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Mary Lee Woodby, born June 9, 1932 in Asheville, North Carolina to William and Johnnie Hawkins and peacefully passed away on June 10, 2011. She married Richard Woodby on February 17, 1951 in Dearborn, Michigan. She will be remembered for her compassion and generosity. Mary graduated from Lowrey High School in Dearborn, Michigan in June of 1950 and has attended every class reunion since including the one held in 2010. As a young mom, Mary was a Brownie leader, homeroom mother, and Secretary of Robert Elementary School PTA as well as church secretary at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She began her working career at Michigan Bell in 1965 in Lincoln Park, Michigan until she transferred to Southwestern Bell in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1974 as an Administrative Assistant. When she retired in 1986, Mary remained active with the local Pioneer organization. After a partial recovery from a stroke in 2006, Mary continued to do God's work. She enjoyed working in the nursery at Vacation Bible School and Awana at Florence Street Baptist Church. Although walking was difficult and prevented her from going on visitation, Mary enjoyed writing personal letters to those that visited her church. Mary battled Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and breast cancer for the last 20 plus years, but it never changed her outlook on life. Her faith kept her going when others would have given up. When she decided to fight the current bout of Lymphoma, her family told her that they would fight with her. Mary's interests and activities included swimming, listening to gospel music, dancing and driving her 1973 red convertible Mustang. Even with all the modern technology available, Mary continued to rely on her manual IBM Selectric II typewriter. Travel was also Mary's passion, visiting Hawaii, Holland, Italy, France, England, Germany, Australia and most recently Israel. She is survived by her children, Deanna Hensley and husband Joe of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Mary Ann Ferguson of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Richard L. Woodby, Jr. of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; William Woodby and wife Kathi of Liberty, Missouri;



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brothers, Donald Hamp and his wife Becky of Toledo, Ohio, Daniel Hamp of Taylor, Michigan; 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and friends that meant everything to her. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Richard L. Woodby and sister, Patricia Williams.



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SJ

Susan & Randall Johnson posted:

Dear Deanna, Joe, Tracie, Brooke, Mary, Rick & Willie and families, Our deepest sympathy to each of you. Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you in the loss of your precious Mother. We both loved your Mother and enjoyed good times with her. I have fond memories of your Mother from the first time we met at camp. And through lots of visits and days and nights spent at your home. Lots of wonderful memories. We take comfort knowing she is with the Lord now and with many of our loved ones gone from us now. Much love to each of you. Susan & Randall

June 15 at 12:05 PM

CM

Cheryl Miller posted:

To all Aunt Mary's Family- She may have not been my Aunt by blood, but she was an "Aunt" in every other sense of the word! We loved her, and we will miss her!! Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You all in this time of grief!! We do wish we could be there with you all!! God Bless You all!! Love, Steve & Cheryl Miller

June 14 at 1:15 PM

LG

Larry Groves posted:

RICK AND WILLY, I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR MOTHER. MAY GOD BE WITH BOTH OF YOU DURING THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE.

June 14 at 10:35 AM

JB

Jennifer And Larry Bowman posted:

Mary was a sweetheart. Her and her husband were both in our cardiac rehab program at OSUMC. She was such a joy and encouraged the other patients. There are treasures in heaven for this precious saint. She touched our hearts. Because He Lives, Jennifer and Larry Bowman

June 13 at 4:39 PM

JP

Jo Ann Proctor posted:

My heartfelt condolences to Mary's family, she was such a sweet and caring lady. I knew her through the volunteer group Telephone Pioneers, we worked on many projects together. I always loved seeing her with that beautiful bright smile and her willing attitude. She will be missed!

June 13 at 10:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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