



Marzy Krause Israel

March 19, 1942

Mary Claire “Marzy” Krause Israel of Asheville passed away peacefully on Friday, December 3, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was born in Asheville on March 19, 1942, to the late William and Mary Crafts Edwards Krause. She adored her parents and gained many passions from them. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband, Thomas McDougall Israel.

She was a proud member of Grace Episcopal Church and served as Chairperson of the Flower Guild and used her decorating skills in many ways around the church. She derived a passion for flower arranging from her father, who was a founder of the Men’s Garden Club of Asheville. She was a member of The Order of St. Luke, as well as a healing minister. Marzy was also an advocate for the elderly, serving on the Nursing Home Visitation council. Marzy received her bachelors degree from Meredith College and her masters in art history from Western Carolina University. She was a staple in the community, serving as an accomplished art teacher at Jones and Claxton Elementary School for 23 years. Travel was among one of her favorite pastimes, including visiting art museums in Europe, many trips to Yellowstone, and sailing in the British Virgin Islands. Most of all, Marzy treasured her family and friends, especially her five grandsons.

Marzy is survived by her sons, Tom Israel and his wife, Whitney; her son Will

Israel; her brother, William Shepherd Krause; and her five grandsons, Hayden, Thomas, Hunter, Jackson, and Holden, whom she cherished most of all. In addition, she had many amazing friends who will miss her dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Grace Episcopal Church with Rev. Milly Morrow, Rev. Gary Coffey, and Rev. Mike Reardon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in remembrance of Marzy may be made to, Mary Israel Memorial, Grace Episcopal Church, 871 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28804, <https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/grac871191> or Asheville Art Museum, 2 S Pack Square, Asheville, NC 28801 <https://shop.ashevilleart.org/products/donate-now>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Episcopal Church
871 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804
graceparish@bellsouth.net
<http://graceepiscopalchurch.us/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Marzy Krause Israel*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of having Marzy as a travel companion to Italy in '06. Chris Sams and I loved having her as a trio of Art Teachers who went off the tour to see the Art work we all wanted to see. She was delightful and so funny on the trip and the last time I saw her at a museum tour in Charlotte. She will be missed by many, many people.*

Jeanne Barefoot - December 11, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *I worked with Mary at Jones School and admired her so much. She was such a talented person. I know she is going to be missed by so many and I will be among them. A health problem will prevent my being there but Mary and her family are in my prayers.*

Sue Harris - December 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of another fine person who loved Jesus also is there now with him. Mary thanks for the family as well for the ways and things you said to make others feel Blessed!!! Rest for now my Sister and will meet again in Heaven with shout to everyone!*

Sharon Woody

Asheville, NC

December 6, 2021

Sharon Woody - December 06, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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*I will miss my art travel companion to France and Italy, New York, Chicago and Washington DC to view art in Paris at the Louvre ,Gare D'Orsay and Monet's house in Giverny and La Romita Painting school in Italy. We met at East Carolina College and have remained life long friends as Asheville City Schoo lArt teachers and Asheville Art Museum trips. Miss you dear friend
Christine Schwencke Sams*

Christine Sams - December 11, 2021 at 05:24 PM