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Trailblazing NASA Astronaut & Scientist Mary Cleave Dies at 76

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) is saddened to hear the news of the passing of Astronaut Mary Cleave on November 27, 2023, at the age of 76. Mary was a veteran of two spaceflights, STS-61B and STS-30; she is well known as serving as the associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, overseeing research and exploration programs.

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation knew Mary Cleave as a friend and as a driving force for STEM advocacy. Her passion for STEM and for the advancement for women in STEM knew no limits. She was dedicated to our mission and supported our scholarship program by serving on our selection committee and mentoring our Astronaut Scholars.

Along with Northrop Grumman, Mary was instrumental in forging the relationship and funding the scholarship at Utah State University who is now a partner university of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. We will miss Mary, her quick wit, her intellectual daring and her unstoppable love for all things STEM.

God Speed to a genuinely amazing woman and a true space pioneer.

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