



Mary Wise Ferris

July 2, 1952 - May 22, 2022

Mary Wise Ferris, 69, of Bloomington, passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. She was born on July 2, 1952, in Wooster, Ohio; the daughter of Fred and Kathryn (Kelley) Wise.

Mary graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree of science in microbiology. She went on to work in medical research at various places that included Columbus Children's Hospital, University of South Florida, and Indiana University. Mary focused on researching areas including lead, hypertension, and cancer before her retirement with IU.

Mary was a devoted Christian and member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. She was heavily involved with bible study, volunteering with Bloomington Mask Drive, and was known for her Christmas fudge. Mary enjoyed sewing, crafts, and most recently, being a "Nana" to her grandson.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Harry "Hap" Ferris; children, Mandee (Adam) Weissert and Casey (Danielle Waninger) Ferris; grandson, Keller Weissert; sister-in-law, Sandra (Norm) Pennington; nieces, Debbie (Brad) Giehls and Becky (Doug) Ware.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Ben Ferris.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Harry,
So sorry to hear of your loss.
If you need anything let me know.
Marc and Rhonda*

marc anthony henderson - May 27, 2022 at 10:41 PM

TL

“ *Tim and Alicia (Milton Taylor Lab) purchased the
Written in the Stars for the family of Mary Wise
Ferris.*



Tim and Alicia (Milton Taylor Lab) - May 27, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



May 27, 2022 at 12:18 PM

DK

“ *Mary loved Gods word. She was in my class at different times of our
lives.... my first class in SOCC in my home... Recently I was home
bound in the Pandemic. She sent me beautiful cards. Many. so I
would get contact with others. I will always miss her presence in my
class and miss being with a gentle person, a loyal believer in our
Father God and Son Jesus Christ. Dorothy Korb*

dorothy Korb - May 27, 2022 at 10:54 AM

TC

“*Mary always took great care of us in the lab. She will be sorely missed and we send our deepest condolences to the family*” Tim and Alicia



Timothy Crother - May 26, 2022 at 07:32 PM

BS

“*I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We are sending our deepest condolences to Harry and all the family.*”

Ben and Jenn Strawn

Ben Strawn - May 26, 2022 at 11:43 AM

HH

“*I am so sorry to hear the news of Mary's passing. Having Mary in my daily work life for nearly a decade was a wonderful experience. She loved sharing stories about her kids and I know they meant the world to her. She always went out of her way to make others feel special - whether it was the graduate students in our labs or my own kids. She will be missed, but I am hopeful that she is at peace and reunited with Ben.*”

Heather Hundley - May 25, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“*Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*”

May 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



May 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



May 25, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Vivek Kedage purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



Vivek Kedage - May 25, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *I was so surprised and sorry to see this in the paper today. Mary was in my Ladies' Bible Study many years ago, then she led it for a while. When Ben passed away, Mary attended the GriefShare class I facilitate. She was such a quiet, caring and faithful lady. I will miss seeing her around the church. Prayers for the family as they grieve. May you have peace and comfort knowing she is "Home" and rejoicing with our Lord.*

Connie Phares - May 25, 2022 at 11:08 AM

BG

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Mary was so important in keeping lab running efficiently, but she also brought so much else to lab. She would go out of her way to help lab members by taking notes of questions during lab meetings, she kept a calendar of everyone’s birthdays to make sure everyone was celebrated, and everyone looked forward to tasting her homemade desserts she would bring on birthdays. She was such a kind and generous person and she will be missed. Even as a co-worker, you could tell how fiercely she loved her family, and she was so excited to be a nana. I’m so glad she was able to enjoy being a grandmother, but my heart breaks that it was for such a short time. I am so grateful for having known Mary, and she will be dearly missed. But I’m sure she would agree that we can take light in seeing this not as a goodbye, but as a see you later.

Ben Greulich - May 25, 2022 at 08:46 AM

PH

“ I worked with Mary at IU, Dept. Of Biology. She was such a special lady and dear friend. My deepest condolences to your family.

Patty Hooten - May 24, 2022 at 11:30 PM

BS

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. I feel so blessed to have had Mary as my desk mate and coworker. Mary acted as the lab’s mother and could always brighten your day with her conversation or with one of her delicious baked treats.

Brady Strittmatter - May 24, 2022 at 07:45 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear about this. My condolences to everyone. Mary was instrumental in all of the success in our research lab, both the discoveries and the development of young scientists. I will miss her notes every July 2nd for our shared birthday.

Pete Hollenhorst - May 24, 2022 at 06:14 PM

CD

“ Connie (Megan's mom) and Mark Darling purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.



Connie (Megan's mom) and Mark Darling - May 24, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.



May 24, 2022 at 04:41 PM

MW

“ Mary you were always a delight to be around and made IU feel much more like a family. I'm very sad to be hear of your passing but glad that I was able to enjoy your company for many years. My condolences to your family, you will be missed by many.

Mike Washburn - May 24, 2022 at 02:45 PM

JM

“*Mary was our special cousin. Family meant every thing to her and she showed it in her actions every day. She and Hap helped us to get to know the Tampa area when we first moved to Florida. Mary's family and our family celebrated the holidays together with the growing Tampa area Kelley clan as our children were born and raised. Memories of Mary's generosity and sense of humor will live with us always. We send our deepest sympathy to Hap, Mande, Casey and their families.*

Jan (Kelley) and John Magdziasz, Christopher and Vera Magdziasz, and Geoffrey Magdziasz

Jan Magdziasz - May 24, 2022 at 12:08 PM

SF

“*Sharon and Trey Ferris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



Sharon and Trey Ferris - May 24, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.*



May 24, 2022 at 11:51 AM

KF

“ Karen, Tim, Dave, Cindy & Families purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mary Wise Ferris.



Karen, Tim, Dave, Cindy & Families - May 24, 2022 at 11:46 AM

KH

“ Sending prayers to the family from a classmate.

Kim Hefflinger Helberg - May 24, 2022 at 11:17 AM

NH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss, Mande. Please reach out if I can do anything to help you or your family.

Natalie Hughbanks - May 24, 2022 at 10:45 AM

NH

“ Natalie Hughbanks lit a candle in memory of Mary Wise Ferris



Natalie Hughbanks - May 24, 2022 at 10:43 AM

MH

“ Like so many in our class, I remember Mary as a person of distinction and talent all through Brickell elementary school in Defiance, Ohio. Mary set the standard and skewed the grading curve to where the teachers all expected more from the rest of us. She was tender-hearted and concerned. The world is a much better place for her having been here. My condolences and sympathy to her family and loved ones.

Mike Henry - May 24, 2022 at 09:45 AM