



## Mary Alice Yarnell

January 18, 1927 - January 27, 2020

Mary Alice Yarnell was born on January 18, 1927 and passed on January 27, 2020. Mary married Joseph Jerome Yarnell on January 3rd, 1947. She was proud to share his name, her life and love for 73 years. There are so many ways to describe this beautiful woman. Loving and devoted wife, amazing and doting Mother of 4, most loved Grandmother of 10, Great Grandmother of 17, Great Great Grandmother of 1. Cherished daughter and Sister, beloved Aunt of countless nieces and nephews. Mary is not only loved and cherished by her family but clearly holds the title of “ Best Friend” by many. Mary’s love of adventure and travel, seeing new things, joining in with activities that each new adventure had to offer is legend. Mary was an accomplished bowler, was skiing at 80, played cards regularly, loved cooking and baking and is famous for “ The Best Apple Pie” on the planet. She loved family gatherings, picnics, roasting hot dogs, playing with her grandchildren, never missing an event. Mary was a professional skater in her early to late teens. She was member of the Tulsa Skating Troupe and was often the feature skater at the renowned Continental Skating Rink. Mary was known throughout the surrounding area for her elegance on the rink. At 18 Mary traveled to Washington DC to work. She recalled standing in Lafayette Square looking at the balcony of the White House as President Truman announced the end of World War II. Growing up in the depression, though hard, taught many lessons. Mary passed those lessons to her children and grandchildren - Lessons that will be passed on with the same love and pride they were given. Mary is preceded in death by her Father Edward Moses Parks, her Mother, Nevella Narcissus Parks, three Sisters, Ernestine Martin, Theda Locke, Freda Kennedey , Brother, Robert Edward Parks. She is survived by her Husband Joseph Yarnell of the home, a Daughter, Sheryl Ann Yarnell-Dickson and Husband John Dickson of Grove, Oklahoma, three Sons, Jerry Yarnell of Skiatook Oklahoma, Tom Yarnell of Tulsa Oklahoma and Scott Yarnell also of Tulsa. Grandchildren, Robyn Dickson-Callaway, Robert Dickson, Johnny Dickson, Justin Yarnell, Josh Yarnell, Chris Yarnell, Tammy Yarnell, Robby Yarnell, Jenny Yarnell, Addy Yarnell and a host of great grandchildren. If asked what comes first to your mind when you think of Mary you might hear something like this “Great Cook”, “ Ornerly”, “Worst backseat driver”, “Wonderful Homemaker” “Lots of Fun” "Always there” “would do anything for you”. If you asked her children, they would say “She is the greatest Mom in the world”,

"she is " The Family" She will always be our Mom". If you asked her husband, he would say, "She is my world, the love of my life, she is my wife".

A world without you is unimaginable, so we cannot say goodbye, we will see you soon, we know you are watching, we love you now, always, forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held in her honor at the Floral Haven Family Center on Friday, March 27, 2020 from 4pm - 6pm.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Celebration of Life**                      04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Floral Haven Family Center

6420 South 129th East Avenue, Broken Arrow, OK, US, 74012

# Comments

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Yarnell.



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“ Mary Yarnell was magnificent! She and Joe were two of the kindest, most joyful people I've ever met. I have so much love for them both.

Mary and my mom, Naomi, became dear friends working together at SEG. It was such a beautiful friendship, it included both of our families.

When I was a young journalist trying to get my career started, Mary and Joe were so generous to let me live with them in their Grand Lake home. They made me feel like I was part of the family, and were always so supportive and encouraging.

Of course, Mary was always cooking or baking something delicious while she and Joe were telling fun stories. I remember once standing in the kitchen with her, as she was stirring her pinto beans, when she looked up at me with her bright, twinkling eyes and asked me if I knew the "secret" to the perfect pot of beans. "It's not the salt," she said with a smile. "If you really want them to be nice and tender... add a little sugar!" Then she winked at me and nodded her head with conviction.

Another time, Joe got really tickled with us because he noticed we were both standing in the kitchen in the "stork" formation (one foot planted in the opposite knee) just chatting away. We got to the point where we were all in tears, laughing at the fact that pretty much every woman we know stands that way... especially when we're busy talkin'.

It's been a few decades since then, but I've been fortunate to stay in touch through their close relationship with Mom and Dad all these years. I'll always cherish our time together.

With love and gratitude,

Paula Haddock Adams

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“ So many memories I have of my Aunt Mary (& Uncle Joe). Always my favorite! Even when she was stern with us as kids in our early lives. You could always see her smiling eyes looking at you while she was scolding you for something you shouldn't have done. From my early years of five and six years of age (which a couple of the pictures I share represent) until much later in life, she has always been a voice, and feeling, to me of peace and kindness. She and my Mother (her Sister) were such good friends and a compliment to each other...I wish they could have had more time together; more often. Maybe now they will have an eternity to catch up. As well as the rest of her Brothers and Sisters that went ahead to make a place for her. I know there was a joyous reunion and everyone was there to meet her as she arrived in Heaven...that's the main thing I take away from this. While we will miss her here on Earth, I know she's in the arms of Loved Ones there. I so much love my family in Oklahoma ! While there are so many life style differences from the Coast to the middle of the country, of main importance is the love I feel for all of you and your profound loss. Of course it's my loss also, but I lost much of it when our BIG family decided to split up and move in several directions across our country. Things change ! But one thing will not change...I Love You Aunt Mary, Always Will...and will miss you to no end.

Sonny  
(and Betty)

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