



Mary Cathryn Graddy

June 22, 1928 - December 3, 2016

Mary Cathryn Graddy, 88 of Walnut Ridge, passed away December 3, 2016 in the Lawrence Hall Nursing and Rehab Center.

Born June 22, 1928 in the Coffman community; daughter of Kent and Mabel Phillips Benn. She was united in marriage to Kenneth (Rhody) Graddy on December 10, 1945. She was a mother, factory worker and waitress.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two children, Rodney Graddy and Katie Williams; seven sisters and one brother.

Survivors include three children, Glenda Cole of Millington, TN, Gena (Jimmy) Sheppard of Walnut Ridge and Tresa Graddy of Gassville; a sister, Albertine Turley of Watsonville, CA; eight grandchildren, Missy Steele, Jeff (Robin) Sheppard, Matt (Sommer) Williams, Jason (Leigh Ann) Brewer, Randy (Golden) Williams, Kenny (Staci) Sheppard, Natasha and Josh Graddy; eight great grandchildren, Jeffery and Jaylyn Sheppard, Jackson and Jake Brewer, Katelyn Graddy, Sami and James Sheppard and Lyla Williams; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 10 A.M. in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. Harvey Noblin officiating. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jeff, Matt, Jason, Randy, Kenny and Josh. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jimmy

Sheppard, Jack Williams and Roy Paul Davidson. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park.

Visitation will Monday evening from 6 PM till 8 PM.

Cemetery Details

Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **5.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

DEC **6.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ *To all the Graddy girls. Your mother was a great person. I remember her from my Clover Bend days and when she worked at the Wagon Wheel and the Clover Bend reunions. RIP Mary.*

Ronnie Ward - December 07, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mary Cathryn Graddy.*



December 04, 2016 at 10:56 PM

DT

“ *I spent many nights at Mary's house with one of my best friends Rodney! Mary always made me feel welcome and loved. Every time I saw her there was a big smile and hug, she was truly an amazing lady. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!*



Dennis Truxler - December 04, 2016 at 02:36 PM

GC

“ In October 2012, I visited Mother in her apartment in Walnut Ridge, it was Columbus Day weekend and my birthday was that weekend, I believe. In the past when I visited her, she would meet me at the door to hug me but that time, she just stayed in her chair. At that time I thought, "Something is wrong, does she not love me any more?" Mother loved to play Skip-Bo. We started playing in the afternoon and carried on into the night. We stopped for a while to watch NCIS Miami, she liked that show. I didn't really want to watch it but I did. We went back into the kitchen and played more Skip-Bo and stayed up until midnight or after, we really enjoyed so much. In the past, we would play at Gena's house and there would always be four or five of us, one person might leave and another one would take over, such fun. Again, we would stay up until midnight. Later that year when she was put into the nursing home, it finally dawned on me why she didn't get up and hug me that time. She didn't feel good but would not let on that that was so. My sisters, Gena and Tresa were truly blessed to have her as long as we did when others had lost their mothers so much sooner. Rest in Peace, Mother, I love you so much and will miss you.

Glenda Graddy Cole - December 04, 2016 at 01:05 PM

TM

“ So regret not being able to see that great smile she was one of the truly great moms that I have known we were truly lucky to have had her in our life. Rest assured family of Mary she's gone to rest comfortably with the Lord

Terry Myers - December 04, 2016 at 04:45 AM

AW

“ Gena. So sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers to you, Jimmy and the kids. Prayers for peace.

Ashley Webb - December 03, 2016 at 09:02 PM



So sorry girls, i got to visit Mary in LH, she always had a smile and a song in her heart!

Janice Cook - December 07, 2016 at 08:49 PM

DW

“ *Gena, Prayers for you & your family in the loss of your mother.*
Denell

Denell Whittingham - December 03, 2016 at 08:16 PM

CL

Prayers for all.

Carole Parker Lenninger - December 03, 2016 at 08:33 PM



Gena and family So sorry for your Great Loss you're in my thoughts love and prayers

Phyllis Jordan - December 04, 2016 at 08:23 AM

DB

Mary was an old friend of my Mom's ,Gen Atkinson, who has Alzheimer's . Amazingly when my Mom see's anything purple she still says "Mary Graddy would like that "!
I also recall Mary coming to visit my family with Gen in Baytown Tx . and playing and singing on my old upright piano.
Great memories of a great lady.
George & Donna Beabe

Donna Beabe - December 06, 2016 at 04:14 PM

MF

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Graddy. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Mark Fowler
Atlanta, GA

Mark Fowler - December 03, 2016 at 06:59 PM

 Judith
Graddy

“ *When I first met Mary, (my sister-in-law) one of the things that she said, always stayed with me. Her goal everyday was to make someone smile.*

She is a free spirit now.

Love, Judy Graddy

Judith Graddy - December 03, 2016 at 06:51 PM

CB

“ *Gena, so sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you and your family in our prayers.*



Cindy Brown - December 03, 2016 at 06:42 PM

WF

“ Oh so many great memories of my dear friend Mary! She was ageless....Anyone of any age who knew her, loved her. I met her through her children, Rodney, Katie, and Tresa, who were my friends. Mary was raising 5 children alone, after their Dad died, and I never heard her complain, even though she worked two jobs most all the time. I worked with Mary at Law Mfg Co for 5 yrs. and we both worked at nearly every restaurant in town, when their regular help didn't show up. She made working fun for everyone around. She was like a "Dear Abby", to a lot of us younger folks, because we knew we could tell her anything, and she could keep a secret. I loved to hear her sing, and it usually didn't take much urging, for her to belt out something we'd request while working. She loved to sing and dance! Always, up for an adventure, she rode shotgun one night, when I decided to call off an engagement...oh what a night that was! Too many fun times to write them all here. I'll cherish the memories, and remember her for her love of God, her children, her friends, her country, her strength, wisdom, that great big smile.....and the color Purple! My prayers are with her family, and friends.

Wanda Fincher - December 03, 2016 at 06:39 PM

RC

“ **REST IN PEACE MARY**

RICK COLLINS - December 03, 2016 at 06:10 PM