



Mary Arlene Collins

October 25, 1946 - October 8, 2025

Mary Arlene (Hintsala) Collins born October 25th, 1946 went to be with her savior on October 8th, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. She was born and raised in Marquette, Michigan by her devoted parents John and Lydia (Wainionpaa) Hintsala.

Alongside her brother Ralph, she spent her early years finding joy in all the world had to offer. This is also when she developed her strong and never wavering faith in our Lord and His protection which she freely and lovingly shared with everyone around her.

As a devoted teacher for 33 years with Eaton Rapids Public Schools, Mary found her passion in passing on her love of all creatures great and small to her science students. When she retired, she continued teaching her children, many grandchildren and friend's children to also love and care for the world they lived in.

There wasn't ever a "munchkin" that felt alone when she was around. Her generosity could be seen throughout her many endeavors. Mary helped build homes for those in need with Habitat for Humanity. She also hand-sewed personalized quilts for all her family members so they could have a much-needed hug when she wasn't around.

Many other quilts were donated by her to her church and organizations so that others could also receive comfort when in need. These are but a couple of examples of how she shared her love and compassion for the world. Her heart knew no bounds.

Mary is survived in life by her much beloved family: husband of 41 years David, their children Lisa, Sara (David), & Karista (Justin), grandchildren Katie (Colin), Reagan (Andrew), Grant (Ann-Marie), Phelan, Claire, Thorin, & Forrest, and great grandchildren Macrina, Marty, & Kassi will always know of and feel her spirit within them.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and brother. In lieu of flowers, Mary (in life) requested that donations be made to the youth group at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lakeland, Florida. The family requests that in her memory, you always remember you are "Too blessed to be stressed."

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Dr
Lakeland, FL 33809
(863) 853-5959

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

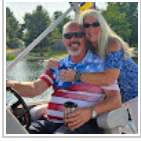
St. Paul Lutheran Church
4450 Harden Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33813

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Special times at Disney Springs. Will miss her joyful ways* ”



Kelly Frank - October 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ I feel so grateful to have known Mary, even if only for a few short years. From the moment we met, her warm and welcoming spirit left a lasting impression on me. Mary had a beautiful zest for life — always ready for an adventure, full of joy, and endlessly kind, especially with children.

Despite facing memory challenges, her light never dimmed. I'll always remember how excited she was when I told her I was studying zoology — she beamed and said, “You're my kind of girl.” That moment perfectly captured her genuine enthusiasm and the way she connected with others.

We shared some wonderful times laughing, enjoying nature, and simply being in each other's company. Mary brought so much joy to those around her, and she will be deeply missed.

*With love,
Ann-Marie*



Ann-Marie Lorencen (GingaPowa33) - October 12, 2025 at 07:28 AM

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“ We spent Monday nights with her and Dave for dinners and whenever you mentioned chocolate her face would light up. She was such a fun loving person and we are going to miss her so much. Rest in Peace Mary. We love you.

Patricia Ebersole - October 11, 2025 at 11:22 PM