



Mary Jean McDuffey

December 6, 1922 - February 10, 2021

MARY JEAN MCDUFFEY, 98:"Daddy's Little Girl"ANADARKO-Mary Jean McDuffey peacefully passed away on February 10, 2021 with three of her children by her side. Mary Jean was born December 6, 1922, in Oklahoma City, the daughter of Ray and Kitty Mullinix. Mary Jean was always a Princess in her daddy's eye.After graduation, in 1940, from Classen High School, OKC, Mary Jean attended Sullins College, a former Methodist Junior College in Bristol, VA. After Sullins, in 1942 Mary Jean attended the University of Oklahoma and was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.At OU Mary Jean met the love of her life, William "Bill" Luther McDuffey, Jr., pre-deceased in 1995. Mary Jean and Bill were married on September 4, 1943 in Oklahoma City and continued to live there with Bill serving out the war at Tinker Air Force Base.In 1944, Mary Jean and Bill moved to Anadarko, and with financial backing from Mary Jean's father, they built a building and opened a NAPA store named, McDuffey Auto Supply. In March, 2020, Mary Jean hosted the 75th Anniversary of McDuffey Auto Supply, the oldest NAPA store still operating under the same name in the history of NAPA.Through her life she was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church and very active in the Anadarko Community: a 75 year member of P.E.O., a life member of GFWC Philomathic Club, Anadarko Chapter, playing a major role and helping to establish the American Heritage Museum, and awarded Honorary Mayor of Anadarko in 2018.Mary Jean & Bill have five children: four boys and finally, a girl. When Mary Jean delivered the girl it made headline news February 4,

1959, "McDuffeys Have a Girl." Fifteen grandchildren (and a name change to Momo!) and twenty great-grandchildren: William Luther, III (Mack) & Teri (nee Luck), Son: Erin & Katie (nee Oestrike), Daughter: Kelsie Duty & husband, Sean, great-granddaughter, Kalli, Son: Brandon & Issacel (nee Saenz), Robert & Debbie (nee Chamberlain), Son: Ryan & Christina (nee Moyer), Son: Logan & Jolene (nee Sabin), Daughter: Raegan Briar & husband, Dan, great-grandchildren, Hailey & Grayson, Larry & Teresa (nee McClure), Son: Dustin & Candace (nee Campbell), great-granddaughter, Brielle, Son: Derek & Melissa (nee Roberts), great-granddaughter, Kaegan, and Daughter: Darci Jean (deceased, 1988), Terry & Charlsie (nee Rainey), Daughter, Tara Jean Salyer & husband, Tanner, great-grandchildren, Deacon & Adalynn Jean, Son: Jared & Jaclyn (nee Bianculli), great-grandchildren, Nora & Rowen, Julia Wilhite & Larry, Daughter: Ashley Ogle & husband, Reuben, great-granddaughters, Ruby & Cora Jean, Daughter: Amy Leaming & husband, Travis, great-grandsons, Nathaniel & Nolan, Son: Daniel & Patti (nee Douglas), great-grandchildren, Madison, Brady, Titus & Norah, and Son: Devin & Micah (nee Ford), great-grandchildren, Liam, Rose and Boaz. A bright light here on earth, warm & welcoming: now a bright light up in Heaven with her Savior. Her legacy is her family, of most importance to her. Mary Jean's family tree is full.

Grandchildren "Momo" Memories
I remember waiting all day long looking out the window for Momo & Papa Willy to arrive in their Winnebago, knowing Momo would have her Hamilton Beach malt mixer. -Erin
I remember Momo staying on the phone all night coaching me through the difficult birth of Kalli. - Kelsie
I remember traveling from New Mexico to Missouri, spending the night at Momo's house. Even though I was in my 20's, Momo tucked me in and gave me a good night kiss on my forehead. - Brandon
I remember celebrating Momo's 80th birthday in the mountains of Ecuador, hiking up to the waterfalls. -Ryan
I remember celebrating my 13th birthday with Momo at a Paris hotel overlooking the Eiffel Tower and drinking a glass of champagne. -Raegan
I remember driving Momo & Lois Bailess to Aunt Julia's for Thanksgiving in 2009. - Logan
I remember Momo volunteered

to drive me to hospital to get an injection in my back. After, Momo wanted to get something to eat, but I couldn't walk. She said, "We'll get you a wheel chair at the restaurant." -DustinI remember Momo always wanting to go with us every July to take Kaegan to church camp in Branson, MO, six years in a row.-DerekI remember flying with Momo when she wrapped a large can of hairspray with foil, so it wouldn't leak on her clothes; it lit up the x-ray machine like a pipe bomb. Another time flying with Momo, she hid a pouch of jewelry in her bra. That time she had to be strip searched. - Tara JeanI remember the story of Momo and Lois Bailess accidently joining a funeral procession on I-44 in OKC. I asked Momo, "So in that situation, what did you do?" Momo said, "I turned the lights on and we kept going." - JaredI remember when I was a teenager Momo showing us how to Jitterbug . - AshleyI remember Momo always had Hershey Almond Nuggets in her purse and would go and buy 3 lbs of fudge. - AmyI remember Momo at age 91 riding with me in a gravity roller coaster down the mountain, enjoying every second. - Daniell remember snow tubing with Momo in Branson, 2018 at age 96! -DevinThis was a life well lived and well loved.In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 202 West Oklahoma, and P.O. Box 803, Anadarko, OK 73005.Expressions of sympathy and any "Momo" Memories may be sent to www.smithfuneralservices.comVisitation will be held at Smith's Funeral Home at Anadarko this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tribute Wall



