



Miss Mary Lucille Thackaberry

February 6, 1921 - April 12, 2019

Mary Lucille Thackaberry, age 98, of Elizabeth, Illinois, formerly of Joliet, Illinois, died Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at the Zion Presbyterian Church, Schapville, Illinois. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date in New Bedford, Illinois. Memorials may be given to Grace United Methodist Church, 1718 Avalon Ave, Joliet, Illinois, 60435.

Mary was born on February 6, 1921, the daughter of M. Shugart and Clara (Buck) Thackaberry in Sterling, Illinois. She attended Lakeview High School and graduated with the Class of 1937. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois.

Mary moved to Joliet, Illinois in 1953. She worked as an English teacher for Joliet Township High School, until her retirement in 1978. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Hospitality Club, Joliet Area Retired Teachers, and the Woman's Club of Joliet.

Mary will be dearly missed by her sister-in-law, LaVerne Thackaberry of Pittsboro, North Carolina; one nephew, Scott Thackaberry of Hoffman Estates; two nieces, Gail (Tyson) Cocagne of Apple River, Illinois and Linda (Andre) Moquin of Pittsboro, North Carolina; and several great and great grand nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her brothers: Joe J. Thackaberry and Mark D. Thackaberry Sr.; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Nelson Thackaberry and Shirley Seaholm Thackaberry; a nephew, Mark D Thackaberry Jr.; and a great nephew, Joshua T. Cocagne.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Elizabeth Nursing Home for the kind and loving care they provided Mary over the past three years.

Events

APR **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Zion Presbyterian Church
635 E Schapville Rd, Schapville, IL, US

Comments



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Miss Mary Lucille Thackaberry.



April 26, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miss Mary Lucille Thackaberry.



April 26, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ My deepest sympathy. I never had her for a teacher, but she was top notch teacher and person.
With prayers,
Sandy Nance Carey
class of 1966

sandy carey - April 23, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ Although it's been many, many years since I've seen Mary, she and I sent each other Christmas cards every year for as long as I can remember....She was my mother's best friend and was named as my Godmother, so she was special to me...I am happy that she was able to live to a ripe old age and didn't have to suffer terribly as so many people do in their later years.....I called her "Aunt Mary" and am happy to have known her and corresponded with her for so many years.....My sincere prayers and kindest sympathies go out to friends and family.

Bill Pratt

William Pratt - April 16, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ My condolences to all the family. Mary was my mother's best friend in Chicago from a very young age. Many times my mother (Helen Johnson Pratt) mentioned Mary Thackaberry, and trips to Chicago often included side trips to Joliet to visit her. Mary was my oldest brother, Bill's, godmother. When my mother died at the young age of 63, I wrote Mary that I wanted to stay in touch, so we became pen pals, and I even asked if I could call her Aunt Mary. She told me stories about my mother, and I sent her photocopies of my mother's diaries recounting their adventures in Chicago and letters my mother had saved that Mary wrote her years ago. I am so thankful that Mary and I were able to continue the friendship that she had shared with my mother. She was always welcomed into my mother's home and had visited the family's farm in Michigan, where the Johnson went in summer. I am glad that I was able to visit her last year with my cousin and my mother's youngest sister, Abbey Davis, who only passed away a couple weeks ago. Though I have not met the extended family, I know how much she loved you all, as she kept me posted on various activities and new arrivals, as long as she was able to do so.

Ms Mary Lou Pratt - April 15, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ I used to visit Aunt Mary in Joliet pretty regularly when I was a kid. We would go to movies or watch them at her apartment. She introduced me to Shirley Temple and Breakfast at Tiffany's. She was the center that brought the family to Al's Steakhouse for birthday celebrations or for a Sunday brunch. I remember frequenting Bob Evans, Red Lobster, and Pizza Hut with her (usually paid in part with a coupon or gift card - she was frugal in that respect). It's because of her that I know about Hummels. She was the type of person who would tell things as they are (apparently I had gained weight in college and she told me so!). She gave me Mr. Kitty for my first Christmas. She is a person who will be thought of often and never forgotten for everything that she overcame, everything she accomplished in her life, and the quiet way that she loved her family (I don't think I ever heard her say "I love you" but I think the feelings were there).

Katie Wenger - April 15, 2019 at 02:26 PM