



Mary Elizabeth (Ritchie) Weber

March 18, 1928 - May 9, 2020

And on the ninth day, God made a farmers wife...

Mary Elizabeth (Ritchie) Weber, age 92, went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 9, 2020. A private family burial service will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at Chadwick Cemetery. You may watch the service from your home on Facebook Live at 11:00 am, Wednesday, May 13, 2020, or any time after, by going to the Law-Jones Facebook page and joining Mary's group.

Mary was born on March 18, 1928 in Savanna, IL, to Marshall and Bessie (Campbell) Ritchie. She grew up in the rural schools near Zion and Mt Carroll and graduated from Lanark High School in 1946. Mary worked as a switchboard operator in Lanark through her late teens.

She married George Weber, a farmer from Chadwick, on November 30, 1947. Together, they had three children, Donald (Deb) Weber of Minooka, Christine (Robert) Wiltshire, and William (Margo) Weber both of Chadwick. Mary took immense pride in being a farmer's wife and being the meal provider for those in the field. She spent countless hours in her large garden and was known far and wide for her chocolate chiffon cakes.

Mary spent many years serving her Lord as a founding member of the Chadwick Evangelical Free Church and faithfully supported her missionaries. She enjoyed participating in the Farm Bureau women's committee and every year she looked forward to her Lanark class reunion. She so enjoyed the months when her sister Ruth would come to visit from Alabama. She never missed a Saturday night with Lawrence Welk, and you never found her in her chair without a good book and a kitty on her lap.

Mary had a spirit that loved animals - well, nearly all. She raised every domestic and wild animal in the northwest in a cardboard box in the kitchen - cats, dogs, cows, pigs, rabbits, ducks, chickens, raccoons, a fox, and even a squirrel ... George facetiously scowled when she wouldn't take in a coyote.

When Mary became a grandmother, she wasn't just "Grandma Mary" to her grandkids; she was "Grandma Mary" to everyone. Time slowed down when you sat with her on the swing under the hollow maple, in the kitchen at the table, or in the second to last pew on the left in the sanctuary. When she called you "honey" you felt you were her world. There was no better listener than this Grandma. And her big hugs wrapped you up in a way that never let go. She will be missed by so many.

She waits in heaven for her sister Ruth Manning of Jacksonville FL; children; grandchildren Jennifer (Jason) Wolff, Amy (Jacob Chapman) Wiltshire, Heidi (Jason) Hall, and Melody (Chris) Stauffer; and great-grandchildren Jordan, Jackson, Trey, Will, and Eva.

She meets in heaven her parents, infant grandson Bobby Wiltshire, and husband George.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the funeral home in Mary's name.

Events

MAY **Facebook Livestream** 11:00AM

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Law-Jones Facebook Page Online
IL, US

Comments



“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers. Larry remembers her as a lovely lady and an awesome cook when he would help bale hay.

Larry and Kathy Wiersema



kathy wiersema - May 25, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ I just heard of Mary's passing. She was the first neighbor to invite me to a picnic being organized when we moved into the brick house just up the road. We also shared a lot of time in the MT Carroll laundromat every Monday morning for several years. Mostly I remember her offering me a kitten or two when I would call to visit with her in later years It was always a joy to do that. Glad Larem

Glad Larem - May 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Service Flowers



Law-Jones Funeral Home - May 15, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Sending loving thoughts and prayers for this sweet lady. We will miss you Mary!



Melissa and Tom Bryant - May 13, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Sending my condolences to Mary's family and friends sending prayers and thoughts!

Leevi Frint - May 13, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Mary was like my own special Grandma in a way. She called me Laurie, but she was the only one. She would always have a compliment for me. She loved to talk about Alaska. She gave me all her old magazines. She would slip me money, usually a folded up 50, for the Children's ministry programs at church. She once read the whole Christmas story for our children's play. I could listen to her for hours. She always made me smile and had a hug for me every Sunday. I will miss her terribly, but I look forward to my hug from her in heaven. Love, Laura Readdy

Laura Readdy - May 13, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I had heard that she was in Good Sam, but didn't realize how serious it was. Mary was a long time neighbor of ours, growing up. We all visited and laughed and farmed together. Families helping one another to get by when necessary. Mary was always happy. You didn't see her with a frown, unless you were in trouble or there was good reason! Otherwise she smiled and gave you a hug. It's hard losing a loved one. it leaves a gap and a sense of loss, but quite often it also brings an acknowledgement of the person - a life well lived. Mary leaves us with wonderful memories that will last as long as they are shared and carried in our hearts. You will be missed, Mary. Very much missed.



Judy Shilling - May 12, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ She was the sweetest lady anyone would ever want to meet. Just loved her. May she Rest in Peace. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jim & Liz Hoffman



Melissa Hoffman - May 12, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ 135 files added to the album Family Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - May 12, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ Mary was a precious person and a true servant of our Lord! I wish there were many more like her in the world today.

