



Mary K. Ridgeway

August 7, 1932 - December 23, 2018

Mary K. Ridgeway, age 86, went home to meet Jesus on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Mary was a Newspaper Counselor with Dayton Daily News throughout the 70's and 80's and was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Charles E. "Jim" Ridgeway ; son, Michael R. Ridgeway, and grandson, Tyler E. Ridgeway. Mary is survived by her children, Chuck (Joy) Ridgeway, of Cincinnati, OH and Sherry (Rick) Kirby, of Reynoldsburg, OH; grandchildren, Laura (Jesse) Barkhurst, of Logan, OH and Austin (Carli) Kirby, of San Diego, CA; sisters, Oma Fraley, Cloma (Wesley Moore) Sturgill; brothers, George (Mary) Knipp and Clyde (Dorothy) Knipp. Mary is also, survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and Pam Thompson and Sharon Evans, along with special friends Joyce Sutton, Ed and Darinda Reis. Mary was an amazing person, who walked by faith. She touched countless lives demonstrating the hands and feet of Jesus every day. Mary's greatest joy on Earth was her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2928 Wilmington-Dayton Rd., Bellbrook. Family will greet friends from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28th at the church. Burial will be at Miami Valley Memory Gardens. Arrangements in care of Schlientz-Moore & Reis Life Celebrations. Words of encouragement may be sent to www.reislegacycenter.com.

Cemetery Details

Miami Valley Memory Gardens

1639 East Lytle-Five Points Road
Centerville, OH 45458

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2928 Wilmington-Dayton Road
Bellbrook, OH 45305

Celebration of Life

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I just found out that Mary passed in 2018. She was a dear, lifelong friend of my mom (Mary Branham Olinger), who passed in 1997. I kept in touch with Mary on a few occasions, but obviously, not nearly enough. I will ALWAYS remember her as one of the sweetest, most faith-filled people I ever had the honor of meeting. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. Truly a loss for this earth.

Karen Olinger Ciambrone (daughter of Mary Olinger)

Karen Ciambrone - July 12, 2022 at 09:44 AM

“ Mary and Jim were precious members of First Baptist of Bellbrook for years. Mary was a hard worker, a loving mother, and dedicated wife. Mary always had a huge, welcoming smile for everyone. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Jim and Connie Gifford

James Gifford - December 29, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



December 28, 2018 at 01:47 PM

Jess
Wisecup

“ *Mary was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. My great grandmother lived next door to her for a very very long time and I would still try to visit her when I was in town because she was such a dear soul and great friend to my Mamaw. I didnt get a chance to stop in this Christmas season and I am heartbroken. She was so sweet and so loved and my condolences go out to her family.*

Jess Wisecup - December 28, 2018 at 11:47 AM

BT

“ *Bill and Donna Creech (Batavia Baptist Temple) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



Bill and Donna Creech (Batavia Baptist Temple) - December 28, 2018 at 07:19 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



December 27, 2018 at 11:08 PM

AB

“ Aunt Mary was such a lovely lady. So much love and joy to share with all. I would try to visit her each time I was in town. Mom would come with me and the three of us would sit and chat and laugh and just have a great time. One thing I remember from years ago as a kid she would have us over after church on Sundays for a bowl of her famous chili. Such fun times. Anita

Anita Bedwell - December 27, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



December 27, 2018 at 02:30 PM

BM

“ Bill and Diane Miller purchased the Sweet Tender ness for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



Bill and Diane Miller - December 27, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



December 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



December 26, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



December 26, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



December 26, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.*



December 26, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Your Mother was an angel on earth. We had many hours of her telling me all about her children, grandchildren and sisters and brothers. You all were dear to her heart.

One of my favorite memories was surprising her with a ride to Lebanon to get ice cream. I don't know which she last best, the ride in the country or the ice cream. She will be missed until we meet again.

Joyce Sutton - December 26, 2018 at 09:42 AM

DR

“ I am so very sad for the loss of my Aunt Mary. That sadness is lessened more and more knowing she is in Heaven. Aunt Mary was a picture of wonderful in her life. I love her dearly.

Dave Ridgeway - December 26, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ 23 Psalm Blanket was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



December 25, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Mary K. Ridgeway.



December 25, 2018 at 12:31 PM