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Smith Funeral Home & Fort Cobb Funeral Home - April 09, 2024 at 04:06 PM

LY

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to know Mary Jean. She ALWAYS had a smile and a kind word to share. She will be greatly missed!*

Lillian Young - March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Mary Jean was a very special person in my life. Her humor, grace and love were a wonderful harbor in my life. Thank you to the family for sharing her with me. Toni Mullinix*

Toni Mullinix - February 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Even at 98 years young, it is shocking to think that Mary Jean will not be here in Croton, attending yet another Mt. Airy function. Her sweet and charming smile was infectious and endearing. It was always such a treat to sit and speak with her, knowing how evident her interest was in whatever I had to share. All the McDuffey children were fortunate, as was I, to have been raised with such undeniable love and respect. She has a very special place in my heart and I am proud to have known your lovely Mom. My sincerest condolences to Robert, Debbie and the entire family...clearly too many to mention. Love, Susan Posmentier

Ron Posmentier - February 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ dear robert and debbie, you are in our thoughts and hope all your love and memories with help you find some peace. ellyn and steve brinley

Ellyn Brinley - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Robert and Debbie Having met Robert's mother at numerous Croton parties, I was always impressed by her liveliness and beauty, and one could see how much she was loved by her family. I did not know her, but I well know the pain of loosing a beloved parent. You have all our sympathy at this time of sorrow, but I hope that in the end what will remain are wonderful memories of your remarquable mother With love Dominique and Andy

Dominique Fitch - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Love and Prayers!!!

Bill Reedy - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I met Mary Jean in 1974. Robert and Debbie and maybe baby Ryan, I can't remember if he was born yet, lived in our house in Pasadena. And as time went by again on her visits to Croton. Her personality, spirit, stimulated a positive aura from first impression. What I realize upon reflection is that while this positive, confident characteristic was passed on to Robert genetically there's something more. This trait was also gifted to friends and acquaintances, not just offspring... leaving an indelible imprint. Mary Jean has left that imprint on me herself and perpetuated through Robert. And so she lives on...

Chuck Davidson - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I always thought she was the coolest grandma. So classy. So lucky that my friends shared her with me. She always made us laugh. And always made everyone feel welcome. She was kinda famous in our town. She will be greatly missed.

Kylia Crouch - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Such a wonderful woman who showed so much love and service to others. I will miss her greatly and send prayers to her loving family.
Patty Noel Burkhead

Patty Noel Burkhead - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Over the years, I saw your mom at various family events. She always remembered me and gave me a warm hello. I will always remember how youthful and energetic she was, not to mention beautiful and loving. Lester and I are so sorry for your loss . I'm sure that she will remain in your hearts forever, and will be truly missed by you and your family.

Phyllis & Lester Smith - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*My shattered heart is with the McDuffey family and everyone who loves her. My grandmother was Mary Jean's best friend. They were quite a pair. Anyone who encountered them knew their friendship was special. When I lived in Austin, Mary Jean and my grandmother drove from Oklahoma to visit for a few days. I took the couch while they slept in my bed. They giggled like school girls into the wee hours of the night. After playfully shushing them several times, as I had to work early the next day, one of them would whisper something witty and I'd hear them cackling all over again. They raised children, planned weddings, buried husbands, bragged about grand and great-grandchildren, and as wanderlusters, rode horseback through the jungles of Ecuador in their seventies. -The McDuffey family was immensely gracious to always include my grandmother in their adventures -- as our family lived far and wide. Mary Jean, my grandmother, and friends took countless comical gal pal road trips together. One in which they drove several miles before realizing my grandmother was forgotten in a bathroom. Another, when they mistakenly thought their friend died during the night, because she slept on her back with arms crossed over her chest. They shared their escapades with us over and over again and laughed until they cried. In 1999, they invited me to travel from California to Oklahoma to celebrate the millennium. Anyone in their right mind wouldn't pass up the opportunity to ring in a golden new year with their favorite golden girls. With Dick Clark on the TV, they mixed margaritas and told wild tales. I can still hear them affirming each other with a supportive, "Sure 'nough?" Friends for more than sixty years, they shared the purest friendship of adventure, support, and love. My broken heart has to believe they're together today - hugging, loving, and giggling. -Maybe over margaritas.*

Julie Pedraza - February 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Thank you, Gary, for the kind words. Our memories of Marion, Wren, Bill & Mary Jean are strong. Robert McDuffey

Robert McDuffey - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ One of the brightest lights of my young years in Darko. Truly a special lady. Full of humor and great compassion. She raised a wonderful family. She was a great friend of my parents but especially my mom. They had a lot of fun times. Got to see her a couple of years ago. I'm very thankful for that Rest In Peace Mary Jean.

Gary Graham - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Being a family friend I can remember several but most of them had to do with lake and the need to keep her hair dry no matter what with her swim caps !!! Thank goodness Amazon had them and she always had a spare in her bag. She road the seadoo behind Larry, Terry and Charlsie, and Stephen and I all road for hrs on Tinkiller Lake almost to Ill river! I was scared and looked over at her she just smiled the whole way! Always up for an adventure Momo and loved my girls and my grandchildren ❤️❤️❤️

Brenda Novotny - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Colorado Street: Jim, Helen, Bill, Mary Jean, the Jarvis', the Paynes, the vacant lot, was a fun street!!! Great memories. Thank you, Robert McDuffey



Robert McDuffey - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *The McDuffeys were the fun family in the neighborhood. Mary Jean was fun, joyful, energetic, and kind to us kids. I thank her and her family for fond memories of growing up in Anadarko.*

Carol Fossey - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM