



Mrs. Avril Joan "Joann" Mair

October 4, 2015

Avril Joan Mair, 81, of Givens Estates, passed away Sunday morning, October 4, 2015. Born in Ridge Spring, SC, and raised in Langley, SC, "Joann" was the daughter of the late Dantzler W. Eargle and Ruth Boatwright Eargle. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Roderick W. Eargle, who died in 1951. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Mair of Asheville, her two children, Andrew Mair (Marilyn) of Rensselaer, NY, and Gayle Mair (Roger Wheelock) of East Asheville, NC, two grandchildren, Molly McQuillan and Robbie Wheelock, both of Asheville, and her brother, Kent R. Eargle, of Charlotte, NC.

Always warm and loving, Joann was a giving and gracious person with a cheerful smile always making others feel welcome. A mother, wife and homemaker, she gave of herself to her family and others in many ways including as a Cub Scout den mother, a Brownie leader, and a homeroom mother. The guiding light in her children's and grandchildren's lives, you could always count on Mom to "be there" when the need arose.

Joann was employed as a secretary at the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, SC, in the 1950's and in the Studio Arts Department of Syracuse University in the 1970's. Relocating to the Asheville area with her husband in 1985, she served as a volunteer with the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. She also served as an officer (secretary) of the family owned Damp-Chaser Corporation in

Hendersonville, NC.

Joann belonged to the Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Asheville. She was also a lifelong member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, most recently as a member of the Laureate Omega Chapter.

The Mair family is especially thankful to Caregivers DeBorah Reid and Dorothy Hague, and also to Theresa Clarke and the home health providers at Givens for the care provided and the compassion shown to Joann during the last several weeks.

A memorial service will be held on November 14, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Givens Estates. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to MemoryCare of Asheville, the Susan Komen Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pulliam Chapel at Givens Estates
2360 Sweeten Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28803

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Avril Joan "Joann" Mair*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *On behalf of our chapter Xi Delta Rho, of Beta Sigma Phi, we send you our condolences to your family. I have known Joann for many years through sorority and she was the same kind and friendly sister every time I saw her. She will be missed. God Bless you all. We light a candle in her memory.*

Sara McHone



Sara McHone - November 10, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ *such fond memories I have of times our 2 families shared both as neighbors and friends visiting friends..... I'm so sorry for your loss.... she brought and brings smiles to me often through memories she gave me in my childhood.... my love to you all.... Christine "Munroe" Bellucci*

Christine Bellucci - October 27, 2015 at 05:56 AM

JD

“ Joann was a very special person, so caring and hospitable. I knew her through sorority, and I have such fun memories of times together through all our events in Asheville and at their beachouses, which she so generously shared with us.
I live in a retirement village in Ft. Lauderdale now, but the "girls" keep me up to date with happenings there.
My heart is sad that Joann is no longer with us, and I send my sympathies to you, her family, whom she loved so much.
May God bless and comfort you.
Jean Dixon

Jean Dixon - October 15, 2015 at 09:39 PM

CY

“ 1 file added to the album Photos of Joann Mair



Carol Young - October 15, 2015 at 09:08 PM

GM

Thank you Carol! What a great photo of you all. Sorority was a very important part of Mom's life.

gayle mair - October 20, 2015 at 08:44 AM

CY

“ Joann was always such a joy to be with. I knew her as a Beta Sigma Phi sister for many years. She was always a gracious and generous hostess and we enjoyed many fun trips to the beach house. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Carol Young - October 11, 2015 at 05:39 PM

GM

Thank you Carol. Mom thought so much of you and enjoyed your friendship.

gayle mair - October 11, 2015 at 07:47 PM

GM

“ 4 files added to the album *Photos of Joann Mair*



gayle mair - October 10, 2015 at 07:39 PM

PR

“ *Joann was a great volunteer at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, representing the best of Asheville. Joann became a personal friend and she will be missed*

Phyllis (Fiscus) Roberts - October 09, 2015 at 04:58 PM

GM

“ *Gayle Mair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avril Joan "Joann" Mair*



gayle mair - October 09, 2015 at 09:40 AM

HT

“ Dear Gayle, Roger, Molly, Robbie, Bob, Andy and Marilyn,
The obituary is so beautiful and the picture is so beautiful. I can remember when she looked like that. She was always "over the top" beautiful. She was more beautiful inside. She always spoke well of people and would do anything she could to help. I already miss her so much and will never forget our friendship since age 5. She was always a dear, dear friend and I loved her.

Hazel Tatman

Aiken SC

Hazel Tatman - October 08, 2015 at 02:47 PM

GM

Thank you Hazel. Mom loved you very much.

gayle mair - October 09, 2015 at 09:40 AM