



## Mary Louise Richardson

September 5, 1942 - April 4, 2025

### Life of Mary Richardson

Mary grew up in a Christian home and accepted the Lord when she was six years old.

After high school she went to Rockford, Illinois for nurses training. While she was there, she attended other churches and found out there were other people who were Christians besides the Baptist and The Christian and Missionary Alliance people. It was a new perspective for her in her Christian life.

In 1975 she had a radical mastectomy that changed her life, and she ended up going back to school within a year after that to get her bachelor's degree in human services.

In 1980 she started working on the locked psychiatric unit. Because of the type of incidents that would happen she needed to depend on God for protection. This is when a real urgency came for her to be praying for others and especially for praying for people for specific times for different things.

In the 1980's she went through the United in Christ (Cursillo)\* weekend experience. She became very involved in the leadership of these weekends

and involved in the Singles Cursillo community which involved people from many different denominations.

In 1990 she left nursing as far as being employed because of a weight restriction for lifting. However, God allowed her other experiences such as working in retail, working for a temp agency that had sent her to different places to be doing different office duties. Then eventually becoming secretary for the Minnesota Summit Ministries who focused on educating high school students' different worldviews. As preparation for college students, to know what they believed and to keep their faith while in college.

In 1991 she started working part time doing different things because of needing to take care of her dad who had many physical problems. She helped her mom and was able to keep her dad at home until two weeks before he died.

In 1997 after her dad's death, she moved back home to help her mom including trying to take care of the needs of her aunt.

Her aunt died in 2000 and after that her mom started having more needs. So, until January 2007 she took care of her mom who had a lot of dementia problems which restricted her activities for about four years. She took care of her mom until two weeks before she died at home.

So, the year of 2007 after 16 years of "caregiving" she started a new phase of her life. Which included going back to Central Baptist which she attended back in the 1970's. She was a member there and involved with different things such as Prayer Commission, Bible study group, and been helping with different functions at church.

Mary continued to serve. She took on a similar role as her dad in being a

prayer intercessor for people. She made regular contact with several folks and prayed for them daily. She loved getting email updates from ministries she supported and prayed for daily.

In 2022 we made the decision together that the time had come for Mary to move out of her house and into assisted living. This was not an easy decision, but one that Mary agreed to as she was not feeling safe living alone in her home. While we had not been to a doctor for a diagnosis, we were sensing that Mary had signs of dementia. We moved Mary to an assisted living facility in Roseville. This was a good move; however, we discovered that this change further brought on her issues with dementia; especially as we had this diagnosed through several visits with a neurologist.

In 2024 we sensed that Mary needed more one-on-one care. We identified a care facility in Plymouth. Gianna Homes' facility (Gladys' Place) became Mary's new residence and family. The transition was difficult; however, the last four months were wonderful as we saw Mary much at peace.

Mary went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 4, 2025. Preceded in death by parents, Dr. Stanton and Hazel (Paterson) Richardson and brother, Myron. Survived by sister in-law, Debbie (Chris) Kilday; nephew, Nathan (Merri) Richardson; niece, Christen (Jerico) Thomas, many friends and residents and staff at Gladys Place Memory Care.

Funeral Service 10 AM Tuesday, April 15 (visitation 9-10 AM) at Washburn-McReavy Shoreview Chapel 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. Interment Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Big Sandy Camp McGregor, MN [www.bigsandy.org](http://www.bigsandy.org) or Gianna Homes, Minnetonka, MN [www.giannahomes.org](http://www.giannahomes.org)

Compiled from Mary's testimony and personal interactions with Doug Parkinson and Mariann Stangeland

\*NOTES:

Unidos en Cristo" <https://www.unidosencristo.com/> (United in Christ) is a structured, three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new and more active awareness of living in God's grace.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)

2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel  
515 Highway 96 West  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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515 Highway 96 West  
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## Graveside Service

APR 15. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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