



## Mary Lillian Jean LeVasseur

May 25, 1925 - March 14, 2018

Mary Lillian Jean Anderson LeVasseur

Mary LeVasseur passed away Wednesday March 14, 2018. She was surrounded by family her last day on earth and all present experienced heaven's comfort and peace.

Mary was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on May 25, 1925 to Thomas William and Mary Jane (Fisher) Anderson. She later moved with her family to Toronto, Ontario. Mary was raised by a loving family who instilled in her the values of self-reliance, community service, and unconditional love.

Growing up in French Quebec, Mary learned to speak both French and English. She loved ice skating and roller skating and memories from her youth include large family gatherings, and earning money for performing with a skating troupe.

Mary fell in love with Armand Norman LeVasseur, an American who was serving in the Merchant Marines. They were married January 5, 1946 in Toronto. The newlyweds moved to the United States and eventually settled in Reno, Nevada. They were blessed with two girls and a boy.

While their oldest child was 10 years-old, Mary and Armand were both diagnosed with cancer and hospitalized. Mary was wheeled to Armand's side when he succumbed to lung cancer at the age of 45. She recovered and returned home to raise their three children. She worked full-time to support her young family and still found time to volunteer in hospitals and senior centers, and to serve in community organizations. Her children remember growing up with a very supportive and loving mother. They remember fun family vacations and an abundance of neighborhood, school, and community activities.

One of Mary's greatest talents was making new friends. Her neighbors remember her as an energetic, bright-spirited woman who always loved to share a laugh, a smile, and a Werther's Butterscotch candy. Even in her nineties, Mary often defeated family and friends

at cornhole by sinking three or more bean bags in a row. She always kept cinnamon in her purse, so she could add a dash whenever she ate ice cream. She loved dark chocolate, pepper, marmalade, and she loved cheddar cheese on her apple pie. She liked hot things hot and cold things cold! Mary was U.S.A. patriotic and very proud that she had fulfilled the requirements to become a U.S. citizen. She was an amazing hostess and often invited family and friends to her home for a delicious meal like her famous chicken fricassee.

Mary moved to Utah in 1976. She attended classes at BYU, University of Utah and The School of the Blind in Ogden. She learned braille and other skills to teach blind elementary students. She loved this work.

She earned her real state license and enjoyed being a realtor. Mary traded that career to be the nanny for a wonderful family for nearly 10 years. She purchased a building lot and designed her custom home that she planned never to leave. Mary's independent mindset was still evident in her later years as she was determined to continue living in her own home.

Grandma Mary or GranMary as she is called by her grandchildren, is dearly loved by her family and friends. . We will miss her "toodle-oo", her "I love you", as well as her grateful heart, her sense of humor, and her generous, caring nature.

Mary is survived by daughters Gwen L. Salisbury (Grant), Marion L. Straw (Michael), and son Leonard (Len) LeVasseur.

Mary and her family are sincerely grateful to Valerie and all of Mary's neighbors and friends who cared and served her beyond measure! No wonder she never wanted to leave her Cedar Hills home -- Her neighbors and friends there made her life a little bit of heaven on earth.

The double rainbow over Mary's home the day of her passing symbolizes her message to us that she is happy, at peace, and with loved-ones on the other side.

Go to [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com) to view and share tributes, photos, and videos.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 Noon Saturday March 24th, 2018 at the Cedar Hills 3rd Ward meetinghouse at 4425 West Cedar Hills Drive in Cedar Hills, UT.

She will be buried next to her loving husband Armand.

A graveside service will be at Mountain View Cemetery, 435 Stoker Avenue in Reno, Nevada.

Thanks to Silverado Rehabilitation; Cottonwood Place, and Serenity Funeral Home for

their genuine caring.

# Comments

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“ Angelina Montano lit a candle in memory of Mary Lillian Jean LeVasseur



Angelina Montano - March 27, 2018 at 11:08 PM

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“ Thanks for the fun times and adventures as a child. I love you Grandma.

Angelina Montano - March 27, 2018 at 10:15 PM

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“ God gave us an amazing, strong and loving mother and now he has taken you home. Mom, I will miss you and your loving and giving spirit. Thank you for all the great memories.



Marion Straw - March 27, 2018 at 09:51 AM

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“ Love and miss you sweet Mary



Laurie Petersen - March 24, 2018 at 12:35 AM

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“ LeneVasseur lit a candle in memory of Mary Lillian Jean LeVasseur



LeneVasseur - March 23, 2018 at 11:01 PM

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Samuel Salisbury - March 23, 2018 at 06:33 PM

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“ Dear gramma Mary, I hope your new journey is full of wonder and joy, but we will miss you so much. I'll never forget how crafty you were, and what a happy and spunky personality you had. I remember you always gifting us a 2 dollar bill for our birthdays, and it was silly to see how many people didn't think it was real currency. I want to thank you for influencing my cinnamon habit. I remember you would love to sprinkle it on your vanilla ice cream and apple sauce. I love you so much & we will see each other again one day. 💖 Death is a painful yet beautiful reminder that we need to cherish every moment, and put our energy in ways that will help benefit ourselves and others. <3 always in our hearts <3



brittany straw - March 23, 2018 at 05:16 PM

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Serenity Funeral Home - March 23, 2018 at 10:46 AM

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“ Sweet Mary,

We hope you are enjoying your reunion with Armand just as much as we enjoy thinking about it. Thank you for always being our friend! We will miss you when playing pin the feather on the turkey on Thanksgiving and hunting for eggs on Easter. You were always sincere, honest and kind with a great sense of humor. We love you dearly!

Love,  
Sarah and Joe Salisbury

Sarah and Joe Salisbury - March 23, 2018 at 02:21 AM