



Mary Virginia Lentz

July 15, 1935 - December 6, 2013

Mary Virginia Lentz, 78, of Brookfield, passed away at her home on Friday, December 6, 2013 following a long illness and battle with cancer.

Mary was born in Marceline, MO on July 15, 1935 to C.O. "Red" and Muriel (Smith) Douglas. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Brookfield where "Red" worked on the railroad and also owned and operated a barber shop. Muriel taught reading at Brookfield Rill elementary school.

Mary graduated from Brookfield High School in 1953 where she was a cheerleader and played drums in the Marching Blue.

On December 30, 1960 Mary was united in marriage with Larry L. Lentz, of Sumner, MO and they were the parents of two children, Douglas Duane and Margie Beth.

Mary worked for Walsworth Publishing Company as a secretary to Ed Walsworth early in her career. Later she was the bookkeeper for Till's Champlain Service Station and Restaurant in Brookfield and when that establishment changed hands she went to work for Gary and Judy Redmon as bookkeeper at Redmon Equipment. She retired in 1997.

Mary is survived by her husband Larry, of the home; her son Doug Lentz, of Petaluma, CA; daughter Margie Lentz, of Columbia, MO; grandchildren Jesse Lentz and wife Letisha, of Santa Rosa, CA; Sarah Lentz, of Petaluma; and Marissa Price and husband Nick, of Columbia, MO; great-grandchildren Charlette Jean and Josephine Lynn Lentz, of Santa Rosa and Ayden Matthew Price, of Columbia; her sister Cindy Noel and husband Dennis, of Rolla, MO; sister-in-law Evelyn (North) Douglas, of St. Charles, MO; sister-in-law Verna (Hahn) Douglas, of Walnut Creek, CA; several much-loved nieces, nephews and cousins; and favorite neighbor Jacey Brooke Vestal.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers Jack and Bill Douglas; and a

nephew Bradley Douglas.

Per Mary's wishes, her body was donated to the Gift of Body program at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. There will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Mary's name to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO 64628.

Comments



“ Our hearts go out to the family at Mary's passing. It is so hard on those of us left behind when our loved ones leave but we will be together again and Mary is having a reunion with all those who went before her. My prayers are with all of you for strength and comfort to continue on until each of us is called. Love you all. ViviKay

Vivian (Burch) Fields - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Mary was such a GREAT PERSON. Looked forward to seeing her every family reunion. Mary would tell where it was at and LOVED her for that. GREAT HUMOR. Mary left all of us with a lesson.

Lorrie Burch - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ My Mom was a force to be reckoned with. Fiercely determined and full of strength. She kept it together no matter the odds. I butted heads with her all my life but she never faltered in her love for me... she was ALWAYS there... right to the end. Thank you Mama... I will miss you!

Margie Lentz - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Rest in peace Mary, May your journey be pain free....

Teresa Brown Stratton - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ I did not know what a caring and compassionate person Mary was until I saw how she cared for her mother and heard how kind she was to my mother, her Aunt Louise. She and her mother visited my mother often in my mother's last year. Mary left the two sisters to talk while she went shopping. When she returned the two "Smith girls" were usually on the same topic they had been discussing earlier. But these visits were the highlights of my mother's final days. Thank you, Mary Virginia

Patricia Estep - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ There was always excitement around Mary at our family reunions. I think it was because a lot of the males in our family liked to tease her just to see her reactions. She was always ready with a quick return no matter what comment was made. She was always caring though and continued to check in on us even after the reunions ednded. I will miss her, but the good Lord surely has His hands full now that she has joined her mom and her sisters. That must be a very lively time and one of these days we will all share in that. Until we meet again, love you.

ViviKay - June 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM