



Mary Kathryn Gladd

November 26, 1938 - February 14, 2021

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Born November 26, 1938 in Skiatook, OK to Katie and Sherman Goins. Katie married Bill Watson who was “Dad” to Mary, they preceded her in death. Mary passed this life on February 14, 2021, Valentine’s Day, while being held by her husband John.

Mary had 4 siblings, Billy, Bobbie and Betty who preceded her in death and a brother, David Watson of St. Louis, MO.

Mary went to Webster high school in Tulsa. She met John Allen Gladd in Noel, MO, and it was love at first sight. They married on June 5, 1959 in Tulsa, OK. Mary had two children, Krista Lynn, who preceded her and John Scott, who remains a loving and stalwart son, and his wife Cindy. Two Grandchildren, John Austin Gladd and Jessica Osborn and husband David. Two Great Grandchildren, Harper and Levi Osborn. Multiple Nephews and Nieces, multiple great friends, including “Y” Thompson and Charlotte Caudell.

Although she underwent numerous surgeries and medical conditions, she was always active. She played golf, rode horses, pulling a horse trailer to rodeos, boating, water skiing and snow skiing.

She worked full time and received her P.H.T. (Putting hubby through) degree from T.U. Law School. Mary was a longtime member and president of the Tulsa County Bar Auxiliary, member of the Tulsa Cerebral Palsy Association and supporter of the Center for the Physically Limited. She was active as a singer, dancer and show chairman in the Red Glove Review that raised money for the center. She was a cub scout den mother (volunteered by husband John at a school meeting she missed). She received the MAPCO “Unsung Hero’s award for her volunteer work. She had been a member of Kirk of the Hills Church since 1985.

Mary was proud of her native American heritage and being a member of the Cherokee

Nation. She was tough, loving, beautiful and made 62 years of marriage an inspiration to all their family, friends and her husband John, her 24/7 caregiver the last few years. To John, she was like the song, "The Sweetest Thing I've Ever Known Is Loving You.

There will be a private family service due to Covid and the weather. For contributions, "Give Someone a Hug.

Cemetery

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.

Tulsa, OK, 74012

Comments



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John:

This is Ann Wiczorek. We lived at the Coves for many years. We have spend time with you and Mary while living at the Lake. We Travelled a lot oversea at that time.

I am so sad to hear Mary has passed. I think of you both often and the love you had for each other is a great inspiration for my husband and myself. The two of you have brought great joy to a lot of people. Mary's laughter and smiles will always be with us.

If you need any thing, a ear to listen, John "Wiz" and I are here for your.

Ann Wiczorek

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Ann Wiczorek - February 21 at 07:24 PM



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I'm so sorry to hear this about Mary Kathryn. Growing up on So. 26th West Ave. Mary lived 2 doors down. I spent many hours with her and I was probably the little pest who was 3 years younger. We made Peanut Butter cookies and they were the best. She was always so nice to me. Even when her girlfriends were there. I hadn't seen Mary in years until we were at Big John Admires funeral. I heard someone say, "little Darla Ann". I turned around and it was Mary. I will always remember that and so glad that I got to see her that day. Rest in Peace beautiful lady.

Darla Findley - February 19 at 07:55 PM



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I'm so sorry for the Gladd's loss of a beautiful person. I remember her from when I was a young girl and their family coming to visit my grandparents (The Eldridges) and my parents (The Buschs). I always thought she was so beautiful inside and out. You all are in my thoughts and prayers! Brenda Busch

Brenda Busch - February 18 at 01:43 PM



“ Our beautiful cousin Mary Kathryn. Our daddy Noble Goins loved you very much. We will pray for John and the rest of her family. One thing I know that Goins' love their family with all their heart. She will be missed. Kathy Goins-Hill & Gerry Goins

Kathy Hill - February 18 at 01:03 PM



“ Yes, she was always Mary Kathryn to us too.

Kathy Hill - February 18 at 01:10 PM



“ Mona Elliott and Bob and Mary Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Kathryn Gladd.



Mona Elliott and Bob and Mary Wilson - February 17 at 03:27 PM



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Kathi Jones - February 16 at 08:21 PM



“ Mary was a dear friend and for all my years in Tulsa, a joy to know. She was part of our gourmet diner group and spa group. When she smiled the room lit up. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Added to all of that, she could tell a joke better than any women in our group. Bonnie S. Polin, Portland,OR

Bonnie J Polin - February 16 at 03:32 PM



“ These pics are of my beautiful Aunt Mary and the people that loved her very much. She loved her family big and expressed it throughout her entire life. She lit up every room she entered. I can hear her laughter & voice and see her beautiful smile. She will forever be part of our hearts and lives. We love you Aunt Mary.

Kathi Jones - February 16 at 02:24 PM



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Kathi Jones - February 16 at 02:16 PM



“ Mary was a smart and talented lady. She was in my wedding in 1950 when I married her brother, William Lee (Bill) Goins. Bill always called her Mary Kathryn, not just Mary, when he spoke of her.

Mary was a success at a lot of things. Early in her marriage she worked in a bank and became a loan officer. She was elected to an office in a number of Tulsa organizations. Mary had an outstanding personality. She and John were so committed to each other and enjoyed many amazing years together. Living without her will be the biggest challenge he has ever had to face.

Norma Goins, sister-in-law

Norma Goins - February 16 at 01:38 PM



“ Mary is an outstanding, awesome memory embedded in the hearts of all who knew or came into contact with her. She was one of the most valuable members of Tulsa Cerebral Palsy Association. I remember her gracious kindness, without reservation or judgement, for any and everyone. Sara Bohannon

Sara Bohannon - February 16 at 01:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Gladd.



February 16 at 12:33 PM



“ I have the deepest love and appreciation for beautiful Aunt Mary. I was fortunate enough to experience her infectious joy and happiness spending much of my youth with her, Uncle John, and the kids. My brother Todd and I have so many wonderful memories with our aunt. She will truly be missed, but never forgotten.

Danny Hesterlee - February 16 at 11:04 AM



“ Such a beautiful, graceful, wonderful lady. She will be missed!

Cal Strickland - February 16 at 08:50 AM



“ SHARON STRICKLAND lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Gladd



SHARON STRICKLAND - February 15 at 11:38 PM



“ I have quite a few truly fond memories of my Aunt Mary. Bottom line isI will always remember her smile and her laugh and her legacy. I respected her for her dedication to Uncle John where I saw a great long term love story blossom over many years. I love you Aunt Mary

Bryan Goins - February 15 at 08:53 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 14 at 09:47 PM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Gladd family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Mary.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 14 at 01:18 PM