



Mary Jane Hollingsead

October 1, 1959 - April 25, 2026

Mary Jane Hollingsead, age 66, of Junction City, IL, passed away on April 25, 2026 at Foothills Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Maryville, TN. Born on October 1, 1959, in Centralia, Illinois, she is the daughter of Robert Thomas Farnsworth and Edna Earl (Elliott) Farnsworth.

Mary Jane proudly served in the United States Army from 1981 to 1984, earning the rank of Sergeant. Her dedication and service to her nation left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Upon returning to civilian life, she continued her commitment to service as a longtime bartender at the Centralia American Legion, where her welcoming smile and caring nature endeared her to many.

Mary Jane's love for her community was evident in her active membership with the Centralia American Legion Post 446, where she enjoyed calling BINGO numbers and socializing with fellow members. An avid reader, Mary Jane found great joy in books.

Mary Jane leaves behind a legacy of love through her cherished family. She is survived by her daughters, Rebecca Barber (Thale) of Knoxville, TN, and Christina Pyle of Granite City, IL; her son Joseph Pyle (Sarah) of Ocala, FL; her brother Russell Farnsworth of Junction City; her sister Tammy Wallace of Salem, IL; eight grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and great

nieces and nephews. Her warmth, humor, and kindness will be missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her devoted parents, Robert Farnsworth and Edna Farnsworth, whose memories she cherished every day.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 4:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, with Military Honors accorded by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W. Post 2055 at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo at a later date.

The family extends their gratitude to all who have offered support in this difficult time. Donations may be made to the American Legion Post 446 and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, who is honored to be of service to Mary's Family. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and through the funeral home's Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Mary Jane will be remembered not only for her service but for her unyielding love and compassion. Her legacy will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Smith & Wesson family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Mary Jane Hollingsead.*



Your Smith & Wesson family - May 15 at 09:16 PM

DE

“ *To Mary, my classmate (Latin 3years), my friend (candy striper at SMH) and twin(same birthday exactly). I'm going to miss you ,always acknowledging our birthdate. Take your rest my friend. Dee Dee (class of 1977)*

deedee - May 14 at 07:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hollingsead.*



May 11 at 08:08 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hollingsead.*



May 11 at 10:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hollingsead.

May 11 at 10:15 AM



“ Mary and worked together at Centralia Manor for quite a few years on the nightshift. She and I became very good friends. I couldn't have asked for better work partner than Mary!!!! So.MARY MAGPIE you fly high my friend. You will definitely be missed . T ÿ

Gidget Finley - May 07 at 02:41 PM



“ Lighting a candle in memory of a great friend and book lover.



Diane Vandergriff - May 06 at 08:25 AM

DV

“ I’ve known Mary for about 14 years meeting over our love of books. She always had a smile and was willing to help! I got to spend a lot of time with Mary at a book event in Portland, OR several years ago. She was gracious and I appreciate the love she showed my daughter at that event giving her a book by my daughter’s favorite author she had won in a contest saying she already had it. Mary will be greatly missed. My biggest regret is not traveling up to Tennessee to visit her and talk about books and her military service. A true angel has earned her wings. Fly high, Mary! Enjoy reading all those books we don’t have time to read here on earth! I’m eternally grateful that God brought you into my life! Rest in peace my friend.

Diane

Diane Vandergriff - May 06 at 08:24 AM

RS

“ Robin Sermons lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Hollingsead



Robin Sermons - May 06 at 12:25 AM

AE

“ Mary was a dear friend that I met through books. She was always a proud veteran and really enjoyed our trip to Washington D.C. with KallypsoCon. We would always chat through out the year even though we only saw each other once a year. I’m going to miss her smile and friendship.

Annette Elens - May 06 at 12:22 AM

MA

“ *Mary was always a interesting person,with stories of her late husbands picture archives, and different festivals she attended each year. Her annual news letters were something I really enjoyed each year. We met through Hpana and carried a friendship long after. You will be missed dear!*



Mary(samtibbs) - May 05 at 10:34 PM