



Olga Macy

December 8, 1945 - April 18, 2020

Tribute to Olga (Mimi) Macy

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Olga Macy passed away on April 18, 2020, after a sudden, unexpected illness. “Mimi”, as she was known by her four granddaughters, Kylie, Campbell, Lauren and Audrey, was the fabric of her family; they were her inner circle, along with close friends. She was loving, extraordinarily selfless and giving. Without compare, she was a positive force who wove a support structure for all who knew her. Mimi was a masterful motivator, eternally optimistic and unendingly supportive no matter what the goal - whether it was sports, life-decisions, or her biggest passion, education. She had a thirst for learning which she conveyed to her students with enthusiasm - both as a teacher and a counsellor.

Early in life, Olga married Jim and had two sons (Jim Jr. and Mark) shortly thereafter. She began attending college part-time once her sons started school, while still working. She persistently pursued her educational goals and earned undergraduate and master’s degrees. She was two courses away from completing her doctorate in education but was sidelined by cancer which she ultimately overcame and the arrival of her granddaughters. During this time, she continued her life's work as both a university administrator and college professor and began, with Jim Sr., to build their retirement home in

Georgia, near her son Mark and his family. After her retirement from DeVry, she enjoyed this house immensely, not only during the holidays, when the entire family would gather there, but also during the fall when they would host gatherings for her granddaughters' closest friends. Her favorite activities included relaxing on the porches and deck with Jim Sr., playing tennis and, most importantly, cheering at her granddaughter Kylie's softball games and Campbell's cheering squad, track and soccer competitions.

Connecticut, where her son Jim Jr. and his family live, became a second home. She loved to see the snow fall in the winter and the flowers bloom in the spring. She planned multiple extended visits every year with Jim Sr. to see her granddaughters Lauren and Audrey and care for them as they were growing up. Lauren and Audrey always looked forward to playing cards and games with them as, despite the distance, Olga always insisted, from the day they were born, that they know their Mimi. Her granddaughters -each of them- gave her endless joy in her life; she loved supporting them more than anything, and they loved being with her.

Olga and Jim Sr. were a true "bonded pair"; they were married for over 55 years and were rarely apart. They enjoyed almost everything together in an incredible relationship that was rare, by all standards. Words cannot express how privileged we were to have her as a wife, mother, grandmother and caring friend - an honor that will never be forgotten. She passed away in Atlanta GA, with Jim Sr. and Mark at her side. Just before passing, she moved her arm briefly when they said goodbye as if to say "so long" and remind us to care for one another as she did for everyone. At the time of death, large snowflakes were falling in CT -- the kind she loved to watch while visiting. It was as if she was speaking to Jim Jr., who could not be in Georgia, to tell him goodbye and not to worry. These last farewells epitomized the true essence of Mimi. Although her sudden loss is devastating and our grief is inexpressible, we keep her close to our hearts knowing her legacy lives on, not only through her family but all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Olga Macy is survived by her husband Jim Macy Sr., her two sons Jim Macy

Jr. (Jackie Quin) and Mark Macy, Shannon Macy, her brother Willie Wilson, wife Kathryn Wilson and her four granddaughters Kylie, Campbell, Lauren and Audrey Macy. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Olga Macy*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Jim this joe and Mary turner Lyman s c Joe worked with Olga at the bank when you all lived at Spartanburg s c Mae have talked and thought of you both for many years our grief is profiund we loved you both and still have memories of evening we shared when your chikdren were very young we are so sorry for your loss Mary has cancer now for almost three and half tears still has four tumors we live in Lyman s c 29365 email doctors massage@icloud.com praying for your family for days ahead love joe and Mary turner*

joe turner - May 16, 2020 at 09:48 PM