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary Banyl*



Kathy Walker - July 26, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CP

“ *Sending my love and sympathy to Mary Jane's daughter Monica and my granddaughter Ashley. So sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. May God bless you both and other family. She was always so nice to me and my son John. I know she will be missed. Connie Painter*

Connie Painter - July 25, 2025 at 05:50 PM

AK

“ *Mathew 28:21 to 22*

A. Klatt - July 25, 2025 at 05:15 PM

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*My mistake..Mathew 18:21 to 22*

A.klatt - August 11, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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*For all who profess love and believe*

A.klatt - August 11, 2025 at 04:40 PM