



Mary Grace Cullen

July 13, 1936 - October 9, 2022

A wife, a mother, a grandma, and great grandma too, this is the legacy we have from you.

Mary Brown (Traill) Cullen went home to be with her heavenly Father on Sunday, October 9, 2022. Mary was born on July 13, 1936, in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, to George and Mary Brown. Upon Mary Brown's death in childbirth, Mary was adopted by her aunt and uncle Mary and Joseph Traill. She graduated from Elyria High School in Elyria, Ohio, in 1954. A member of Phi Mu Fraternity for Women, Mary graduated from Bowling Greene State University, Ohio, in 1958 with a degree in elementary education. She married the love of her life Charles E. Cullen on June 27, 1959. Mary taught 4th grade in Winslow Elementary School in Racine, Wisconsin, until she became a mother. After raising her family, she returned to work as a head teacher for New Horizons Academy where she cared for infants for 32 years. Mary received several Teacher of Distinction awards during her service through nominations by parents.

She is preceded in death by her biological parents Mary and George Brown and her adoptive parents Mary and Joseph Traill. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles E. Cullen; son Richard Cullen (Darla) of Andover, MN; daughter Mary Jo Finney (Craig) of Hopkins, and son Charles W. Cullen (Sarah) of Waterloo, IA; grandchildren Matthew (Larice) and Jacob

(Lauren) Finney, Nicole (Johnnie) Weaver, Katlin (Shaun) Francik, Grace and Ted Cullen, and Jasmin (Nick) Engel; and great-grandchildren Mattice, Oliver, Genevieve, and Anastasia Jo.

A life spent teaching and caring for children is a life well spent.

Memorial service will be Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11 AM with visitation from 10-11 AM at Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church, 2650 128th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church
2650 128th Ave NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55304

Church Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.* ”



October 24, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.* ”



October 22, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Mike Heiligenthal, Ed / Thomas Van Wilpe purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.* ”



Mike Heiligenthal, Ed / Thomas Van Wilpe - October 18, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LF

“ *Love from Matt Finney and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.*



Love from Matt Finney and Family - October 14, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.*



October 13, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Cullen.*



October 12, 2022 at 10:59 AM

CD

“ *Mary was a wonderful infant teacher. She made a positive difference in the lives of so many young children at New Horizon Academy. She will be missed but never forgotten.*

Chad Elliot Dunkley - October 12, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing! She was a loving infant teacher who touched the lives of so many children and families.

Jessie Watson - October 11, 2022 at 08:29 PM

KF


“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a beautiful soul and touched so many children and families lives as a teacher at New Horizon.

Kristi Fuller - October 11, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ Like stated in her obituary. Mary was an infant teacher with NHA for over 32 years. She was a sweet, caring, kind, and loving person. I'm glad I was able to get the chance to work with her. She will truly be missed by many!

Jennifer Hathaway - October 11, 2022 at 05:37 PM


RaeAnn
Saunders

“ One of the sweetest ladies I’ve ever known. All the memories we have of our families together I always think of her sweet smile and kindness and grace. She will be missed.
I’m so sorry for your loss and what a life well spent.
-RaeAnn Saunders

RaeAnn Saunders - October 11, 2022 at 01:20 PM

SD

*Mary helped so many new mothers at New Horizon.
She was full of wisdom.
She even helped ALL of the staff that she worked with.
Mary had such a calming way about her.
Thousands and thousands of babies got the best start in life over
Marys 32 years of loving and caring.
If New Horizon had a flag to lower over our schools we would.
She had an impact on everyone Mary worked with and taught how to
be SO patient!
My heart hurts that she is gone.
She will live on forever in our hearts and ALL the families she
touched!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Sue Dunkley - October 12, 2022 at 07:48 PM