



Mary Ann (Mitzi) Danowitz

January 4, 1921 - March 9, 2024

DANOWITZ, Mary Ann (Mitzi) arrived in this world on January 4, 1921, and was welcomed to her eternal reward on March 9, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Atlantic City, NJ she was preceded in death by Edward Danowitz, Sr., her loving husband of 67 years, her parents, Alexander and Margaret Kellenyi and her brothers Joe and Bernie Kellenyi. Mitzi is survived by her sister, Patricia Chernavsky, and by her children Mary Ann Danowitz, Joan Jones, Nancy Williamson, Sharon Haffey, and Edward Danowitz, Jr., 12 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Mitzi attended schools in Monmouth County, New Jersey and graduated from Red Bank Catholic High. With the advent of World War II, she joined the U. S. Army Signal Corps Lab at Fort Monmouth, NJ and travelled extensively as a member of the Army's research team to expand the nation's radar capabilities. Following her Army service, Mitzi married First Lieutenant Ed Danowitz, U. S. Marine Corps, a classmate from her high school days, on June 1, 1946. Ed and Mitzi moved frequently, with Mitzi setting up 29 different homes in the states and overseas. When Ed was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain, Mitzi also became a member of the Diplomatic Corps and hosted international dignitaries at the embassy residence and at their home. With Ed's retirement from the Marines, they moved to Altamonte Springs, Florida where he joined the Rollins College faculty. Mitzi regularly opened their home to Ed's Russian students and accompanied the students to the Soviet Union during study-abroad programs. Mitzi enjoyed golf and, as a member of the

Rolling Hills Golf Club, frequently played with her husband and her many women friends in the “Niners”. Most of all she loved God and her church. A devoted member of Saint Mary Magdalen parish in Altamonte Springs since 1971, she attended mass regularly. As a long-term member of the St. Vincent de Paul Circle and the Altar Committee, Mitzi enjoyed her many hours preparing for and working at the Fall Festival. Mitzi lived life to the fullest and shared the best of her life with her family and dearest friends. A cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and GiGi (great grandmother) she will be well remembered as a kind, loving and devoted woman and will be sorely missed. Her husband of 67 years described her with words from the Book of Proverbs, 31-29 – “Many women have done admirable things but you have surpassed them all”.

Services will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs, Florida on Monday, March 18, 2024. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to be followed by a funeral mass at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ On behalf of my late parents, Paul and Evelyn Graham, and myself, I want to give my deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. Although our tour at Camp Lejeune was short, strong friendships existed throughout the assignment. My thoughts are with you. Scott Graham

scott Graham - April 09, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MS

“ We were neighbors around the corner from Mitzi & Ed for many years. (Have lived here 54 years) We were in awe of Mitzi and loved chatting when seeing each other. What a wonderful inspiration she was for us. Mary Ann & Walt Steeb

Mary Ann Steeb - March 17, 2024 at 02:50 PM

PK

“ Patricia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann (Mitzi) Danowitz.

Patricia K. - March 16, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RB

“ My condolences to the family of Mitzi, a lovely lady, wife, mother, and grandmother! I would go to the Navy base in Orlando with my wife and three children for two weeks active duty for training and Mitzi and Ed would invite us to stay at their home. She showed us great hospitality and love when we would go to Florida for Navy duty and for family vacations. I can't say enough good things about Mitzi. She did so much for my family and me that I will always be in her debt. She was a loyal Marine Corps wife and a great entertainer and host. My life was enriched by knowing her. She was a devout Christian and Catholic who dearly love God, the Church, and Jesus. She raised five wonderful children whom I felt privileged to know. May she rest in peace in Heaven.
Richard S. Bush

RICHARD BUSH - March 15, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann (Mitzi) Danowitz.



March 14, 2024 at 11:20 AM

MG

“ Nancy and I extend our condolences to the family of Mitzi, a gracious and elegant lady. While Col. Danowitz was alive, we spent many happy times with him and Mitzi at both 3rd Marine Division and 1st Marine Division Association activities. We were all lucky to have been part of her full and productive life.
Semper Fidelis,
Mike Galyean
Winter Park, FL

Mike Galyean - March 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM