



Mary Jalaine Boccanfuso

May 22, 1948 - June 30, 2025

Mary Jalaine Boccanfuso, of California, was born on May 22nd 1948 in California to Frank Zwahlen and Ernestine Mauduit, and passed away on June 30th 2025 in California.

She is survived by her spouse Peter, and her loving family.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Since today is National Cousins Day, Mary J was like a cousin to me. Her parents were like my Aunt and Uncle, considering they were very best friends of my parents Peter and Nellie Edralin. All four were charter members of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 196, established in 1957, Compton California. Prior to that, I was born September 3 right after Mary J and then my brother Pete, and then her sister Betty. Close like cousins, babies together. My parents had two more children, Pricilla and Dee Dee, born with special needs, which my parents required to stay at home quite often and the Zwahlens always came to our house. My dad always cooked his special fried rice for them. I played with them in my playhouse on Mulberry Street which was a bonus buy when my parents moved in 1958 up until my mom decided to use it for extra storage. Mary J and I would color paper dolls and cut them out, which I had no patience for and she did a much better job coloring and cutting them out so diligently. She also introduced me to Shari Lewis and her puppet Lamb Chop, a coloring book. I colored a page and Mary J tore it out and let me tape it to my playhouse house wall tucking it into the window frame and securing it with a piece of masking tape. We were 8 years old. Fast forward to 1967 when my daughter was born and we were 18 years old; she came over right away as I was having a slight after childbirth complication and she was at my beck and call. I'll always remember that and her sweet complimentary tone and her height. She was so much taller than me!!!! 😂😍👍👍

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