



## Mary Ann Paradis

March 6, 1951 - July 29, 2025

Mary Ann (Guerrette) Paradis, 74, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on July 29, 2025 at Tidewell Hospice House. She faced acute myeloid leukemia with courage and dignity, declining treatment, opting for comfort and time with her family.

Mary Ann was born on March 6, 1951 in St. Agatha, Maine. In 1969, she relocated to New Britain, Connecticut, where she met her loving husband Bob at a French Club dance. They were married in 1971 and, soon after, welcomed children Pamela and Craig and moved to Plainville, Connecticut.

She worked at the Hospital of Central Connecticut (previously New Britain General Hospital) for 40 years, starting in transportation, working her way to a nurse technician, and ultimately becoming a unit secretary. She worked third shift to be able to focus on raising her children.

Mary Ann spent 54 years as a devoted wife to the love of her life. She thrived in her role as a mother, finding deep happiness, purpose, and pride in raising her children. Her greatest joy came from being a grandmother- a role she embraced with boundless love, patience, and grace.

Bob and Mary Ann relocated to Sarasota in 2016, quickly making it home by building deep, lasting connections and becoming beloved members of the community, specifically with the Fraternity Order of Eagles. Mary Ann's surviving family is grateful for ongoing support that will be given to Bob in Sarasota by the community they've established.

Mary Ann was selfless and refused to be a burden, up until her last breath. She was loving, kind, and lived her life with her grandchildren at the front of her mind. She enjoyed playing cards, gambling with the Eagles, drinking a cold Bud Light, and watching the birds at the pond in her back yard. Those who knew her were able to translate her famous "look" when she disagreed with something, and appreciate the twinkle in her eye when she was being mischievous or playful.

She was predeceased by her parents Philip and Annette Guerrette, siblings Robert Guerrette, Cecile Morin, Bertrand Guerrette, Roland Guerrette, Louis Guerrette, Joan Thibeault, Lorraine Pelletier, and grandson Robert Frank Paradis. She is survived by her husband Robert Paradis, siblings Clifford Guerrette, Rolande Morneault, Theresa Dubois, Armand Guerrette, and Dorothy Guerrette, children Pamela (and Jason) Pearson and Craig Paradis, grandchildren Brianna and Ava Pearson, and Violette, Scarlett, and Olive Paradis, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss her more than words can ever express.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no public services. The family encourages those who knew and loved Mary Ann to remember her in their

own meaningful way. Those who can are also encouraged to honor Mary Ann by making a donation in her memory to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org>).

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ I am devastated to see this. Mary was one of the neighborhood Mom's. Nothing but fond and loving memories. My heartfelt condolences to Bob, Pam, and Craig and your growing extended families. My she be whole in His Kingdom.

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**Ron Kolpak** - May 01 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ Matante Mary Ann, you made a comment a couple of years ago when we made the extra stop to see you in your new place in Sarasota, that we made you feel special when we stopped in. You have ALWAYS been SPECIAL to us. From the time that you lived in our parents 2-family house as a young adult before you were Married, to getting married and having Craig & Pam, who I had the joy of babysitting, to moving on to bigger & better apts and houses and then to your final Sarasota destination where you loved the warmth, the sun...no more cold winters unless you came to visit family.

You will ALWAYS be SPECIAL in our hearts.

Love and miss you already. ❤️👍

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**Janice Shanley** - August 11, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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Thank you Jan! Such a nice post to honor my mom!

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**pam Pearson** - August 28, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SL

“ *Mary Ann I will always remember how you always made me welcomed when we visited you and Bob in Sarasota, your warm smile and generous spirit! I will miss you so very much, I will keep you in my heart until we meet again. Rest easy Mary Ann!* ❤️🙏❤️

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**Sandra Lizotte** - August 09, 2025 at 06:32 AM

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*Love you Matante Sandra!*

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**pam Pearson** - August 28, 2025 at 06:44 PM