



Mary Kathryn (Gebard) Paxton

September 8, 1923 - August 23, 2012

Mary Kathryn (Gebard) Paxton, 88 of Bloomington, IN. passed away Thursday August 23, 2012 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital. She was born September 8, 1923 in Monroe County to Alvin and Velma Gladys (Smith) Gebard.

Mary was an administrative assistant for the Indiana Bell Telephone Company where she has retired. She was a member of Bell Pioneers, charter member of Pink Ladies Auxiliary, Business and Professional Women, past president of Toastmasters International, Quarterback Club, Hoosier Wrestling Club, and a volunteer at the Bloomington Nursing Home.

Mary is survived by her four grandchildren, Martin Paxton of Bloomington, IN and Jordan, Olivia and Lucas Paxton of St. Peters, MO. Mary is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death her parents, sons, William and Martin (Marty) Paxton, and sister.

A celebration of life will take place Monday 6PM August 27, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old State Road 37 Bloomington,

IN. The family will receive friends from 4-6pm prior to services.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made for a headstone in lieu of flowers.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Mary for many years during the early 70's and babysat William and Marty, while a student at IU. Over the ensuing 20 years would stay in touch every few years. Mary was a kind lady to all, and always had dreams, ambitions, and goals. She first introduced me to her church, the North Central Church of Christ, in Bloomington. She did not convert me but I had been curious about that denomination and enjoyed the service. She left her dentures soaking in a glass by the sink when I was washing the dishes, and without realizing it, poured them down the drain with the disposal running. It was a major trauma that took years to get over ! Mary was truly a unique person who loved life, her God, and her boys.

Joe Brown - October 08, 2020 at 09:38 PM

BR

“ Although I did not know you dear loved one, I saw the obituary online and wanted to send you my condolences. This is a very difficult time for your family. Something that has always given me comfort is a scripture at Revelation 21:4. It says: "and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no mor, neither will mourning, nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. " I sincerely hope this brings you comfort

Brittani - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

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“*Mary was indeed a very special person and she touched my husband and my hearts many times. Loved to travel and loved to talk about her grandkids. A special lady who will be sadly missed.*”

linda jenkins - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JC

“*I was sorry to learn of Mary's passing. I worked with her during the late 1940's at the Bell Telephone office in Bloomington. She was always such a nice person. You have my deepest sympathy.*”

Juanita Sare Clendening - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JE

“*Although I did not know Mary long or very well, I remember her with great respect and fondness. For a time I worked as a job coach for a young man who was employed with Mary at the TIS warehouse. As he worked, Mary and I would sometimes chat. She told me about her work for Indiana Bell, about her sons and her beloved grandchildren. She talked about her many travels, about wanting to learn Spanish at Ivy Tech and about her frustration with one of her friends whom she felt had married in haste after being widowed. Mary could have a temper, and she did not suffer fools lightly. But she worked well with my client, treating him with respect and even fondness. It's a horrible thing to outlive a child, and I remember Mary's grief in the wake of Marty's death. I can't imagine how she went through that a second time. But that was the kind of woman she was. When my role at TIS ended, those moments with Mary were among the parts I missed most. You have my deepest sympathies in your loss. She was an amazing woman, and the lives of those she knew are the richer for having known her.*”

Jenny Austin - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

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“ To the folks that new the Paxton Family best we all well sadly miss them and all love them Hugs and miss ya Brad Raney

Brad Raney - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

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“ The families of Dale and Ruth McClung, David and Brenda Polley, and Robert and Janis McClung extend our sympathies to your families in the loss of your grandmother. We are the descendents of Lewis Edwin McClung, son of Joseph Carl McClung whose second wife was Phoebe Gebard McClung. Dale is in the hospice program now with cancer and Ruth has dementia. They reside with Brenda.

Brenda Polley - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

EM

“ Bill Paxton took a chance and hired an "older woman" at Roadway and I can never thank him enough. I would meet with Mary about once a month at Bob Evans for breakfast before going into Roadway. I visisted her several times at the nursing home. Mary had spunk and I liked that most about her. She will be missed.

Emma Conklin - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

MI

“ sorry for your loss

my condolences

michael moore - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM