



Mary Ellen Cason

January 3, 1944 - September 1, 2019

Mary Ellen Cason of Nashville, Tennessee passed away Sunday September 1st, 2019 at her home in Fairview surrounded by friends and family.

Born January 3, 1944 in Memphis, Mary moved to Nashville with parents Geneva and Albert Cason in 1947 so her father could take a job for The Nashville Tennessean, as it was called at that time. Albert Cason would go on to be the business news editor for the Nashville Banner and The Tennessean for over 35 years. The family settled in the Inglewood neighborhood of Nashville, and Mary graduated from Litton High School in 1962. She attended Belmont College for two years on a singing scholarship, before becoming a wife and mother in 1965. Mary was a fixture in Nashville's burgeoning 1960's music scene rubbing elbows with the likes of Kris Kristofferson, Mary John Wilkin and Shel Silverstein. She became the inspiration for many songs including 'Sundown Mary' recorded by Billy Walker and 'Dreams of The Everyday Housewife' recorded by Glen Campbell. She also co-wrote 'Sad As It Seems' with Champ Hood of The Uncle Walt's Band. In the early 1980's, she became part of Nashville's soccer scene helping to form the Nashville Blue's Soccer team, and going on to win the DASL Coach of the year in 1981. She worked many jobs to support her family over the years including working for Governor Ray Blanton and for Combine/Buckhorn Music. In 1990, she pursued her passion and became a Master Gardener. She designed many gardens and landscapes in the Belle Meade area of Nashville. She was

recognized for her work when published in the Jul/Aug issue of Country Home magazine in 1998. Mary loved to craft and was mentioned in InStyle Magazine's February 2001 issue for making homemade candles in antique glass and china for the decor at her daughter's wedding.

Mary was a devoted wife, mother of three and grandmother and is survived by her husband of 30 years Mark Fly and son William Cedzich and wife Jennifer Wile, Michele Cedzich and Nicole (Cedzich) Hart and husband Jace Everett, grandchildren Mikhail Cedzich, Savannah Kee, Jackson Grant, Connor Grant and Lucienne Hart. She is also survived by sisters Christy (Cason) and Phillip Robinson, Cathy (Cason) and Jeff Davis and brother Frank Cason, as well as nieces Tara Davis and Lauren Cason and nephew Quentin Cason.

She was known and admired for her sharp wit, intelligence and creativity and will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 28th from 2PM until time of service at 3pm at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel
2707 Gallatin Pike
Nashville, TN 37216
(615) 262-3312
info@phillipsrobinson.com
<https://www.phillipsrobinson.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP **28**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216
Nashville, TN 37216

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Cason*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to you all on Mary’s passing! You three were just little ones when I knew you and she loved ya’ll so ... it is obvious that families have grown and that Mary was a constant loving Mom, Grandmother, etc in your lives. You are so lucky for that time. During those days when we worked at the legislature, Mary was a “mother hen,” taking care of us with many fun times. We had some great times and I will always remember her smile! Always cooking and busy, I sure wish I had some of her Steamed Rice and Veggies about now. Take care and please keep her spirit in you always. Love, Nancy Neil Adcock*

n - September 28, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.*



September 27, 2019 at 04:23 PM

WB

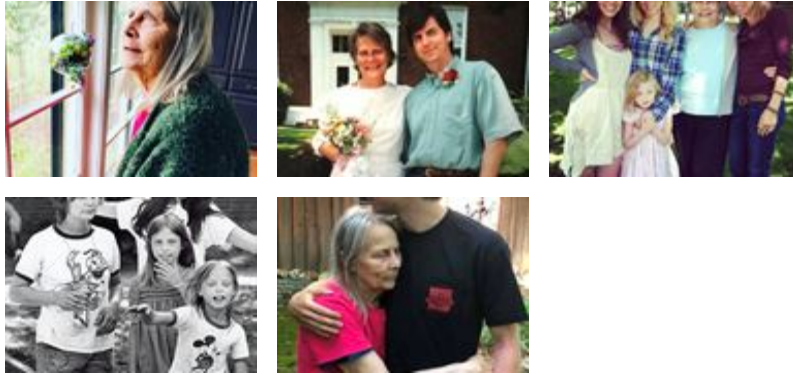
“ With Love, Cheryl & Jimmie Beasley purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.



