



Dr. Mary Jane Phillips

September 23, 1955 - April 16, 2015

Dr. Mary Jane "MJ" Phillips, age 59, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015. An informal Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015 between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM at 142 Robinson-Johnson Rd., Milledgeville. Weather permitting, we will be gathering outside.

MJ served as a counselor, assistant director of Counseling Services and as director of Counseling Services at Georgia College from 1982 - 2011. After taking early retirement, she continued to work part-time in Counseling Services and taught as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Psychological Science.

MJ's husband, Glen Phillips, is a former staff member of Georgia College , working at the bookstore and in Information Technology. Their son, Chris Phillips (Anne Zimmerman), graduated from Georgia College through the joint engineering program with Georgia Tech. MJ was a friend, colleague and mentor to many within the Georgia College community and she will be dearly missed. She is also survived by a sister, Sally and her husband Chris Detter and brother, Dave Dickey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Sally, just seeing this notice while trying to find you again... so sorry to learn MJ has passed. Very sad (and sorry, so very belated) news. Best to MJ's family ~
Best to you and Chris, Anna xoxo*

*Anna Orrell Froehlich.
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Anna Orrell Froehlich - March 03, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JE

“ *I continue to think of Mary Jane so often. I still hear her throaty, infectious laugh in my memories. She influenced me tremendously as a counselor and friend. I miss her often and think of Glenn and Chris frequently. MJ, you were one in a million!*

Jennie - January 17, 2017 at 12:17 PM

KW

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

Kelly Weems - April 22, 2015 at 12:29 PM

GP

Thanks Kelly. I was thinking about you yesterday.

Glen Phillips - April 22, 2015 at 05:01 PM

MD

“ Words are never adequate in moments like these. I will say though, that my heart goes out to your family, and I will always remember the joyous memories of Mary Jane during my time at Georgia College (1980-1984) and that I was privileged in knowing her. We spent a lot of time together at the Student Union talking about not only finding my career path, but also my life path.

Mary Ann Davenport

Mary Ann Davenport - April 22, 2015 at 10:57 AM

KF

“ May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.

Knox Family - April 22, 2015 at 05:48 AM

JC

“ Dear Glen and Chris,
I send you both my deepest condolences. Hearing of Mary Jane's passing was heart-wrenching. She was a great boss - a very democratic and fair department head, as well as a friend who helped me to acculturate and navigate through my move down south. She also did a lot to help me get reestablished in the counseling profession after my move to NJ. She directly impacted my counseling style and professional identity in empowering, positive ways and helped me to believe in myself as a new professional. She had an infectious laugh and a fabulous sense of humor. I have so many great memories of cracking up with her at work. I always found her to be openly, comfortably herself and accepting of her foibles as well as her strengths and she extended the same to others. Because of that, I always felt, and am sure that others also felt, at ease and able to be myself in her presence. What a gift to give others! I also admired her deep commitment to social justice. I hope you will take comfort in knowing that my life was one among hundreds that she impacted in marvelous ways. Jennie (Strole) Chiaramonti
Jennie - Yesterday at 02:24 PM

Jennie Strole Chiaramonti - April 21, 2015 at 08:38 PM

GP

Thanks Jenny, that means a lot to me. Glen

Glen Phillips - April 22, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JB

“Glen, I am shocked and saddened beyond measure at Mary Jane's passing. She was my childhood best friend, and while time and distance took us in different directions, I never forgot the bond we shared as girls. All the qualities that I know she showed in such full measure as an adult were present in her as a kid--she was funny, smart, self-reliant, and very kind. Please know that you and she are very much in my thoughts and prayers. Joan Becker

Joan Becker - April 21, 2015 at 05:38 PM

JE

“Judy Ely lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Jane Phillips



Judy Ely - April 21, 2015 at 12:44 PM

SV

“Susan Veatch lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Jane Phillips



susan veatch - April 21, 2015 at 11:12 AM

SV

Glenn and Chris, so sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing. You both are in my prayers.

susan veatch - April 21, 2015 at 11:13 AM

RS

“Glen and Chris: We are totally surprised to hear of Mary Jane' passing and she is already in our prayers. Mary Jane came into our lives when she voluntarily came to our assistance in the Macon PFLAG chapter, shared in many of our meetings and, ultimately took on the job of chapter treasurer. She was a grounding influence in our meetings, with her selflessness and caring. We'll remember her with love and our prayers.
Minerva and René Sánchez

René J Sánchez - April 20, 2015 at 10:32 PM

GP

Thank you Rene. She enjoyed serving on PFLAG with you both.

Glen Phillips - April 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM

KM

“Glen, you have my deepest sympathies. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Kellie Mzik

Kellie Mzik - April 20, 2015 at 05:24 PM

JC

“Jennie Strole Chiamonti lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Jane Phillips



Jennie Strole Chiamonti - April 20, 2015 at 01:26 PM

DM

“ Glen,
I send my deepest sympathies for your loss. Mary Jane was a special person, full of humor and care.

David Muschell

David Muschell - April 20, 2015 at 06:33 AM

TH

“ Glen,

Sorry to hear this news....as you know MJ and I worked at the college the exact same years, and we even go back to when my dad and I helped you and MJ get the plumbing started when y'all built your house. Even that long ago I remember how MJ could handle about any tool you could put in her hands. You and Chris should take comfort in knowing how many people she touched and guided over the years. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Tim Henry

Tim Henry - April 20, 2015 at 01:40 AM

DD

“ *Mary Jane was one of my professors at GCSU. She was so kind and had the best sense of humor! I learned so much from her! Prayers for peace and comfort for her family! ?*

-Deanna Darity

Deanna Darity - April 19, 2015 at 07:37 PM

PH

“ Glen and Chris, the world has lost one of its brightest lights. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Pat Hendry - April 19, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ Betty Irby Evelsizer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Jane Phillips



Betty Irby Evelsizer - April 19, 2015 at 11:23 AM

AP

“ Glen and Chris, I am so sorry to hear about Mary Jane. She was always so nice and such a pleasure to be around. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Ann Portwood - April 19, 2015 at 08:01 AM

WD

“ I am very sorry to hear of Ms. Phillips passing. I had numerous interactions with her at the college. She carried herself with class and always treated me with kindness. May her family be comforted with the grace and spirit of Yeshua. Bless you Ms. Phillips, rest in peace.

Wendy Dixon - April 19, 2015 at 03:23 AM

DF

“ Glen and family, I am heart broken to learn of Mary Jane's passing. I have such fond memories of our interactions with her while we both worked at Georgia College. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Findley - April 18, 2015 at 07:33 PM

SG

Glen, I am stunned to learn of Mary Jane's death. My prayers and love to you and your family. Sarah Gordon

Sarah Gordon - April 20, 2015 at 08:18 AM

JE

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