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Special Order #2

It is with deep regret that I must report the sudden passing of Sister Mary Jane Bannan, PAP. Mary Jane was a member of our Auxiliary for over 50 years. She was given the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award for her exemplary service to the Sons. Mary Jane was a Past Department President for the Daughters and was a member in all of the women's Orders. She was very active with the Women's Relief Corp and was a member for over 50 years.

Mary Jane was very active in trying to save Auxiliaries and Camps that were in peril. Over the years she drove thousands of miles serving our Orders. She was a familiar face at our Encampments, luncheons, banquets, and ceremonies. Over the years she laid many wreaths at the GAR Memorial Ceremony on Remembrance Day.

Mary Jane's birthday was on November 19th. She was happy that she was born on the anniversary of the Gettysburg address and often ate birthday cake with her GAR family on Remembrance Day.

Mary Jane was a wonderful role model for all of our Sisters. Her commitment to the Boys in Blue never wavered. She was one of the best supporters our Union ancestors ever had.

My deepest sympathy to Auxiliary #7 of Harrisburg, and to all of the other Sisters in the Orders she served.

Services will be held at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St. Harrisburg, PA on 4/6/19, visitation at 9am and memorial service at 10am.

I hereby order that all badges and charters be draped for the next 30 days in her memory.