When I was a kid in Chadwick, I often was at the Weber farm, as a good friend of Bill. I specifically remember a time, in third grade, in the winter when the snow was thick and it was cold, Billy and I, and another friend were sledding for about three hours ... up and down, up and down....having a ball! We were cold and tired and trudged up the hill through the thick snow to the farm house and went inside. Waiting for us was a smiling Mary with fresh hot chocolate and cookies to warm us up. This is one of my fondest memories for sure.

As an adult, my wife, son and I traveling back to the farm near Chadwick to spend some days with our friends Margo and Bill, we would run in to Mary, who never missed a beat in reminding me of things from my youth that even I had forgotten; and laughing about them. Always got a hug and a smile from her.

She is home with Jesus now, but will be missed by many!

Johnathan (and Amy) Lein
Altamonte Springs, FL

Johnathan P Lein - May 12, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ Mary was truly the Lord's good and faithful servant. She was staunch and upright in her belief and generous to a fault. I can see her happy at last to be back with her beloved Georgie. Her love of people and animals (especially her kittens) will always make me smile when I remember her. My sympathies to the Weber family.

Lori Oncken - May 11, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Mary was such a sweet lady. She would always come in on Sunday to get her Sub and she would always ask how I was doing after all my health issues. We would talk about how much I missed working with Chrissy. I'm so happy that I got to meet and know her. May she rest in peace!

Jan - May 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Chris & Bob, So very sorry for your loss. This had to have been so hard. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincere Sympathy. Kandi Corbett

Kandi Corbett - May 11, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Ritchie) Weber.



May 11, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Lisa(Baker)Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth (Ritchie) Weber



Lisa(Baker)Hollingsworth - May 11, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ I new Mary for a short while she was such a nice lady to speak to. Prayers for her family.



vicki curboy - May 11, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Mary was so lovely! She was a great friend to my grandma Myrtle and was always good for a hug and a warm smile. She will be dearly missed!!!! Sending my love and prayers for comfort for your whole family. Dana Foltz Keim

Dana Keim - May 11, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ May was such a sweet, kind & gentle spirit. She recently called my number by mistake & when I told her who I was, I heard “Oh Honey, I’m so sorry” I’ll cherish those words, we had a nice little chat. Hold tight to each precious memory



Deb Adolph - May 11, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ There are no words to express what this dear sister in the Lord meant to us and we know to so many others. We met Mary when a group of believers began the Chadwick church. We fell in love with Mary right from the start. She has blessed us over more than fifty years. God brought this sweet soul into our lives to pray, support, counsel, and love us. Thank you Jesus for sharing Mary Weber with us. You have brought her home to the great heaven she knew was going to come. She is probably seeing a garden she just can't imagine and I'm sure God has put her right in the middle of that garden. She might even get to mow some grass. Over the years, filling her spot in her church, she filled so many other spots in all of our hearts. THANK YOU JESUS FOR LETTING US ALL HAVE THIS DEAR SWEET SERVANT IN OUR LIVES. SEE YOU SOON MARY AND WE WILL BE HAPPY FOR YOU TO LEAD US TO OUR LORD'S THRONE. LOVE FROM Steve and Sally Joos...

Steven Joos - May 11, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ I will miss her great big hugs and her saying there's my Ada. She always made sure she knew all of the Rahn kids and their kids. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed by all that knew her. Love and hugs to all her family. Bill, Ada, Dean, and Laura Holm

Ada Holm - May 11, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ Larry and I had just unpacked the last of the truck in 1991 after moving from Seattle. Mary and George were the first to pull in the driveway to welcome us with a handshake and a hug. That image remains in my heart today. The mold was broken after Mary.

Nancy and Larry Spaulding - May 11, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ I've known Mary ever since we moved to Chadwick in August 1962. She was my Sunday school teacher and the mother of a classmate. She was always ready with a warm smile and she will be missed. A LOT.

Barb Alexander - May 11, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of you. Mary was my favorite memory of summer bible school many years ago. it was always so good to run into her and see that wonderful smile. I hold her close to my heart. Hugs and prayers.

Diane (Harridge) Pidde



Diane Pidde - May 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Les&Rita Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth (Ritchie) Weber



Les&Rita Mitchell - May 11, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ My favorite memory of Mary was when she asked me to go to lunch with her down by the river in Savanna after church one Sunday. We stopped at Shaw's for fried chicken and potato salad, drove to the river and had a picnic lunch on a beautiful summer day. What a blessing to have had that time with her. Forever in my heart.
Laurie Allspaugh

Laurel Allspaugh - May 11, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ To Mary's whole family....she was a real peach...always to greet you with a big smile and a kind word. Heaven has gained a real angel....the world will miss her. Our love
Art and Ann Crouse

ann crouse - May 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Heidi,
So sorry for the loss of your grandma. Cherish the memories!
Bryan & JoEllen McCaskey

JoEllen McCaskey - May 11, 2020 at 10:46 AM