



## Mary A. Babcock

September 10, 1943 - October 21, 2024

Mary lived life to the fullest as she travelled from the mountain tops to the oceans and reefs and everywhere in between. She had both an adventurous spirit as well as an eternally sunny disposition. She was always there with a helping hand to those in need and never knew a stranger.

Mary had so many gifts it's difficult to list them all. A special spiritual gift was that of hospitality as she entertained so often and so well, even under trying circumstances at times. Her leadership skills included her unofficial "Mamadore" title at Coral Reef Yacht Club, but she served on many charitable and professional boards to serve those communities she was part of. She also held together the family history as she dearly loved the research required to trace the family roots to America's founding as needed as a Daughter of the American Revolution membership.

Mary was a pilot, world-class sailor, Big Game hunter, philanthropist, and above all else a mother- to everyone. Still, she could whip up a set of draperies, paper a wall or reupholster a chair just for fun. Still, all her accomplishments paled to her devotion and care for her family and friends and her greatest legacy will remain the love and memories she's left in all our hearts.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Areca Whatmore, her son Clifton

Whatmore, her sisters Charlotte Leatherman, Susan Coffey, Patricia Macy, her brother Vose Babcock and their families. Her spark of fun prompted her to claim a new role after the birth of her first great granddaughter, saying "just call me Great!"!

Services and a reception to both be held on Tuesday, Nov 5 at 11:30am, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, 222 S Palm Ave (please vote for early).

Burial on November 6th in Miami at 12:30pm, Caballero Rivero Woodlawn North, 3260 SW 8th Street Miami, FL 33135 and a Celebration of life, 1:30 to 5pm OR immediately following burial, Riviera Country Club, 1155 Blue Rd., Coral Gables, 33146.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Mary's legacy by making a donation to Common Hope, ([www.commonhope.org/getinvolved/sponsorship](http://www.commonhope.org/getinvolved/sponsorship)) an organization dedicated to supporting Student Sponsorships in underprivileged communities in Guatemala—a cause that Mary passionately supported for many years. She encouraged her grandchildren to participate and continue this work, and she would ask that you consider doing the same.

# Previous Events

## Service and Reception

NOV 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer  
222 S. Palm Ave  
Sarasota, FL 34236

## Burial

NOV 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

Caballero Rivero Woodlawn North  
3260 SW 8th Street  
Miami, FL 33135

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Riviera Country Club  
1155 Blue Rd  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

# Tribute Wall

“ it was a hazy orange and grey sky dripping with icy cold Arctic mist and nobody was stopping her. The plan was for everybody to go, but nobody wanted to. Some were just physically too exhausted, but not Mary. For those that don't know, even Alaska in June is brutal and harsh. After a week straight of frigid fishing everybody was done, but not Mary.

The day trip she had planned was a once in a lifetime type of deal. A guided fishing trip on the Kasiloff River. Now this is not an ordinary trip, the river is a "no motor" zone and all boats must be paddled by hand. I made the decision to go with her and we left everybody at the lodge.

Now to describe the beauty of that day is not in my capabilities, but to say the Eagles, Grizzlies, moose and tail walking king Salmon were breathtaking does do it some justice.

Coming around a bend in the river in the middle of nowhere we see a sign that says " Hot Akaska Mochas" suddenly a flash of metal reflecting sunlight hits our eyes and tucked in the pine trees on the bank of the River is an old Streamline trailer with smoke billowing out of a chimney.

Again, for those that don't know, an Alaska mocha is 50/50 Coffee/hot chocolate and a staple in Alaska. We filled our thermos and set off down the River. Granted it was beautiful, but we were both cold, wet and tired.

Right then she looks at me and with that twinkle in her eye (and if you ever met Mary, you know what I mean) she asks me " Do you still have that bottle of rum in your cooler?"

I reply "most certainly". We add the rum to our "Alaska Mochas" and proudly announce yelling to the Alaskan wilderness " Mary Mochas". Needless to say we felt much warmer after that.

Thank You Mary for your acceptance and the Love you shared with me.

To her Family and most importantly to Georgie, Stone and Bear, I am so deeply saddened for your loss, just remember she will always be with you and also with so many others that she touched.

Love Always

**Brock Sullivan** - November 06, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ *The Jack F. Everhart, Jr. Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary A. Babcock.*



---

**The Jack F. Everhart, Jr. Family** - November 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *The Jack F. Everhart, Jr. Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.*

---

**The Jack F. Everhart, Jr. Family** - November 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary A. Babcock.*



---

November 04, 2024 at 09:57 AM

WH

“ *With deepest sympathy, Joy Hosford purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary A. Babcock.*



---

**With deepest sympathy, Joy Hosford** - November 04, 2024 at 08:31 AM

WH

“ With deepest sympathy, Joy Hosford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.

With deepest sympathy, Joy Hosford - November 04, 2024 at 08:31 AM

P(

“ Patsy and Bill (Macy) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary A. Babcock.



