



MARY ANN CLARKE
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Mary Ann (Kuhlman) Clarke of Manassas, Virginia, was called home to God after a well lived 83 years following a brief battle with metastatic renal cancer.

Known to many as “Baseball Mary”, she dedicated an enormous amount of the last 50 years to serving her community. This was her 49th year serving on the Board of Directors for the Greater Manassas Babe Ruth League and served as League President for close to 20 years. She was an extremely knowledgeable coach and a fierce competition with a winning record. She was a stand out in the 70s when female coaches were uncommon. She helped mentor countless children, both on and off the field, and gave so much of herself helping others.

While she immensely loved her children and their spouses, she truly adored her grandchildren beyond all measure. They were a continuous source of joy and pride in her life. Always their biggest fan no matter what the pursuit, she was known to drive 3 hours round trip just to watch an hour-long game or performance.

Mary Ann was born in St. Louis, Missouri, where she grew up working at her dad’s grocery stores. She was a graduate of St. Louis University School for Nursing. She spent her early career as head operating nurse at Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children in St. Louis before her family relocated to Virginia in 1968. She retired from full time nursing to expand and raise her large brood of 8 and over the years worked as a special needs school bus driver, restaurateur, and caterer.

Mary Ann was known to be a persuasive fundraiser. In more recent years, she spent a great amount of time raising funds for The Ann Clarke Dollard Memorial Foundation, a non-profit started in her late daughter’s name to assist those undergoing cancer treatments.

When not at the fields, taking care of her grandchildren, volunteering, being Woman of the Year, organizing fundraisers, serving on the city’s Safety Advisory Board, or other altruistic pursuits over the years, she enjoyed spending time yelling at the TV during Redskins games, watching Judge Judy, and texting her older granddaughters her uncensored opinions of various Bachelor/Bachelorette cast members.

