



## Mary Ann Schmidt Shields

June 3, 1949 - September 5, 2024

Mary Ann Schmidt Shields, 75, of Falmouth, KY, fought the good fight with multiple health challenges, before she passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Health Care in Florence, with her family at her side. Born on June 3, 1949, in Cincinnati, OH, Mary Ann was a daughter of the late Dr. Martin Schmidt and Mary Jean Crotty Schmidt. Growing up in her father's veterinary practice fostered Mary Ann's love of animals. Her faithful four-legged companions throughout her life: Pepper, Biggin', Tramp, Jack, Yoshi, Petey, Buddy, and Padre, received her devoted care.

After graduating from Pendleton High School in 1967, Mary Ann married Chester Thomas "Pete" Shields on July 24, 1968, and together they raised their three children, attended St. Francis Xavier Church, served and supported their parish family in many ways, and enjoyed making memories with friends and family, especially boating and water skiing on Lake Cumberland, dancing to her favorite Motown and 60's music, playing bridge and euchre, golfing at Pendleton County Club, and bowling in a Wednesday afternoon league with the late Hank and Marilyn Shields Gallagher. At the age of 32, she graduated from NKU with her RN degree and she worked for Three Rivers Health Department in their home health program before continuing her career with 27 years of service at the former St. Luke Alcoholic Drug and Treatment Center in Falmouth. At St. Francis Xavier Church, Mary Ann worked on the cemetery committee, taught religious education, served as a eucharistic minister, took on two tours of duty as the church office administrator, and even taught a

class at the former St. Francis Xavier School in 1968. For two terms, she was elected to the Falmouth City Council. Pete and Mary Ann were charter members of the Pendleton Country Club.

In addition to her husband of 56 years, Pete Shields, she is survived by her three children: Jeannie Margaret Barnard, Peter Martin Shields and Ryan Thomas Shields; three grandchildren: Allie Sturgill, Trenton Shields, and Emma Barnard; one great granddaughter Denley Sturgill; her brother John Schmidt (Terri); and a host of extended family and friends.

Her sister Jane E. "Janie" Hesler preceded her in death on January 23, 2001. Visitation will be from 9 am- 11:45 am on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth with a KNA Nightingale Tribute at 11:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 12 noon on Saturday, at the St. Francis Xavier Church, 202 Second Street, Falmouth, KY 41040, with Fr. Britton Hennessey officiating. Prelude music by Dr. Greg Schaffer will begin at 11:30 am at the church. Music for the mass will be shared by the Bishop's Choir of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. Immediately following the mass, family and friends are invited to gather at the parish hall for food and fellowship. Inurnment will take place at the convenience of the family in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Falmouth. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, 202 Second Street, Falmouth, KY 41040, website: [stxfalmouth.com](http://stxfalmouth.com) or the Humane Society of Northern Kentucky: P.O. Box 166, Falmouth, KY 41040, website: [humanesocietynky.org](http://humanesocietynky.org).

# Cemetery Details

**St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Falmouth, KY**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service - Falmouth  
310 W. Shelby Street  
Falmouth, KY 41040  
(859) 654-3306  
office@woodheadfuneralhome.com

### Mass of Christian Burial

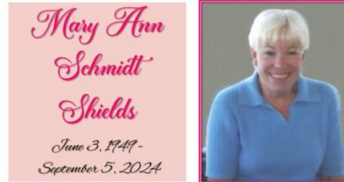
SEP 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
202 2nd Street  
Falmouth, KY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials, & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields*



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**Woodhead Funeral Home** - September 17, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MS

“ *To Pete, Peter, Ryan, Jeannie  
I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Marianne at the care unit there in Falmouth for a long time! As you well know, we had many hysterical. Pleasant fun friendship, activities. It was my pleasure. I feel blessed to have worked with her all of those years.*

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**Mary Scott** - September 14, 2024 at 08:28 AM

WM

“ *Walter and Lynne Mace purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.*



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**Walter and Lynne Mace** - September 13, 2024 at 04:35 AM

JN

“ Jo & Michael Nunemaker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.



Jo & Michael Nunemaker - September 12, 2024 at 09:59 AM

MK

“ A donation to the Humane Society of Northern Kentucky has been made in Mary Ann's honor. We were so sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. Sending best wishes and love to the entire family. Marla, Steve, Courtney, Josh and Steve Kerr

Marla Kerr - September 12, 2024 at 09:46 AM

MK

*It's been a rough week! I meant: Marla, Steve, Courtney, Josh and Cameron Kerr. :)*

Marla Kerr - September 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM

RD

*Falmouth again loses one of her children who meant so much to other people.*

robert Durham - September 12, 2024 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ Janet and Jack Bragg purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.



Janet and Jack Bragg - September 11, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.*



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September 11, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *Mark & Julie Hyatt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.*

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**Mark & Julie Hyatt** - September 11, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *The Wells Family & Jim & Dotti Lacey purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.*



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**The Wells Family & Jim & Dotti Lacey** - September 10, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ *The Browns - Suzi, Ken and Caitlyn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.*



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**The Browns - Suzi, Ken and Caitlyn** - September 09, 2024 at 06:00 PM

TF

“ Peter, Jeannie, Ryan, and Pete, my deepest condolences on Mary Ann's passing. I spent countless hours at your house on Chapel St. and then as next door neighbors. Mary Ann was always welcoming and great to me. A great neighbor who was always quick with a smile and laugh. Wishing you comfort during this time.

Tom Fisher - September 09, 2024 at 11:54 AM

LC

“ Liz Crotty purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.



Liz Crotty - September 09, 2024 at 10:13 AM

MS

“ Mary, Anurag, Helen and Monika Sharma purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.



Mary, Anurag, Helen and Monika Sharma - September 07, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MS

“ Mary, Anurag, Helen and Monika Sharma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.

Mary, Anurag, Helen and Monika Sharma - September 07, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MS

“ Mary Ann was such a energetic and fun force of nature. How I always enjoyed her laughter and fun stories over the years. I did not know about her love of water skiing! Always a new surprise. She was much loved and will be very missed. My love to her family and wishing her peace.

Mary Crotty Sharma - September 07, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.



September 06, 2024 at 11:42 PM

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“ Monica and Morgan (Poe) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Schmidt Shields.

Monica and Morgan (Poe) - September 06, 2024 at 11:42 PM