Patsy and Bill (Macy) - November 01, 2024 at 12:47 PM

P(

“ Patsy and Bill (Macy) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.

Patsy and Bill (Macy) - November 01, 2024 at 12:47 PM

AC

“ Audrey Ross & Bud Culbertson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mary A. Babcock.



Audrey Ross & Bud Culbertson - November 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AC

“ Audrey Ross & Bud Culbertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.

Audrey Ross & Bud Culbertson - November 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary A. Babcock.

October 30, 2024 at 12:29 PM

MK

“ Mar Kelly & Clara Kim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary A. Babcock.



Mar Kelly & Clara Kim - October 29, 2024 at 10:11 AM

MK

“ Mar Kelly & Clara Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.

Mar Kelly & Clara Kim - October 29, 2024 at 10:11 AM

MC

“ I got to know Mary through the Junior League. She was a remarkable lady. Strong woman. She will be missed. RIP.

Maurren Carnevale - October 28, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary A. Babcock.*



---

October 28, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Jerrie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary A. Babcock.*

---

**Jerrie C.** - October 28, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know Mary from her son Cliff. What a remarkable woman of such varied talents. She was completely and totally devoted to her family. May Gob take her by the hand and lead Her to the promised land. Thoughts and prayers to all of her family members - She will be surely missed by so many. May God bless you all!*

---

**Rick and Veda Martin** - October 26, 2024 at 09:31 PM

PM

“ Mary and I knew each other in elementary school! And, years later, we were roommates in an apartment while attending the University of Florida. I remember our first trip to the grocery store together.....trying to decide which products to buy..eg. laundry soap, each of us wanting to buy the brand our family used....an adventure in starting our own adult lives!  
As mentioned in the obituary, Mary was always upbeat and cheerful. Another memory is of us lying on the bed to get out jeans zipped up... Laughing a lot!  
I was delighted to get to see Mary some years ago when she was in Santa Fe, New Mexico.....it was wonderful to catch up with each other about our lives. So much love from me to her family!

---

**Pamela Nash Mathews** - October 26, 2024 at 05:24 PM

JD

“ I did not know Mary well, but remember her fondly from Church and some social events. I am sorry for the great loss to your family.  
Jeanne Dyson

---

**jeanne dyson** - October 26, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ I was heartbroken to hear about the passing of such a remarkable woman. Although I didn't know Mary that long, it was evident that she was a loving matriarch whose life was enriched by her family and the many adventures she embraced. Her warmth and kindness touched everyone around her.

My thoughts are with her family, friends and caregivers during this difficult time. She will be dearly missed.

---

**Mindy Bloom** - October 25, 2024 at 11:26 PM

EG

*My condolences and prayers are with the families of Mary Babcock ,I met Mary over thirty years ago ,i admired the way she cared for her family and the passionate love she had for her children and grandchildren, God blessed her to meet her great granddaughter before her passing. Her kindness will always be remembered. May her soul rest in peace. RIP Mary. 🙏*

---

**Elaine Groves** - October 26, 2024 at 12:21 AM

DB

*Mary was a beautiful, wonderful woman who was truly loved by her family and friends.  
I was blessed to know her and traveled with her to Croation with her family (Areca , daughter, grand children and friends).  
It is with a broken heart Mary has left us and gone to heaven!*



---

**Deborah Williams Bell** - October 26, 2024 at 12:45 AM

PH

*“ Im honored by Miss Mary's kindness and friendship. She never treated me like an employee but always as a friend. She touched my heart in so many ways and leaves a huge emptiness shared by many.*

---

**Paul Headley** - October 24, 2024 at 05:23 PM

GW

“ Mary, Mama Mary to her grandchildren, was the most spectacular grandmother, with a never ending light of kindness and generosity.

Mary Virginia, Mary's first great grandchild, spent every Saturday and Sunday mornings and often in the afternoons after school, FaceTiming her GrandMary. A highlight of Mary Virginia's day "chatting" with her GrandMary.

On behalf of Mary's 5 grandchildren, Reece, Sarsen, Bear, Stone, and myself, we will miss her dearly, every day.

Mama Mary, our hearts hurt and we miss you so very much ❤️❤️❤️

---

**Georgie Whatmore-Owens** - October 24, 2024 at 04:26 PM

SS

Godspeed my friend  
Enjoyed so many of your Solistice parties you and Mike hosted in your Homestead home

---

**shirley smalley** - October 30, 2024 at 12:56 PM

AR

Mary and I met and became " close single friends" in the 70s, hosting, singles' theater parties in the Coconut Grove Playhouse and dinner parties at each other's houses. We have shared each other's lives , throughout six decades! She was amazing, and I will surely miss her.

Audrey Ross

---

**Audrey Ross** - November 01, 2024 at 11:35 AM

JB

Fond memories of good times past. My sincere condolences and affection.

---

**Jonathan L Blum** - November 10, 2024 at 02:22 PM

GW

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Georgie Whatmore-Owens** - October 24, 2024 at 04:14 PM