



Mary Ann Castimore – Class of 2004

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of EMG volunteer, Mary Ann Castimore. Mary Ann passed away on December 26, 2020 after a decades' long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mary Ann took the Master Gardener Course in 2004, and contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours to the EMG program up until the time of her death. After completing the course, she became a dedicated volunteer for the EMG Helpline, answering home horticulture questions to Vermonters who called in with their gardening questions. She always had a positive and upbeat presence at the helpline, and it was a pleasure to support her in her role as a helpline volunteer. She was a very knowledgeable gardener, and kept her answers to callers simple and to the point. There was no beating around the bush with her! It was very important to her that she complete over 1,000 volunteer hours and earn her Lifetime Gold Badge. She met this goal by volunteering at the helpline, as well as managing the EMG Info. Table at the annual Addison County Field Days for many years. She received her gold badge in November of 2020, and was so proud of that accomplishment! Her smile, laugh and stories of her travels around the world will be missed dearly. To learn more about the many contributions she made throughout her life and within her community, please visit:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/njherald/obituary.aspx?n=mary-ann-castimore&pid=197397953>

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