



Mary MacDonald Purdie

April 27, 1930 - July 25, 2025

Mary MacDonald Purdie, 95, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2025, and entered the presence of her Lord and Savior.

Born in Breanish, Isle of Lewis, Scotland, Mary was the daughter of missionaries Donald and Henrietta MacDonald. Predeceased by brother Donald John and sister Rachel. Gaelic was her first language, and her Christian faith, instilled from childhood, guided her entire life. 1st Corinthians 15:54 Gaelic “Shluigeadh suas am bas le buaidh.”

Mary earned a master’s in education and began her career as a teacher and headmistress in Scotland. In 1964, she married John “Ian” Purdie and moved to the United States, where she continued teaching and ministry, most notably as principal of The King’s Academy (TKA) in West Palm Beach. Affectionately known as “Queen Mary,” she led with grace, wisdom, and a deep love for the Lord and children. In 1986, she accepted national recognition from President Reagan and Education Secretary Bennet on behalf of TKA.

Mary is survived by her husband of 61 years, John “Ian” Purdie; daughter Ruth Purdie Koch (Robert); sister Catherine MacDonald; and grandchildren Emily (Brennan) Melser, Bobby (Emma) Koch, Blake Koch, and Brett Koch.

A visitation will be held Saturday, August 2, from 12:00–1:00 PM at Toale

Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 PM, with interment at Palms Memorial Park 170 Honore Avenue Sarasota, Fl 34232. Dr. Mark Denison will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Christian children's education fund of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary MacDonald Purdie.* ”



August 01, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Randy Martin & the TKA Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mary MacDonald Purdie.* ”



Randy Martin & the TKA Family - July 30, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary MacDonald Purdie.* ”



July 30, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ While we didn't know Mary very well, we felt like we did through our beloved cousins Ruth and Bob. Ruth's dedication and love for her mother and family is an inspiration, and we can only imagine she learned that from Mary. Praying for the family, and may you find peace knowing she knew how much you all loved her.
Love, Christine & Jason Segneri

Christine Segneri - July 30, 2025 at 10:59 AM

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“ Mary was always so full of the joy of the Lord. She always had fun and interesting stories to tell of her life as we would gather for Thanksgiving or special events. I will miss her beautiful smile.



Dixie Gernaga - July 30, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ Larry, Donetta Brett and Nicole Osborne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary MacDonald Purdie.



Larry, Donetta Brett and Nicole Osborne - July 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM