



## Maryanne Golden

December 26, 1946 - December 23, 2019

Maryanne Golden, known for her vibrant, loving and embracing personality and terrific sense of humor, passed away on December 23, 2019, at Lake Forest Hospital. She was 72.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she worked passionately as a speech therapist for 37 years at Mundelein Elementary School District 75. Born on December 26, 1946, in New Kensington, PA, to Claire Vance Wiles and Ruth Linn Wiles, Maryanne moved to Libertyville, IL, as a child and graduated from Libertyville High School and Northern Illinois University, where she met “the Ya-Yas” a group of girlfriends with whom she maintained lifelong bonds. In 1970 she married Jerry Golden, the love of her life. They remained best friends until he died in 2014. Maryanne was a devoted and supporting mother to Cassie, and provided extra encouragement when Cassie ambitiously applied for an Army ROTC scholarship and was stationed overseas for many years. Weekly care packages to Cassie included VHS tapes of her favorite American TV shows and favorite treats.

Maryanne’s work with children was a source of great joy. She loved to laugh and formed many lifetime friendships. A resident of Mundelein for more than 40 years, she volunteered with the Friends of Fremont Library and made a point of staying close to her community and friends after selling her home. She loved her regular book club gatherings and bridge games with her Green Oaks friends. Her fondness of clothing with extra sparkle and infectious laugh was known to all she encountered.

When Cassie married Emile Tohme, Maryanne embraced him as her son, and her granddaughter Norah Joy was a source of endless love. She loved playing games and watching movies with Norah and cherished every moment with her.

Maryanne will be missed deeply by all those whose lives she touched and her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Cassie Tohme, Emile Tohme and Norah Tohme as well as her nephew Brian Wiles (Kerstin) and sister in law Betty Baird of Bloomington, IL, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Maryanne found great comfort and support throughout Jerry's cancer journey as well as her own at the Cancer Wellness Center in Northbrook, IL. Anyone wishing to make a donation in her honor may do so at <https://www.cancerwellness.org/ways-to-donate/donate-now/>

The family is planning to have a celebration of life and interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville, IL this spring. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

CI

“ *Maryanne was a thoughtful mentor and friend to me all the years we worked together at Mechanics Grove. She could always be depended on to provide support, and a smile or a laugh. Her contributions to the improvement of the lives of students and staff are too numerous to count. We continued our friendship with monthly bookclub meetings after she retired. We will dearly miss her. The world has lost a shining star.*

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**Cindy** - January 04, 2020 at 11:21 AM

SL

“ *I worked with Maryanne for many years at Mundelein School District 75. I admired her passion and commitment to the field of speech/language pathology. I learned so much from her! I am grateful to have known and worked with her. Rest In Peace with your beloved Jerry, my friend. Please know that many, many children are better communicators because of you. You will be missed.*

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**slee6112@yahoo.com** - January 01, 2020 at 06:11 PM

PE

“ *I was Maryanne's neighbor and friend during her time at Green Oaks. She was caring, fun and supportive with the brightest smile! I will miss her terribly.*

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**Penny** - December 31, 2019 at 07:28 PM

RL

“ *Maryanne was a professional teacher and person in every sense of the word. Her devotion to her students and the teaching profession was outstanding. She was a model to her peers of how much good a teacher can provide for her students.*

*Richard Lanaghan*

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**Richard Lanaghan** - December 31, 2019 at 02:49 PM

PP

“ *I met Maryanne when I was a classroom teacher at Mechanics Grove School. She was always so friendly and helpful to me. She was a wonderful person and she will be missed.*

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**Paulette Peters** - December 30, 2019 at 08:40 PM

LO

“ *For many years I taught art in the room across the hall from Maryanne 's . We often visited before and after school. Maryanne was always caring, kind and helpful. She was an asset to the school and a wonderful help to the students. Every school should have a Maryanne. She will be missed*



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**Lois** - December 30, 2019 at 08:16 PM

MH

“ At collage Maryanne (we all called her Lotus) and I were in Speech Therapy classes together. During final week one of us found copies of our soon to be given final exam in the trash next to the copy machine at NIU. I remember Lotus and I jumping up and down and hugging and laughing in the dorm. Then we had to figure out how to take the exam and not get caught knowing all the answers! I can still see us rejoicing after all these years (that would be over 50 years)!!!! We had so much fun!

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**Michele Holzman** - December 30, 2019 at 04:12 PM