



Mary Teresa Shampine

June 13, 1929 - May 27, 2013

MARY SHAMPINE June 13, 1929 ~ May 27, 2013 Every so often we all run into that person that makes your day a bit brighter, and for many, Mary was that person. She was described as a live-wire a spit-fire somebody who definitely left an impression on all she came into contact with. Yes, Mary was all this and more, yet sadly we had to say good-bye to this live-wire on Monday, May 27, as she passed peacefully in her home at the age of 83 (going on 21) years young. Mary, or better known as Granny, was born in 1929 in Chamont, New York. She was the only girl in a family of six children, and putting up with five brothers honed her spit-fire personality early on. Mary was a musician at heart. Even at an early age she demonstrated a great talent for the piano as she often played in her father's jazz band. She never met a musical score which she couldn't improve by adding her special touch and subtle elegance. In her early twenties, Mary met a local boy, Kenneth Shampine, who had just returned from the war and they married in 1949. Two children later, Stephanie (1950) and Kris (1952), they ventured to Southern California leaving the small towns of upper New York State behind. In 1960, shortly following the move to the West Coast, Kerry, their son was born. Ken worked for an international Paper Company which introduced them to many lifelong friendships. There was many a night when the Shampine's would be throwing the next social event of the year. Mary was always at the piano playing until the early morning hours and all would-be crooners could be heard singing along. They moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1975 so Ken

could finish his career and ease into retirement. In 1988, after 39 years of marriage, Ken passed and Mary was left with one-less special voice in her life. She continued to entertain many with her piano playing, as even into her last years she could be seen at the local hospitals or at a local restaurant playing little numbers while the headliners were at break. Local patrons would smile and applaud for little ol' Mary as she gave it her all. Yes, Mary will be missed by many, but her suffering is finally over and she rests now in the warm embrace of God. Even in heaven, we are certain she will play to crowds of many, and her special touch will be enjoyed by family and friends that have gone on before her. Mary is survived by her daughter, Stephanie; son, Kerry; grandsons, Jason, Jay, Brad and Tony; plus many family members and friends who will miss her dearly. Mary's life will be celebrated by family and friends on Saturday, June 8 at The Heathman Lodge (Hudson's Bar and Grill: 7805 NE Greenwood Drive) near Vancouver Mall from 5 to 7p.m. The family welcomes all friends to drop by to share fond memories of Mary. Gift or flowers are not required. If you would like, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society in Mary's name.

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“ *My condolences for Mary's family. I met Mary while working at the Benson Hotel. We found out that my family knew Kris in Kauai. She would visit us and when in Washington, we would visit her. When our Christmas card was returned, I eventually decided to look her up online. That is how we found out about her passing. She has touched the hearts of many even far across the sea. She will be missed.*

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