



## Mary Ann Sabokbar

March 4, 1932 - August 3, 2020

On August 3, 2020 Mary Ann (Wallis) Sabokbar, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 88.

Mary Ann was born and raised in Shepperton, England. She lived through the dark years of WWII, spending time in air raid shelters and watching the overhead bombing of London take place. She pursued a career as a Nurse, working both in the hospital and also as a Nurse Midwife, riding her bike to deliver babies at home. It was in a Pediatric Hospital in London where she met a physician named Nasser, whom she wed on August 1, 1959. Together, in the Spring of 1960 they came overseas to start a new life in America. They also started a family which grew into two daughters and their families. Mary Ann continued to work as a pediatric nurse here, even obtaining her Bachelors of Nursing Degree from Penn State University after both her daughters had graduated from college.

Mary Ann had passion for tennis, gardening, reading, art, music and animals. She was well versed in British Heritage and History and could recite dates and facts at any given time. Part of her love for her home country was kept alive through her involvement with the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire (DBE). It was through the DBE that she met many wonderful friends, whom she kept close in her heart.

Church of the Messiah was also a big part of Mary Ann's life. She was active in volunteering as well as attending services, until she was unable to do so. Mary Ann led a very humble life, and continued to worship at home.

Mary Ann will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She was a woman with strong morals and a dignity that she maintained until the end. She never lost her love for her home country, and always cherished her British Heritage.

She is survived by her daughters; Julie Sabokbar and Karen (Sabokbar) Hartley, Greg Hartley (spouse). Grandchildren; Josh, Andi (her spouse Nicholas Repine) Samantha, Matthew and Sarah; Great-Grandchildren; Chase and Jack.

Due to the current situation we will be planning a church service and Life Celebration to gather together and remember Mary Ann. More information will follow on the website.

If anyone would like to make contribution in her name please consider sending donations to: Church of the Messiah, 1001 DeKalb Pike, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002-1941.

# Cemetery

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## Interment Private

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# Comments

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“ There really are no words to express the emotion or sadness when the loss of such a beautiful presence in your lives such as Mum as I loved to call her comes to mind. Over 30 years listening to her beautiful, insightful, inspiring stories of a woman who could appear so fragile, yet have so much fight and determination to pull through all she did for her family, career, and beautiful home she always kept. Loved hearing of Mary Ann's days after coming home from work in the NICU. The love we shared of flowers and English gardens in particular. Our yearly visits to the beach when she was able. Mary Ann was and always be a motherly figure that was there in my corner going through a not so easy life at times, she always had time to talk, advise and sympathize or just understand how difficult it was. Although we may not have gotten to see each other as much as we had liked in the last few years, I am grateful and forever blessed with all the memories made with our extended family and will cherish each moment made in my heart forever. As I wrap myself in the prayer shawl she made me, I know she is at peace. I wish peach and prayers for comfort, love and happy memories of a remarkable woman. Some day Jule and I will play the piano for you Mum and make you proud!

**Kathleen Saring** - October 07, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Peace and prayers, could not see through the tears to know I typed peach, but she is probably chuckling at me, and so me to be late....love you all.

**Kathleen Saring** - October 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Thank you for your beautiful sentiments you shared honey..., you better get working on your piano skills if that is the plan then! Xox

**Julie Sabokbar** - October 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM