



## Mary Josephine Hess Blandford

August 2, 1933 - December 21, 2025

Mary Josephine Hess Blandford, 92 of Vienna, Virginia passed away Sunday morning, December 21, 2025 at August Healthcare at Iliff in Dunn Loring, Virginia. Born in Lancaster on August 2, 1933, she was the daughter of the late C. Stanley Hess, Sr. and Mary Brubaker Hess. She was the wife of Thomas S. Blandford, with whom she married on September 12, 1959.

Mary was raised on the family farm in Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She attended Central Manor Church of God with her family when she was younger. She graduated from the former Manor-Millersville High School. After graduating from high school, Mary went on to receive her beautician license and worked as a hairstylist in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Mary was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who was dedicated to her family. She was an expert seamstress; sewing children's clothing, Halloween and ballet costumes. She enjoyed collecting coins, Pennsylvania milk bottles, clown figurines and reading mystery novels. She always had a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, displayed with a Christmas Village and German Nutcrackers.

Mary and Tom went on many trips together, traveling from Maine to Alaska to New Mexico to Florida and everywhere in between. She had a great interest in the Southwest and various western tribal cultures. Mary especially enjoyed

the beach, ocean and seashells.

Part of her family went with her when God called her home on that Sunday morning and they will see her in heaven once again. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Thomas S. Blandford of Vienna, Virginia and her children, Barbara Jean Blandford of Lawrenceville, NJ, Thomas Neil Blandford, husband of Diana of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Janet Lee Blandford of Vienna, Virginia. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Austin and Courtney and her sister, Johanne Krause of Manor Township. She was preceded in death by her brother, C. Stanley Hess, Jr.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to Mary's Graveside Service on January 14, 2026 at 2PM in the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, 437 Manor Avenue, Millersville with Pastor Robert Garvey officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Millersville, PA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Millersville, PA