With Love, Cheryl & Jimmie Beasley - September 27, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ 102 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - September 25, 2019 at 03:38 PM

MK

Mary my dear friend, I am without words. I shall miss you every day....until I see you once again, save me a seat near you!! 🤔🌴🌟👉

Mick Kilgos - September 25, 2019 at 11:10 PM

BI

Nicole, our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother Mary. Our Mom's were a gift from God that we will miss. Prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family.

Brian and Janie Irvin - September 28, 2019 at 09:55 AM

MF

“ Michael and Kristie Fry purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.



Michael and Kristie Fry - September 24, 2019 at 11:17 PM

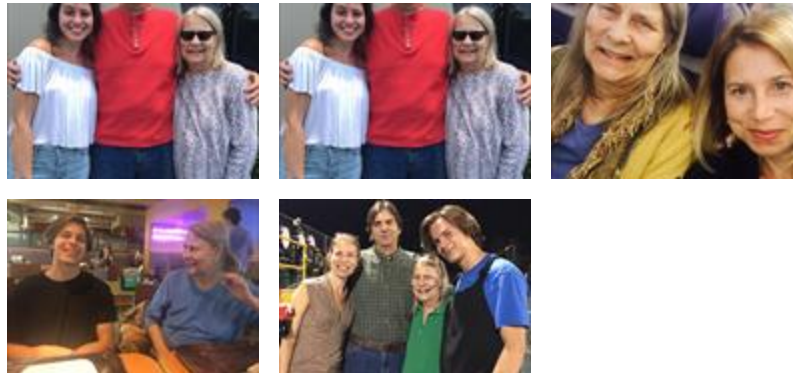
AM

“ Mary was the original Steel Magnolia. An amazing, strong , brave and funny lady.
You really did it well.

Amy Martin - September 24, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MC

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Michele Cedzich - September 24, 2019 at 03:11 PM

JW

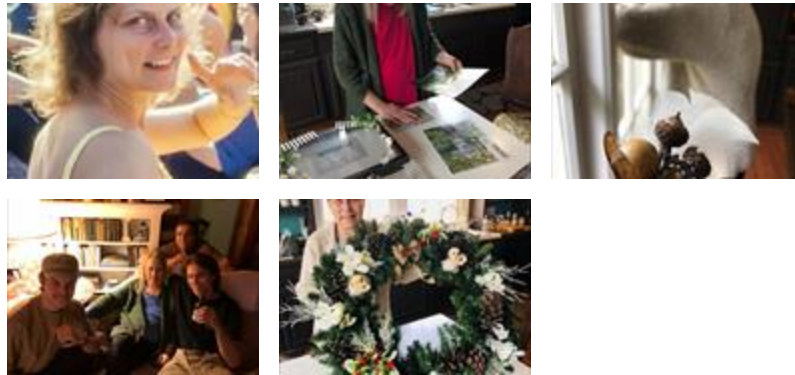
“ Jennifer Wile purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.



Jennifer Wile - September 24, 2019 at 01:17 AM

MC

“ 39 files added to the album Memories Album



Michele Cedzich - September 23, 2019 at 02:27 PM

KP

“ Kitty and Tony Prophet purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.



Kitty and Tony Prophet - September 22, 2019 at 06:02 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.*



September 20, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *I'm so very, very sorry to hear about Mary -- she was very cool in so many ways ... grace, love, peace, and prayers to Mary and her family and friends ...*

jim east - September 17, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.*



September 16, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.*



September 16, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Cason.*



September 16, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ *31 files added to the album Memories Album*



Nicole Hart - September 16, 2019 at 01:04 PM