



Mary Rutherford

April 16, 2009

Mary E. Rutherford of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Eugene, Oregon, passed away at her home on April 16, 2009, after a prolonged illness. Mary was born on November 3, 1946, in Cape Girardeau, to Neal Clifton Edwards and Ruth (Kurre) Edwards. She graduated from Cape Central High School in 1964. She later received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Special Education from Southeast Missouri State University. Mary was a dedicated special education teacher at both Cape Junior High School and Cape Central High School from 1981 to 1994, then again from 2003 until 2009. She also taught special education at East Sutherlin Primary School in Sutherlin, Oregon from 1995 to 2003. She was a licensed cosmetologist, and worked for Mabel's Beauty Salon and The O'Haira from 1965 to 1994. In addition to her active teaching career, Mary had recently begun teaching an online special education class for Southeast Missouri State University and was employed part-time at Coldwater Creek. She was involved in several civic, church, and school organizations, including the Trinity Lutheran School Board, the Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Christian Care, Scope Club G.F.W.C., and was the Department Chair of preparing for the Academy of Success at Cape Central Highschool, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Community Teachers Association. She married Eastman Foster in Cape Girardeau on April 2, 1967, and of this union was born a daughter, Kendra Foster. She married Roger Rutherford in Cape Girardeau on June 24, 1994. May is survived by her daughter, Kendra Foster Mitchell (Trevor) of Loganville, GA,

her father and stepmother, Neal and Verline Edwards of Cape Girardeau, her mother, Ruth Edwards of Cape Girardeau, her sister Carolyn Moore (Albert) of Cape Girardeau, and her beloved Jack Russell terrier, Lucy. She will be missed by many wonderful friends as well as colleagues, and students at Cape Central High School. She was preceded in death by her husband Roger Rutherford on February 9, 2003. Visitation will be held from 4-8 PM. Saturday, April 18th at Ford 7 Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel, and the funeral service will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 19th at Trinity Lutheran Church. She will be laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, at 106 S. Farrar Drive, Suite 104, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or the Trinity Lutheran School Building Fund, at 55 N. Pacific Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. While we are glad the pain and suffering end and we know Mary is in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we still miss the earthly pleasures of seeing, talking and holding. May the Heavenly Father hold you close and comfort you during this time with His blessed hope of the Reunion in Heaven when again we hold all those loved ones who have left their earthly homes. May the memories you share keep you close and give you joy.*

Phyllis Crites Hansen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *While we only had the pleasure of meeting Mary once or twice, we know the impact that she had on her daughter, Kendra. Kendra is a very special friend of ours, and we wish her peace during this very difficult time. Our prayers are with you and Trevor.*

Alysia and Michael Davis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM