

### **Obituary of Mary Jane Redpath**

Mary Jane Redpath passed away on January 8, 2019 at the age of 84. She was born on November 8, 1934 in Chester, Illinois, to Harold and Lucille (Erving) Schopfer. Mary Jane was a resident of Palm Harbor, Florida at the time of her death; formerly of Safety Harbor, FL and Marissa, Illinois. She was the loving wife of Robert W. Redpath for 64 years who survives her as well as their 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane grew up in Chester and Steeleville, IL and met her life-long sweetheart, Bob Redpath, while cheering for the opposing team at a high school basketball game. Their first date was an outing to watch the Harlem Globe-Trotters, followed by a “fine-dining” experience at a White Castle mini-hamburger joint.

Mary Jane attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL with an education major, studying to be a teacher. Mary Jane and Bob were married on Aug. 28, 1954 and they immediately moved to St. Louis, MO where they lived for the next 4 years. Mary Jane worked at Monsanto Chemical Company where she was the executive secretary for the Director of Research. After Bob graduated from St. Louis University Dental School, they moved to Marissa, IL. where they continued their life together and began raising their family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Robert Schopfer. Mary Jane worked in banking for short periods, early and later in her life besides her stint as a secretary but basically devoted her life to being a homemaker and volunteer of charitable organizations including the American Red Cross and served as a Girl Scout Leader for several years.

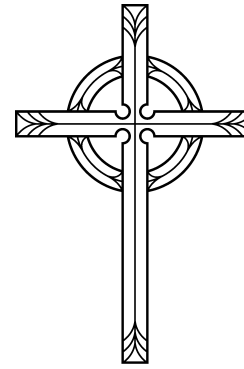
She was active in church functions from early childhood to the present serving as a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church, both in Illinois and Florida as well as teaching Bible School for many years. Mary Jane’s Christian faith was strong and she deeply loved her ‘Church Family.’

Mary Jane enjoyed many things throughout her life... snow skiing, horseback riding, traveling, cooking, reading, knitting, watching basketball games and horse racing, and especially loved her dogs but most of all, cherished time with her family and close friends as family and friends were always at the center of her life. She loved to cook using her many recipes collected by her for years from many different sources.

She will be remembered and missed by her family, her many friends and everyone who knew her as she was a loving and sincerely caring person that always displayed a big beautiful smile. She truly loved helping others! In her later years, she was diagnosed with Dementia, which is what ultimately took her life, and it was her wish that her remains be donated to science to hopefully help others in the future. Her mortal body presently resides at the University of Florida Health Science Center where it will provide opportunity for research and help educate future physicians and dentists in gaining knowledge of the human body. Her soul is now with the LORD.

The family wishes to give special thanks to all of her loving caregivers @ Westchester Gardens Nursing Home where she spent her final days for their kindness, patience, and service.

Surviving immediate family: Husband, Robert W. Redpath, of Palm Harbor, FL. Daughter, Sheryl Laumbattus of Lenzburg, IL, son-in-law, Casey Laumbattus; grandchildren, Jason and Ty Smith, Kristin and Steve Bielke, Danielle and Kelsey Powers; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Aubrie Smith, Isaiah and Mason Page, and Cameron and Payton Bielke. Daughter, Barbara Lyons of Safety Harbor, FL; grandchildren, Christian and Taylor Lyons. Son, Bob Redpath of Sunland, CA; daughter-in-law, Brenna Redpath; grandchildren, Owen and Eleanor Redpath.



## **A Witness to the Resurrection**



**To the Glory of God &  
In Loving Memory of**

**Mary Jane Redpath**

November 8, 1934– January 8, 2019

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# In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of Mary Jane Redpath

Saturday, February 16, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

## PRELUDE

Tom Huffman, Organist

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## INVOCATION

### \*HYMN

“In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

*(refrain)* And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that He gave to me, within my heart is ringing. *(refrain)*

I'd stay in the garden with Him, tho' the night around me be falling,  
but He bids me to go, thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. *(refrain)*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalm 23 *(Unison)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Barbara Moler, Paige Spencer, Vicki Krueger

## POEM

“Remember Me”

Miriam Pena

## SONG

“Wind Beneath My Wings”  
*(Dedicated to Mary Jane from Bob)*

Stephanie Carson

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Philippians 1:22-23

John 11:25-26

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## MEDITATION

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### \*HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

*(refrain)* All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *(refrain)*

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *(refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. *(refrain)*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,  
how great is God almighty, who has made all things well. *(refrain)*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RECESSIONAL

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Robert Hobby

*(Please remain in the pews while the family is escorted from the Sanctuary.)*

*\*Please stand if able.*

*The Redpath family thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness.*

*Following the service, the family cordially invites you to join them in the*

*Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments*

*prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Northwood and the Kitchen Krew.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association,  
Florida Gulf Coast chapter in the memory of Mary Jane Redpath*

*National Processing Center, Alzheimer's Association*

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Rev. Dr. Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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