



Mary E. McGilliard

June 5, 1921 - July 5, 2017

Mary E. (Ohaver) McGilliard, 96, of Indianapolis, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at the Robin Run Retirement Community.

She was born on June 5, 1921 in Odon, Indiana, a daughter of the late Raymond and Ruth (Zehner) Ohaver.

Mary was a 1943 graduate of Butler University and taught elementary education in the Indianapolis School System for 28 years. She married the love of her life, Forrest McGilliard, on March 24, 1946. People were her treasures. Mary was always gracious to people and continually looked for ways to serve others. She was a member of Speedway Christian Church most of her life.

Those left to cherish Mary's memory include her two children, Tom (wife: Linda) McGilliard of New Castle and Peggy (husband: Ken) Ross of Littleton, CO; five grandchildren, Gretchen (husband: Dave) Smith, Carrie McGilliard, Eric (wife: Tezra) McGilliard, Madison McGilliard and Brian (wife: Sara) Emerson and two great-granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest McGilliard; a son, John McGilliard; a grandson, Andrew McGilliard; a brother, Joseph Ohaver and a sister, Miriam Mullens.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Chapel at Robin Run Retirement Community, 5354 W. 62nd St. Indianapolis, IN, Main Building - Front Entrance, with Pastor Patty Jones and Pastor Sam Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Lizton Knights of Pythias Cemetery in Lizton, IN.

The family will receive friends from 9 am until the time of service on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the chapel at Robin Run.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Speedway Christian Church, 5110 W. 14th

St. Indianapolis, IN 46224, <http://www.speedwaychristian.org>. You may send the family a personal condolence at <http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com>.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mary E. McGilliard.

Comments



“ " Grammy" as she will always be to me and my son Eric McGilliard was truly an Angel here on earth. The best Mother-In-Law ever and Grandmother to my son. I couldn't have ask for a better family to be married into. She taught me in subtle ways to love, laugh and the value of family... our most precious gift. During the most difficult times in life she was strong for all of us even though her heart was surely heavy as well. I will miss her laughter and her way to always look at life on a lighter side. The day my shelf fell in the Hummel cabinet I felt like crying so I called her and we laughed about hers and mine both falling the same way! Grammys door was always open and I will always cherish the great memories when our "Gang" was home for the holidays! Grammy was giving and selfless, always caring for others. Life is never long enough and it is hard to say goodbye for now... rest now sweet Grammy... I know where you are! I will see you again, until then.. you live on in my heart. Much love, Cyn McGilliard/Brallier

Cynthia Brallier - July 08, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ Mary lovingly and generously opened her home to me while I was doing an internship in Indy in 2004. Tom was our minister at the time and he set it up for me. She gave up her master bedroom and bath to give me more privacy and wouldn't hear of any other arrangement. She was so kind and a sweet, grandmotherly presence in a place away from home. I couldn't have asked for a better roommate for that month. What a lovely lady. I'm so glad I got to share that time with her.

Molly Howard - July 07, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ So very happy I had the opportunity to meet "Lovely Mary" Her kind words inspired me to continue living my life to glorify God! She was certainly one of Gods precious jewels in the earth, and now she is in heaven sparkling around Gods Throne, She is home!

Sophie Williams - July 08, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ R.I.P. Mary... I only met you a few times but sure was glad I got to meet you,.. Always smiling and Tom always spoke so highly of you... I know you will be missed because you were so loved by everyone that knew you.... You are now resting in the arms of God.....

Vickie - July 09, 2017 at 05:24 PM