



Mrs. Mary Jane Caliento

October 29, 1924 - March 26, 2022

Mary Jane Caliento (Oct. 29th, 1924 – March 26th, 2022) lived a beautiful life. She was a quiet, dignified resourceful woman who gave abundantly and asked for little in return. She was adored by her husband and children and everyone who knew her. She was born Mary Jane Warren to Theron and Edna Rudin Warren, the 7th of 8 children. Her family owned and operated the 250-acre Warren Dairy Farm in Dalton since the 1880's providing milk to the community. Her earliest memories were following her father around on the farm and selling corn on the family farm stand. She attended and graduated from Dalton public schools and after high school, she boarded a train to California to attend Pasadena Junior College where she earned a degree in fashion design. After college she returned to Dalton where she met a dashing soldier on leave, Tom Caliento, at the Dalton fair and corresponded with him throughout the war years. While home in Dalton, she took a job at GE, as so many did, to help in the war effort. After the war, she and Tom reunited, fell in love, and married.

For the next several years, Tom and Mary Jane traveled the country as Tom was pursuing a career in baseball. When it was clear he would not make it to the Majors, they returned home to the Warren Farm where Mary Jane chose to stay at home and raise their 8 children instead of pursuing a career in design. She continued her passion by making beautiful dresses for her girls that they still reminisce about today. The home they built together was still the

home she lived in until her passing.

Mary Jane was well known for her love of gardening. She completed the Master Gardening course in 2002 after which she volunteered her time teaching others about soil care and insect and disease control. Her farming background served her well as she was an outstanding horticulturist. She kept a large vegetable garden until her 96th year and her flower gardens were enjoyed by all.

For over 50 years, Mary Jane was a member of the Dalton Historical Commission and served as the Commission's chairman for several. She was pivotal in establishing Dalton's 1 Historic District, the placing of the town's 3 historic cemeteries on the National Registry of Historic places, creating the Fitch-Hoose House Museum and maintaining Dalton's historic inventory.

Mary Jane attended church at both the First Congregational Church and Berkshire First Church of the Nazarene and loved following Boston sports teams.

Mary Jane was predeceased by her beloved husband of 62 years Thomas Caliento, her son Thomas "Peels" Caliento and her son-in-law Jack Sargent. She is survived by her children Carolina and James Galliher, Sarah Caliento, Teresa and Mark Penny, Lousia and Peter Horth, Laura and John Pratt, Joseph and Anne Caliento, Lisa Sargent, 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mary Jane Warren Caliento will be Friday, April 1st at 11am at the Berkshire First Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at Main Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Friends of the Hoose House, in care of the Town Hall of Dalton, 462 Main

Street, Dalton MA 01226.

Cemetery Details

Main Street Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berkshire First Church of the Nazarene
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

CK

“ I first met Mary Jane when I was about 16. I took PT/ Temporary job at xmas time. This was at Sears when it was in Allandale. Mary Jane was there, she greeted me and showed me around and relating what was expected of me. She was so nice and kind, however, I cld tell was a no nonsense person. I remember being in their house on many occassions visiting or hanging around with Sarah. Most of the kids were little and I remember getting such joy from them. There was much laughter and a lot of LOVE in that house!!
TKU Mary and Tom and when I hear Dalton, I think "Calientos"

I will never forget those sweet times and esp. SARAH

BEST WISHES FOR ALL

Chris Koenig Jan 26, 2023

Chris Koenig - January 26, 2023 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ As a boy I would spend a week or two during the summers visiting with my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins in Dalton.

My grandparents home will always hold a special place in my heart. Growing up in suburban neighborhoods, going out to the farm in Dalton always seemed magical. There were horses, cows, chickens and even pigs to see and feed, long winding dirt roads to walk down and old barns to play in. That Warren farm was really amazing.

Going to grandma's home was always very welcoming.... and if you were one of those who got to have Grandmothers spaghetti dinner and apple pie for dessert at the dining room table you were one of the lucky ones. I would say "grandma, what is it that you do to this apple pie to make it this good?" She would just smile and laugh at that. 😊

I went to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts which was in North Adams MA. Luckily for me it was close to Dalton and I remember a time my wife (girlfriend at the time) and I went to the Berkshire Mall to have a dinner date.

It was a cold and snowy Berkshire night and after dinner we came out to a dead battery. I called my grandparents for help and of course they were right there for us.

My grandfather and Uncle Tom picked us up and the 4 of us rode squeezed into the single row of his pickup. I remember My grandfather making us peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Italian bread and later that night overheard my Grandparents hushed discussion regarding whether or not we should be allowed to sleep in the same room....we did not sleep in the same room that night... nor would I have ever expected or wanted us too!

We weren't at home... but in many ways it always felt like going home for me whenever I was there. That's just how they were... and that is what made it special for me.

Joe Barber - April 02, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *My condolences to Sarah and all her family on the passing of her mom. I heard many wonderful stories about Mrs Caliento over the years. She was a remarkable woman. May she rest in peace.
Judy and Rose*

Judy Granese - March 31, 2022 at 10:50 PM

AT

“ *Aunt Mary Jane was my mother’s youngest sister and we traveled to the farm from Rochester at least once a year to visit. She was the only one in the family to inherit Grandma Warren’s red hair. Two of my uncles lived on the farm and another aunt lived across the park so as a child, us cousins, were welcome at all the different houses. It was a wonderful time and my memories are of a large loving family. Food was homemade and delicious! My cousins brought Aunt Mary Jane to visit me for n Florida a couple of years ago and she was as sweet as always. I treasure my memories and will miss her.*

April Tantalo-Loomis - March 31, 2022 at 10:48 AM

GR

“ *Gretchen P. Rock purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Caliento.*



Gretchen P. Rock - March 30, 2022 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ *Mary Jane was such a bright light in her welcoming of friends to the Caliento family. The Sacco’s send their sincere prayers to you for her passing. She will be truly missed.*

Rudy (Judge), Dom, and our whole family.

The Sacco Family - March 30, 2022 at 07:55 AM

JD

Mary Jane was a very special lady and will be missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Caliento family. THE DITELLO FAMILY

james Ditello - March 30, 2022 at 07:43 PM