



Mary Jane Davenport

April 21, 1939 - June 19, 2025

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Jane Davenport, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who left this world peacefully on June 19, 2025, at the age of 86. Born on April 21, 1939, in Salisbury, Maryland, Mary Jane spent her life devoted to her family, her faith, and her community. She was a daughter of the late Earl and Nina (Hicks) Harrington.

In her younger years she enjoyed a career in banking and secretarial work, but found her calling being a proud homemaker. Mary Jane dedicated her days to nurturing her family and creating lasting memories. She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Davenport, who she married on February 17, 1978; her cherished daughter, Wendy Shores and husband, David; her adored grandson, Dawson Shores; her step sons, William Davenport and Thomas Davenport and his wife, Anna; and her loving step-grandchildren, Gabriel Davenport and Hillary Hyde. Mary Jane also leaves behind her dear sister, Dorothy "Dot" Dickerson, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones who will miss her greatly. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry Northrup, a sister, Shirley Forse and a brother, Earl Harrington, Jr.

Mary Jane was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Delmar, where she shared her faith and passion for children through her roles as a Sunday School teacher, Director, and librarian. Her heart was as warm as her smile, and she cherished the time spent with her church family, especially during

Vacation Bible School.

A lover of life, Mary Jane found joy in the simple pleasures: getting her hair done, enjoying manicures, dining out, visiting Lancaster, talking on the phone with Gail and Joann and above all, spending time with her family. She was a constant source of support, cheering on Wendy through softball games, celebrating her grandson Dawson's achievements on the little league and soccer fields, watching her step-grandson, Gabriel, at the little league fields and proudly supporting Ronald during church softball leagues.

Mary Jane's legacy is one of love, kindness, and unwavering support for those around her. As we remember her vibrant spirit, let us celebrate a life well-lived, marked by laughter, compassion, and faith.

Funeral services will be held in her honor on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00. Interment will follow at Firemen's Cemetery in Sharptown. The Reverend Dr. Jon Morris will be officiating the celebration of life service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to First Baptist Church of Delmar, 501 Bi-State Blvd., Delmar, MD 21875. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Firemen's Cemetery

Sharptown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Delmar
501 Bi-State Blvd.
Delmar, MD 21875

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Davenport*



Short Funeral Home - June 25, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ *I'm thinking of you and I am so sorry for your loss. Love you Joyce Hutcheson*

Joyce Hutcheson - June 25, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Michael & Joy Lewis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jane Davenport.*



Michael & Joy Lewis - June 23, 2025 at 07:23 PM

GR

“ *Wendy and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the good times at your house growing up with your mom. She was like a second mom to me. We sure had some good times. She will surely be missed. Thoughts and prayers to all of you at this difficult time.*

Gail Revel - June 19, 2025 at 05:41 PM

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*Dave, Wendy and Family,
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a sweet lady and will
be missed. Keeping you all in our prayers. God Bless you all. 🙏❤️
Kay Short-Habig
Delmar, De.*

Kay Short-Habig - June 20, 2025 at 08:21 AM



*So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family
during this difficult time. Cathy Moorefield*

Craig-Cathy Moorefield - June 20, 2025 at 09:58 AM