



Mary Stapleton

March 6, 1928 - January 31, 2020

On the morning of January 31, 2020, Mary Stapleton of Bloomington passed away peacefully. She spent her 91 years of life in Bloomington enjoying the culture the city had to offer. She started working at Brummett's Pharmacy as a teenager, serving sodas and conversation to everyone who came in, then doing the bookkeeping until the drug store closed in 1977. She spent time working as a secretary in various departments at Indiana University where she fostered her love of music, attending numerous events at the School of Music throughout her years. She was well-known in the craft show scene, selling dolls and wall hangings that she designed. Mary was a dedicated volunteer at the Opportunity House for many years. But above all, she was the matriarch of the Stapleton family, raising six children. As their families grew, Sunday dinners and pizza & euchre parties grew to include 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Maxine Mingee, Rose Hudoff, Sue Shields, and Phyllis O'Malley and one grandson.

She is survived by Dexter (Dianna) Stapleton, Jane Reeves, Carey (Liz) Stapleton, Jack Stapleton, Phillip (Lori) Stapleton, and Betsy (Greg) Laurent.

No services are being held. Consider honoring Mary by watching a musical, doing a crossword with your loved ones, or making a donation to Opportunity House. That's what she would have wanted.

A generation gone, but not forgotten.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Comments



“ Jack & family,
We are sorry for your loss, prayers for strength & peace in the days ahead
Duane & Tara (Woods) Hardwick

Tara & Duane Hardwick - February 14 at 09:50 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have always had a high regard for the entire Stapleton family. My wife, Tami and I will keep you in our prayers.
Brad Freeman



Brad Freeman - February 07 at 12:55 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Jane and family.

Peggy Pruett Chambers - February 06 at 08:12 AM



“ I came to know your mother as Aunt Mary when Max and I were married. I found out early that she was a talented lady. Very good at crafts, sewing, and cooking. I have a Christmas Lady Mouse that she made and it sits atop my wall clock every Christmas as the Mouse that ran up the clock. She also shared a caramel candy recipe that is delicious. She was present at the Hospice House a day or two before Max passed. She told me that Max had the bluest eyes of anyone she knew. The last time I saw her she was grocery shopping at Kroger with Dexter. We spoke and she seemed happy to be out and about. I extend my condolences to everyone in the family. I understand how difficult it is to lose the person who gave you life. God Bless. Shirley Mingee

Shirley Mingee - February 05 at 12:55 PM



“ Dear Stapleton Family,

We were so sorry to see that Mary has passed away. She attended our Tai Chi class at the mall for years. We enjoyed conversations and sharing books with her and have missed her presence. We will be doing the class in her honor tomorrow, Feb.6th, at 8:30 am. in front of Macys'.

Our sympathies are with you.

Luane Trjojanowski
Michael Cullers

Luane Trojanowski - February 05 at 11:01 AM



“ To all the Stapleton family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. Mary was a gem of a lady, and a very strong woman. I remember growing up and going to Betsy's house on a few occasions, usually to tell her we were going to Bryan Park Pool, or to Pom Practice, or to the Babe Ruth Baseball Games. My sister Lori married into the Stapleton (Phil) family and allowed us the opportunity to learn more about the wonderful life of Mary. I believe the word Grace is perfect to describe what you saw and felt in her presence. We are praying that her grace and peace remain with you always! Love to all. Terri Beatty



Terri Beatty - February 05 at 06:11 AM



“ Randy and I are sorry to hear about Mary. I know her and Martha are now looking down at us. Martha was always telling me about her.



Connie Boren - February 04 at 10:43 PM



“ I am sad to learn of Mary's passing. She and I were good friends for years before I left Indiana. Thanks, Phillip, for your call. She was an amazing person and mother to such a large, wonderful family. Luckily, she kept her wit and personality to the end. I know you have all taken excellent care of her through the years. My thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.

Edith Fletcher - February 04 at 04:23 PM



“ To Dexter , Phil and Stapleton Family my deepest condolences and sympathy. A lot of years have past since we last saw each other but I have fond memories of you , your mother and family.

Paul E Norris Jr - February 04 at 11:49 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I am thinking of all of you.
Beth (Mingee) Moore

Beth Moore - February 04 at 09:44 AM



“ I'm so sorry for you loss. just know they are always around us it gives me comfort knowing that I hope it will you for you and your family also



Debbie cummings - February 04 at 09:28 AM



“ Debbie Cummings lit a candle in memory of Mary Stapleton



Debbie cummings - February 04 at 09:22 AM



“ I volunteered with Mary at the Opportunity House for many years. We had good times talking about her crafts and life. She was a fun person.

Sally Stephenson - February 04 at 09:15 AM



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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - February 03 at 04:51 PM



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