



## Mary Ann Beal

March 31, 1938 - February 14, 2024

Mary Ann Mercer Beal (85) of Moorestown, NJ passed away peacefully at her residence in Woodbury on Wednesday February 14, 2024. She is survived by her husband of 54 years William David Beal, her two children Christy Ann Beal Engel (John) and David Thomas Beal (Sierra) and three grandchildren Niobe Engel, Cassiopeia Beal, and Orion Beal. Mary Ann is predeceased by her brothers William Mercer and Tom Mercer. And her parents Tom Mercer and Mary “Mayme” Vickroy Mercer.

Mary Ann was born in Cincinnati in 1938. Raised in the Price Hill district she went on to study at Ohio University, earning a Master’s Degree in Education from Miami University of Ohio. From there she was a teacher, teaching 1st grade in rural Piqua, Ohio.

Through mutual friends she met the love of her life W. David Beal. Married in 1969, they honeymooned in San Francisco and initially settled in Chicago. Mary Ann followed her new husband as he worked in different cities over the years, eventually taking a position in Philadelphia. While living in Moorestown, Mary Ann raised her own two children and delighted in welcoming no fewer than 10 exchange students into her home all while still being a second Mom to dozens of other children over the years. Mary Ann continued to teach, working as a substitute, sometimes for long periods at Westfield Friends School.

A quilter, needlepointer, and genealogist, Mary Ann’s craft room or office always had several projects going. She pursued her genealogy all the way back to Europe while visiting ancestral towns and amassed an extensive database of the family history. An avid reader Mary Ann kept an extensive library. She had a special interest in Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings. Rereading and researching those stories became a favorite pastime.

Mary Ann was a devoted grandmother. Even with grandchildren on both coasts she could always be counted on for support and bragged about every milestone. A lover of history, she believed and lived the motto “family can be forever”.

Please join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Mary Ann. Relatives and friends are

invited to attend a visitation on Monday, February 19, 2024 from 2pm to 3pm in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Memorial Service in the Quaker tradition at 3pm in The Chapel of the funeral home. This service will be livestreamed and can be accessed using this link: <https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.boucherfuneralhome.com%2Fobituaries%2Fpermalink%2F11311574%2FLTWebcast&data=05%7C02%7Cmark%40boucherfuneralhome.com%7C0d363d1ccf164601d75808dc315a0261%7C96907ad63849441da2dc871abec2eaea%7C1%7C0%7C638439509867714952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wF%2BduS8GJpH3XtMks1sjUskUPq1CCHU%2BgF9ex9dJ3wA%3D&reserved=0>

Private Interment in Tennessee at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary Ann's memory to Mount Laurel Friends Meeting, 436 Mt. Laurel Rd, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 OR to the National Genealogical Society, <https://donorbox.org/donate-to-ngs>.

For condolences, please visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Mary Ann Beal



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - February 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Beal



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - February 16, 2024 at 03:54 PM

KL

Thank you for sharing a glimpse of lives well lived together.

Kandy Lippincott - February 17, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TH

“ What a beautiful memory. My husband, Bill Holden, worked with David at Rohm and Haas. David was our first contact and we became friends with dinners and camping trips. When Bill had to make his first business trip with David Mary Ann invited me to stay with her for two days so I would not have to be alone. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her kindness. She was a great hostess and we enjoyed many evenings in their home. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. I thought of her and David so often when I did not get our usual Christmas card and note. My best to Christie Ann and David. I attached two pictures to David's obituary. Terri Holden.

Terri Holden - December 28, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JR

“ Thank you for opening your home and heart to a young Dane. You made my USA dreams come true.

*You will forever be remembered with love.*

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**Jesper Rask** - March 05, 2024 at 11:58 AM



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**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - February 16, 2024 at 03:46 PM