



## Mary Elizabeth Stark

December 11, 1925 - September 13, 2017

### MARY ELIZABETH HIESTAND STARK OBITUARY

MARY STARK PASSED AWAY DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, AT HER NEW HOME ON SWEPPS ROAD IN HERNDON, PENNSYLVANIA. MARY WAS 91 YEARS OF AGE.

SHE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 11, 1925 IN LANCASTER AND WAS THE DAUGHTER OF BERNICE AND FITZGERALD HIESTAND OF MARIETTA, PENNSYLVANIA. SHE MARRIED DR. RICHARD JAMES STARK ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1951 WHO PRECEDED HER IN DEATH ON FEBRUARY 20, 2003. DR. STARK FOUNDED AND OPERATED THE DALHERN MEDICAL CENTER IN MANDATA BETWEEN 1958 AND 1988.

MARY WAS A 1944 GRADUATE OF MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL AND A 1948 GRADUATE OF THE DELAWARE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES CADET NURSE CORP OF WORLD WAR II.

MARY WAS AN AVID EQUESTRIAN IN HER YOUTH, A SENIOR SERVICE SCOUT IN WORLD WAR II, EDITOR OF THE "SPOTLIGHT" IN HIGH SCHOOL, A VOLUNTEER IN CIVIC AND WARTIME ORGANIZATIONS, A PUBLISHED POET, AND DELVED INTO POETRY AND WOOD CARVING.

SHE ALSO WROTE THE ALMA MATER FOR THE LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CREATED THE 1973 LOWER MAHANoy TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL SEAL.

MARY WAS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE ELIZABETH FITZGERALD AND HENRY HIESTAND OF MARIETTA. MARY'S PRIDE IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HER ANCESTORS IN THE FOUNDING OF LANCASTER COUNTY IS ONLY EXCEEDED BY HER PRIDE IN HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA SINCE 1963 IN HONOR OF HER LATE PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, ELIZABETH FITZGERALD HIESTAND. SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND LOVED THE OUTDOORS. THEY WERE CLOSE COMPANIONS WHO ENJOYED HUNTING AND FISHING. MARY USED TO SAY WITH A SMILE, "I AM THE MAN BEHIND THE MAN WITH THE GUN."

MARY IS SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN: RICHARD MICHAEL STARK OF PLATTE CITY (MISSOURI), KERRY FITZGERALD STARK OF SHAMOKIN DAM, MARY BONNYLIN STARK RIGGLE OF MANHEIM, DEGG HIESTAND STARK OF SUNBURY, AND LAURIE ELIZABETH STARK KERSTETTER OF HERNDON. MARY ALSO HAS NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

MARY'S SON, GAVIN HIESTAND STARK, PRECEDED HER IN DEATH IN 1960. HER BROTHER, THE LATE DR. FITZGERALD HIESTAND, JR. OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA PASSED AWAY IN 2002.

IN KEEPING WITH MARY'S WISHES, THERE WILL BE NO MEMORIAL SERVICE. A GRAVESIDE SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN MARIETTA AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE FAMILY. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, ALL DONATIONS

SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE VNA HEALTH SYSTEM (CROSSINGS  
HOSPICE) AT 21 WEST INDEPENDENCE STREET, SHAMOKIN, PA 17872.

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. A very special woman!  
*June and Terry Kissinger*

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**June and Terry Kissinger** - September 25, 2017 at 08:23 AM

CL

“ Our deepest condolences to your family. She will be missed.  
*Charlene Sendatch and Charles Long*

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**Charles Long** - September 21, 2017 at 10:50 AM

MC

“ We got to know Dr.Richard and Mary Stark when we purchased their home in Dalmatia in 1978. They couldn't have been more helpful to us as very young parents of a baby. Mary compiled many lists and packets of information she thought would be helpful to us as we began to make a new home in Dalmatia. Periodically, we would see her at the post office or in public somewhere, and she would always inquire how we were doing and did we need anything else to help make our move any easier. We enjoyed our talks with her and found her to be a beautiful,intelligent,and gracious lady. Sending our condolences to all of the Stark families.

*Mike and Rosanne Carson*

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**Mike and Rosanne Carson** - September 19, 2017 at 02:39 PM

CD

“ *Bonnie and The Stark Family. It has been such a long time since our paths have crossed but I never forgot your family. I remember your mother as a beautiful, strong and kind woman. My deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beautiful mother.*

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**Carol Long Daniels** - September 17, 2017 at 08:44 PM

 Joann Newman

“ *Mary was a wonderful, caring women whom I loved chatting with at Sunnoco in herndon, her beautiful smile and shining personality will be missed by many.*

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**Joann Newman** - September 17, 2017 at 06:25 PM

TL

“ *Mrs Stark was neighbor for 25 years. When we first moved to the neighborhood she sent us a beautiful flower bouquet. She was always so pleasant to talk with and enjoyed seeing our boys having fun. I would ask if they were making too much noise on their 4 wheelers and dirt bikes and she would say that she enjoyed seeing them having a good time. Prayers for comfort to the Stark family, your mom will be missed by all of us.*

*Tim, Trish, Nathan, and Andrew Laudenslager*

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**Trish Laudenslager** - September 15, 2017 at 05:07 PM

JW

“ *Mary was a wonderful friend. Her & Doc came to the Pillow store we all ha so much fun. I will always have wonderful Memories of our Birthday Group that met once a month..*

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**Joan Williard** - September 15, 2017 at 03:36 AM

GC

“ *Sincerest condolences. RAYMOND AND MARILYN COLES*



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**Gail Coles** - September 14, 2017 at 06:53 PM

CR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mary Elizabeth's passing. We enjoyed each time we had the opportunity to be with her at family gatherings in Marietta at the Vanderslice residence. She will be remembered as a kind, thoughtful and gentle woman!  
Sincerely, Sally Vanderslice (Robbie's wife) and Carrie Rhinier, daughter of Robbie and Sally*

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**Carrie Rhinier** - September 14, 2017 at 05:59 PM

GC

“ *I have known Mary Stark almost all my life. A wonderful , brilliant , loving woman. Spent much time with the Starks growing up as us kids were friends. We were always welcome. You will be missed. Rest in Peace Mrs. STARK. ALWAYS, Gail Coles.*

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**Gail Coles** - September 14, 2017 at 12:26 PM