



## Mary Veronica Handlin

August 23, 1948 - August 17, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Veronica Handlin who left us peacefully on August 17, 2025, just days shy of her 77th birthday. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on August 23, 1948, Mary grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, where she developed her indomitable spirit and resilience, inspiring all who knew her.

Despite facing challenges, Mary led a life filled with joy and purpose. She worked diligently as a presser in the dry cleaning industry at Admirals, showcasing her exceptional work ethic and dedication. Around 2009, Mary and her husband, Mark, made the move to beautiful Saint Augustine, Florida, seeking to be closer to her cherished family. When Mark passed away in 2010, Mary moved into Alpha Omega Miracle Home where she received love and support in a Christian setting. After a short time, Mary became ill and required hospital care. After a brief stay at the hospital, she moved into Bayview Nursing Home. There she found a loving home surrounded by care of her sister-in-law Mona Drainer, niece Darlyne Johnson, and nephew James (Skip) Drainer all whom she adored.

While residing at the nursing home, Mary became very popular and had many friends. Her vibrant spirit lit up every room, and despite being confined to a wheelchair, she was the life of the party and known as the best dancer in the home. Her ability to find joy and connection in each moment truly inspired

those around her. A lifelong catholic, Mary was a woman of deep faith and enjoyed the worship services held at her care center.

Mary leaves behind her loving brother, Bruce A. Drainer and his wife Nancy of Wilmington; sister-in-law, Mona Drainer of St. Augustine; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. Each of them carries with them cherished memories of her warm spirit and encouragement.

A celebration of life service to honor her remarkable journey and the love she shared with all will be held at Applebees on Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation in Mary's name to Alpha Omega Miracle Home ensuring her spirit of inspiration continues to touch lives.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved Mary, Let us remember the light she brought into our world and honor her legacy of resilience and love.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Applebees Bar & Grill  
225 State Road 312  
St. Augustine, FL 32086

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Veronica Handlin*

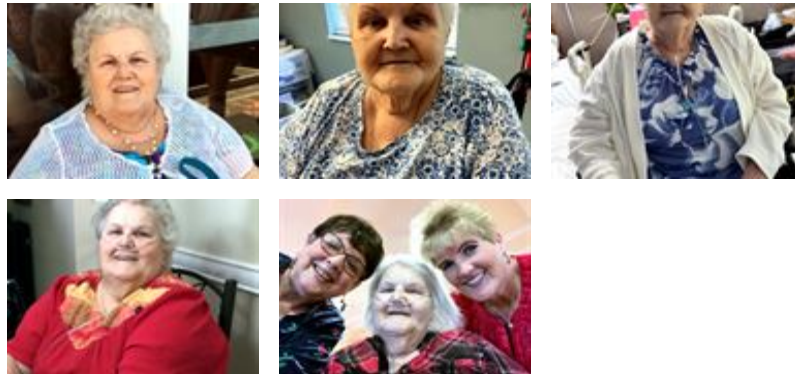


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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - August 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - August 30, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ *Terri Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mary Veronica Handlin*



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**Terri Murphy** - August 24, 2025 at 06:42 PM

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“ My dear cousin, Mary, and I shared Birthday wishes each year. I sent her a delicious Edibles fruit arrangement several years ago and she shared it with her friends at the nursing home. She was a kind, Godly woman whom is now in heaven with Mark and rest of our family celebrating her 77th Birthday. I will always remember you as a sweet, loving cousin. And the delicious baked goods, the 50th Wedding anniversary cake you made for Grandmom & Grandad as well as my Bicentennial gown you made for my High School celebration. Rest in eternal peace. 🙏❤️

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**Terri Murphy** - August 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - August 23, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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*Beautiful photos of Mary and family, love ❤️ you all.*

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**Terri Murphy** - August 24, 2025 at 06:41 PM