



Mary Kay Clarke

April 7, 1949 - June 23, 2020

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN **29**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

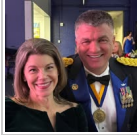
St. Benedict's Catholic Church
2200 W. Ithica St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kay Clarke*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ I have always heard stories of your life that have connected me to my mother. Every time I hear a Mary Kay and Mary Lou story I picture the two of you navigating those adventures. I have a Mary Kay in my life - Her name is Jen. I feel so lucky!

There is a particularly fun memory I have. You came to visit and we all watched a baseball game. Katie went to bed, I kept running around for a bit then it was my bedtime - and then I watched through a crack in my bedroom door. You and Dad watched the whole game! You were the only person who ever hijacked the tv from my Dad. He hated watching baseball On tv but you got him through the entire game. I was amazed!

I've kept every card you ever sent. I remember the picture you sent of you and a unicorn. I told all the kids at school they really do exist - Mary Kay has a picture to prove it. I even snuck it to school to show the kids that didn't believe.

Katie got a letter from you today. It shocked me. I forgot you had died. It's like it happened again. I think I forgot because you and Mom are connected in my head. That means my denial has robbed my mom of the support she needed. She grieves so very hard.

This pandemic is tough. It has robbed us of things we don't even realize. Mom would have come back to be with you at the end and I would have been there for her had it all not happened at a uniquely stressful time with such unique restrictions. I am so glad though that Mom got to be there early on and help you plan your final journey. I'm also so great full you and Mom went on that cruise. Jen and I keep talking about celebrating 50 the way you guys celebrated 70 - with an adventure!

I guess the thing I really want to say most is - I still am so very great full for you. You and Mom got to witness each other's life in a unique way. You were the friendship she sought after (and only found one other time) all her life. That means you impacted my life

in a way I do not and will not totally understand. But still - I am great full for you. No matter what - I am great full.

Michele Simmons - September 13, 2020 at 04:38 AM

SP

“ *I will miss my adopted sister very much. We started our friendship at business school right after graduating high school and continued thru 53 years. My children considered her there aunt and my grandchildren considered her Grandma. She leave a giant whole in my heart.*

Sue Pilant

Sue Pilant - July 10, 2020 at 02:57 PM

SM

*Sue, would you please email me your phone number?
Smayes30@gmail.com
Thank you!!!!*

Susan Mayes - July 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

TC

“ *Mary Kay treated me and my own daughter as her own child and grandchild. There was a place in her heart for everyone. When I think of her, my thoughts go immediately to food, for she was an excellent cook and baker. But I also remember very fondly a trip to the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, just the two of us, having lunch and perusing its collection. You will be missed. --Tim Van Compernelle*

Tim Van Compernelle - July 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM

TV

“*MaryKay was our extended family. She loved coming to Iowa and attending the State Fair. She never missed the chance to get a Pork Chop on a Stick, take a picture of the Butter Cow, and look at the display of quilts and cakes. She made the best brisket and always provided us with loaves of zucchini bread to share for breakfast. Our kids considered her “grandma.” She had lots of love to give and we will miss her dearly.*

the VanCompernelles' - July 04, 2020 at 04:42 PM

CN

“*I shared grandma duties with Grandma Mary Kay. Mary Kay loved the grandchildren and taught them a lot. I thank her for the memories they have of her, and I will keep her memory alive in them. I so enjoyed when our paths crossed, Mary Kay was a kind person. I always appreciated her sharing meals, a much better cook than I. Mary Kay was easy to laugh and love. Thank you Butch for helping her end her time here with dignity and love. You did a great job and Mary Kay agrees. Mary Kay you are at peace and hope you will keep an eye on us down here!*

Catherine Nelson

Catherine Nelson - July 04, 2020 at 02:07 PM

PJ

“*Mary Kay was a generous and grateful friend who valued friendships and family.*

Each trip to her dad's house her Camry became a “meals on wheels” with her famous brisket and other yummys for tummies.

Her unique laugh and her kind thank you notes and her ministry in Sunshine Group and Sewing Sisters will be missed.

Love,

Joanne Powell

Powell Joanne - July 04, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JF

“ I was so sad to hear about Mary Kay. We lived next door to her in Tulsa from 2005-2011. We’ve kept in touch with her through the last 14 years. One of my daughter’s actually thought she was her grandma and called her the grandma who liked bunnies! So many good memories. -Jessica

Jessica Fausset - July 03, 2020 at 03:19 PM

LG

“ Mary Kay was my cousin. Although we never lived close, she was my first friend and more like a sister than cousin. When we were little we spent summers together and as we grew older she would come to California to visit. We would stay up all night talking and shop for two weeks solid. I remember talking to her on the phone for two hours at four in the morning during a tornado. We had so many precious memories. She was a special Aunt to my children and we all loved her very much. My heart is broken and I will love her and treasure the time I had with her forever.

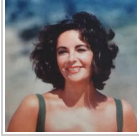


Linda Griffiths - July 01, 2020 at 02:57 PM

SM

“ Mary Kay was chosen family. Although we weren’t related, we felt like cousins. I have so many memories of Mary Kay. Her bunny collection (“No more bunnies!” She would say); her love of cooking; the fun we had going to craft shows, antique malls, and bead stores; the many years of Christmas dinners our families shared. There is an empty place in my heart with her passing.

Susan Mayes - June 29, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ I worked with Mary Kay at Amoco Oil Co. in Kansas City. She will be missed by all who knew her.

*Death Leaves A Heartache
No One Can Heal
Love Leaves A Memory
No One Can Steal 🙏🙏🙏*

Joyce Hearn, Daytona Beach Shores, Fl.

Joyce Hearn - June 29, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mary Kay stepped up, many years ago, and helped with her friend's estate sale that I was conducting, and she was an immediate friend! We are so sorry to read of her passing. The world has lost a shining light. Condolences to Butch, friends and family.
Linda Vann Odom and Joel Odom*

Linda Vann Odom - June 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Our many years of friendship I will treasure forever. We were lucky that Amoco moved us together from KC to Des Moines to Tulsa. Retirement took me back to KC and then we struggled to stay in touch but the great memories bridged the miles. You fought a hard battle but now you are free from pain and misery. God bless Butch for being a loving and compassionate caregiver. Rest in peace, Mary Kay.*

Marge Perry - June 25, 2020 at 03:06 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 24, 2020 at 03:48 PM



This dear lady welcomed us to the neighborhood and brought a delicious cake to Roger and me when we moved into the house behind her. Although we visited very seldom, since there was a fence between us, it was comforting to know that she was there and willing to help any way with our transition. I was unaware that she had been ill as it seems only yesterday that we talked in her front yard. So sorry for this loss. Blessings. Jean Rensvold

Jean Rensvold - August 01, 2020 at 06:57 PM