



Mary Jane (Morain) Phillips

June 1, 2002

Phillips (nee Morain) Mary Lyn Jane, age 67, of Mpls., passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with leukemia on 5/30/02. Preceded in death by parents and 2 brothers. Survived by loving husband, Myron of 48 years; children, Barb (Robert), Peggy & fiance Bill, Steve (Diane); 4 loving granddaughters, Ryanne, Erin, Stephanie & Christine; sister, Cathryn; brothers, Ronald (Diane) & Robert (Joan); sisters-in-law, Rena and Barbara; along with many nieces & nephews. Mary Lyn was a 25-year employee of Hennepin County Extension Services. Visitation Sunday 1-4 PM and Service Monday at 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior, all at Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel, 2301 Dupont Ave S. at Hennepin. Memorials preferred to the family or donor's choice. Interment Grand View Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

Tribute Wall

JB

“ It's not very often that I meet someone who I can honestly say "they are one of the nicest people I've ever known". But I could truly say that about my Aunt Mary. She always had a kind word for everyone - I don't think I ever heard her say a mean thing about anyone.

I have so many good memories of the times I spent with Mary; she was always so much fun to be around. Her attitude towards life was remarkable - she clearly showed that throughout her illness. Even in the end, she was good natured.

Mary, every time I hear the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" I will think of you and smile.

*Love you and miss you!
Jodi :)*

~

Jodi Bernard,

East Bethel, Minnesota

Jodi Bernard - June 18, 2002 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I was not born into this family but before Tony and I were married I already thought of Mary as my own Aunt Mary. There is something about a person's spirit that can be seen the moment you lay eyes upon them. Mary's spirit was beautiful, unassuming, accepting and loving. Mary's spirit still lives. She continues to love us, watch over us, care for us and perhaps even make fun of us!

My favorite memory of Aunt Mary was at Nancy's baby shower. I had made a baby blanket for Lynnette when she had Josh and again for Nancy before she had Evan. Mary had seen each and wanted one for her own so she turned to me and said (now keep in mind she was in her sixties) "Do I have to have a baby to get a blanket like that?". She was just such a sweet woman.

One last note - I will never be able to listen to "row, row, row your boat" ever again w/o thinking of Aunt Mary. When Josh was littler he would sing one of the last lines "Mary, Mary, Mary and Myron, life is but a dream".

When Mary was around, wasn't that just how it was?

God bless you, Mary. You are missed by all!

~

Carolyn Morain,

Saint Michael, Minnesota

Carolyn Morain - June 06, 2002 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *My sincere and deepest sympathy to the entire family. I worked with Mary Lyn at the Extension Service for 13 years. She was always such a joy and full of proud stories of her family. Indeed she will be missed; but the fond and loving memories will never leave you - I know they will not for me.*

~

Bev Ruedebusch,

Maple Plain, Minnesota

Bev Ruedebusch - June 02, 2002 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Grandma, no words could explain how much i love you! You were the best grandmother anybody could have! I will never forget all the times we went shopping and going to lunch! Peggy, Erin and I went shopping today and we thought of you the whole time we said "grandma's looking down on us laughing right now!!" We had so much fun! I miss you so much already! And I'm going to take good care of dad! Don't worry! You are the best person in the whole world, and i don't think there is a single soul who doesn't think that you will truly be missed! I love you grandma! XOXOXOXO

~

Ryanne phillips,

mpls

Ryanne phillips - June 01, 2002 at 12:00 AM

“ What You Mean To Me...

*You turned my darkness into light;
You made everything all right.
You picked me up when I was down;
You turned my life around.
If I didn't have you, what would I be?
A blessing is what you are to me.*

*When I needed you the most, you were there;
Even if it seemed like you didn't care.
When I didn't think I could make it another day,
You chased all my doubts away.
If I didn't have you, what would I be?
A treasure is what you are to me.*

*The world is full of many people, it's true;
But there is only one of you.
You fill my heart with love,
You're a God-sent gift from above.
If I didn't have you, what would I be?
An angel is what you are to me.*

*Lost and alone, I will no longer be,
Because you are here with me.
There is no reason to be sad,
You've taken away all the bad.
If I didn't have you, what would I be?
A best friend is what you are to me!!*

Dear Grandma~

I'll never have another Grandma like you...You meant the world to me and still do and I look forward to the day when I'll be with you....once again! I'm sad but, happy Because I got to say "Good-bye" but, I should have known it was not "good-bye" because I feel you around me....even at this moment, I will not remember the sad

*times {even though there are none} I can't remember the bad times
{because with you there never were any} All the things you bought
and did for me will never add up to all the times you told and
showed me you loved me.....gave me emotional strength and taught
me to have a heart of gold....I see you threw Ryanne
everyday.....she act's just like you.....so SEE you are here in
everyway! I love you Grandma.....you mean the world to me....and
you told me "I meant the world to you" so SEE I kinda can re-pay
you but, never in full beacuse the love you gave me was far
greater....I better stop writting they might get mad at me.....Love
Always and forever....together as ONE....Erin*

~

Erin Phillips,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Erin Phillips - June 01, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Let me express my condolences to the family of Mary Lynn Morain Phillips. I was in her Vocational High School Commercial Art class of 1952. We were a small group of 11 students by the time we graduated. I remember her as a kind and thoughtful person. This June 15 is our 50 year class reunion. Those of us attending will remember her spirit.

~

Marilyn Apland-McQuarrie,

Green Valley, Arizona

Marilyn Apland-McQuarrie - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *Uncle Myron,*

Aunt Mary will be greatly missed. I love you guys very much

~

Nancy Louis,

St. Michael, Minnesota

Nancy Louis - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I remember going to stay the night at aunt Mary's house. Bobbi and I would bug Myron and our nickname for Peggy was big kitty kitty (no idea where we came up with the name)
I loved sitting with Mary and hearing the stories about her childhood and the things they did to my dad.
To quote Josh, "she is soooo nice a person".
I miss you Mary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
No one could possibly replace her.
Lynette

~

Lynette Brellenthin,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Lynette Brellenthin - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*Mary was the only person that could call me "Mickey" and get away with it. She loved telling stories about her childhood. She just loved telling stories!!!! (Definitely a Morain thing)*

Mary---you were such a tender, loving person and I will miss you greatly. I am proud to be your niece!!

*All my love,
Mickey*

~

Michelle Morain,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Michelle Morain - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*Mary, You had a heart of gold and a sense of humor to match. Who else would have taken all those jokes from dad.*

I loved listening to your stories about grandma and grandpa, or any story you wanted to share.

I love you dearly, you will be greatly missed.

Love, Lori

~

Lori Morain,

Merrill, Wisconsin

Lori Morain - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ It is not hard to see how much everyone loves Mary. She was like everyones grandma. What I learned most from Mary is to love and accept everyone for who they are. She always made you feel comfortable and you never had to pretend around her. I always loved the joking relationship she and my father shared. They were like little kids all the time. I will also never forget the strength Mary showed throughout her illness. She was still more worried about everyone else, but that was Mary. Thank you for the story you told me about how you remember me as a child. I will think of it often. I love you and will miss you a lot. Love, Vicki

~

Vicki Morain,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Vicki Morain - May 31, 2002 at 12:00 AM