



Martha Kelly Anderson

September 19, 1946 - September 23, 2021

Martha Kelly Anderson, 75, of Benicia, passed away on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. Martha was born on September 19, 1946 to Mark and Mary (Johnson) Kelly in Indianapolis, IN. Martha was raised in Indianapolis with her five siblings, where she attended St. Joan of Arc School followed by Ladywood - St. Agnes High School in Indianapolis. She worked at Kelly Girl Services with her father after high school, and later moved around the country as a Navy wife during the Vietnam War, living on the West Coast. She returned to Indiana to have her two children, and eventually settled in California in 1978.

Martha was a woman of many great talents. She was a gifted artist who was skilled at painting and welding. Over the years, she created numerous works of art out of scrap metal that were displayed in art galleries throughout Sacramento and the Bay Area. Among her more popular works were clever statuettes of women brought to life out of small and random pieces of welded metal called the "Iron Maidens." Martha was also a meticulous gardener who maintained a fantastic vegetable and herb garden that became the envy of her friends and family. Everyone would look forward to her tomatoes in summertime salads and other delicious meals. When she wasn't creating art or working in her garden, she enjoyed archery, golf and bocce ball.

Martha's unique ability to identify and create beauty in art and nature was perhaps the great metaphor of her life. Martha made easy friends with everyone she met, and her infectious wit and enthusiasm for life resulted in

numerous relationships developed and maintained from every phase in her life. Whether it was a grade school sweetheart or the Benicia police officer she met just months ago, she made a lasting impression on people through her genuine kindness and sincere interest in the lives of others. Martha was the life of the party, and she enjoyed laughing and loving to the fullest. She was always entertaining family and friends alike, and her sense of humor was never outmatched. She will be greatly missed by many who were lucky enough to call her a friend. "Mimi," as she was known by her grandchildren, will always be remembered as the matriarch of the family, and her absence will be felt most by her husband, children and grandchildren. Martha was proud of her family, and she was always supportive and encouraging of their interests and accomplishments until the end.

Martha is survived by her husband of 24 years, Thomas Anderson; daughter Charlotte Lazio (Christopher) of Sacramento, CA; son Edward McGarvey (Kristin) of Danville, CA; stepsons James Anderson (Michelle) of Ventura, CA and Scott Anderson (Kristen) of Lafayette, CA; grandchildren James, Nicolena, and Victoria Lazio; Sloane and Beckett McGarvey; and Milo, Kellen, Jack, Aiden and Oliver Anderson; siblings John Kelly of Kalamazoo, MI, Edmund "Ned" Kelly of Indianapolis, IN, and Mary Elizabeth Lederhos of Sterling, CO; and 13 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James Hugh Kelly and sister Margaret Kelly Deputy.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Kelly Anderson*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *We had been friends and neighbors for ten years when this was taken. This world is somehow smaller without her in it. So very sad*
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Bob Griffin - October 19, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Martha Kelly Anderson.*



October 12, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *Martha as instantly my friend when I first moved to California 35 years ago. She was my Irish pal. We laughed, golfed, watched our kids grow up. She made me laugh and was always real. Her wise crack ways were always welcomed with me. We remained good friends throughout all these years. I will miss her immensely. My thoughts are with you all during this time of loss and sorrow!*
Love Peggy O'Neil❤️🍀❤️

peggy - October 11, 2021 at 07:31 PM

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“ We are sending lots of love and our prayers to you and your family.

Thinking of you,

The Knueppels

Caroline Knueppel - October 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LT

“ What a wonderful lady - we were good friends -we always got together when she came to Indy. I will truly miss her. May God bless all her family. Linda Queisser Thomas

Linda Queisser Thomas - October 08, 2021 at 02:52 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - October 07, 2021 at 01:30 PM

LC

Loved my cousin Martha and my Uncle Mark. Many lovely memories of days gone by. Liza.

liza sipe cousin - October 16, 2021 at 06:54 PM

BA

So very Sorry to read that my old friend and neighbor Martha has passed on. We Shared many afternoons laughing at our kitchen tables, volleyball in the church parking lot, watching our kids become good friends. She will Always be a warm memory in my heart.

Barbara Garrova Anctil - March 03, 2022 at 08:33 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - October 05, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Kelly Anderson.



October 05, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Playing dice in Las Vegas and her after the greenies (\$25 chips. Wonderful woman

Walter - October 04, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Kelly Anderson.



October 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM