



## Mary Ellen Plewes

January 17, 1980 - March 22, 2024

Mary Ellen Plewes

01/17/80 – 03/22/24

Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Niece, Mentor, Teacher, and Loving friend. Born in Colorado, raised as an Army Bratt she lived in Georgia, Colorado, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina before settling in Florida. Mary was very driven even at an early age. She was chosen to be a part of a special organization called “Odessey of the mind” for talented and gifted individuals at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Mary graduated high school with honors. She was granted a “Teaching Fellows” scholarship and completed her associate degree from Elon University in North Carolina. She went on to earn her bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina Pembroke. She then taught grade school students in Fayetteville, N.C. to repay her scholarship. From there she and her two young daughters moved to Greenville N.C. where Mary earned her Masters degree in Art Education from East Carolina University while also being the caretaker of her three young nephews.

Mary then taught high school in Fayetteville N.C. before moving to Tallahassee to pursue her Doctorates, she started teaching at Lincoln Highschool, where love of the students derailed her pursuit. Although teaching

was her dream, her passion was traveling. From London to Greece, she loved nothing more than traveling with family and finding new adventure's she spent most summers driving across the country to mountains and beaches.

Mary is survived by her two Daughters, Annabelle and Abigayle Vannoy of Tallahassee. Parents, Gary and Gloria Plewes of North Carolina. Sisters, Kandra Utterback and Tara [Hunter] Osborne of North Carolina. Nephews and Niece, Gary, Nate, Elijah, and Junia of North Carolina.

A Celebration of Mary's life will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at Morningside Church located at 1560 Pedrick Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you contribute to the expenses being incurred for the final arrangements for Mary Ellen, at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-mary-ellen-in-her-battle-against-cancer?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_term=undefined](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-mary-ellen-in-her-battle-against-cancer?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer&utm_term=undefined)

The Family is being assisted by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, FL. 850.610.4444

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morningside Church  
1560 Pedrick Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

# Tribute Wall

HA

“ One memory comes to mind: sharing that bottle of Cholula hot sauce whenever I would skip other classes just to help out in yours. You made me care about art again. You held on to my art even after I had graduated. You cared.

*A strong woman, caring Mother, and a passionate teacher. I send my best to your family.*

*May you rest well Ms. Plewes.*

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**Haven** - March 31, 2024 at 01:35 AM

AG

“ I met Mary Ellen during her freshman year at Elon, but then got to be good friends when we studied abroad together in London. She was my partner in crime, ha! We exercised together, traveled together, babysat, went to tea, had picnics in the park, and had a lot of laughs and fun! She helped push me out of my comfort zone and definitely helped me seize the moment! Even though we hadn't kept in touch much over the years, just knowing she was out in the world making a difference for her children and students was important. I hated to hear of her passing, but am thankful to have called her friend. Lifting up her family in prayer.

*Anna Pugh Green*



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**Anna Green** - March 28, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ *Mary Ellen and I met as chaperones on a chorus trip to Epcot, and our daughters are best friends. We immediately hit it off and went on to chaperone another trip together to New Orleans and had a great time. I have so many happy memories with her and had promised to take her back to Disney when she recovered. She can't physically go now, but she will be with us in spirit, just as she is at the beach. From the time of diagnosis, until her last day she fought this demon. She fought for her kids, family, and all of those that loved her. Her smile would light up a room and she never backed down from a challenge. I am a better person for knowing her. Fly high sweet friend.....until I see you again.*

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**Heather C RN** - March 26, 2024 at 08:03 PM

KY

“ *Keisha & Nikema Grant and Devon Young purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Plewes.*



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**Keisha & Nikema Grant and Devon Young** - March 26, 2024 at 07:41 PM

LF

“ *Love, Shauna Isaac and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Ellen Plewes.*



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**Love, Shauna Isaac and Family** - March 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers for the loss of a beautiful soul . Love, Cheree*



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**Cheree Williams** - March 26, 2024 at 03:07 PM

BC

“ *DEAR GOD DAUGHTER. YOUR LOVING PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED. IM GLAD TO HAVE JOINED YOU AND YOUR GIRLS ON ONE OF YOUR ROAD TRIPS. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL AND KEEP YOU UNTIL WE SEE EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN AGAIN....MUCH LOVE.*



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**BLANCH AND JOSH COVILLO** - March 26, 2024 at 02:41 PM

KM

“ *Kryssi M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Plewes.*

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**Kryssi M.** - March 26, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LM

“ *Love Brandy & Kyle Marshall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Plewes.*

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**Love Brandy & Kyle Marshall** - March 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

LM

“ Love Brandy & Kyle Marshall purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ellen Plewes.



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Love Brandy & Kyle Marshall - March 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

LT

“ In memory of MaryEllen



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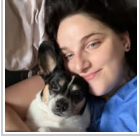
Laura Tafoya - March 26, 2024 at 01:59 PM

LT

“ Oh Mary, from when you were little to our last conversation and everything in between there is so much of you to remember. You brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. I will miss you until we meet again. I love you. Auntie Laura ❤️🙏

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Laura Tafoya - March 26, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ I got to know Mary Ellen as a parent, teacher, and friend, and I will always cherish the memories with her. As I became friends with Annabelle, I also became friends with Her mom. And our moms became friends. She was always a friend to everyone. As a teacher, her projects were always a fun alternative to what the other classes had. And she fought to get the COVID pandemic students access at home to devices that could run Photoshop and as soon as we did, she fought to keep us on pace with the previous years. And just like she fought for us then, she fought her cancer until the very last day. The doctors gave her 6 months to a year and she made it over 2 1/2 because she kept fighting. Mary Ellen always demonstrated her strength and love for others. She was a beautiful soul inside and out, and anyone who had the pleasure of meeting her would agree.

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**Kyra Douglas** - March 26, 2024 at 10:25 AM