



Mary Gallivan

December 14, 1919 - May 13, 2023

Mary Virginia Gallivan, age 103, died at Gasconade Manor Nursing Home in Owensville, MO on May 13, 2023. She was born in Bolivar on December 14, 1919, to Frank Leslie Stewart and Katherine Elizabeth (Bessie) Grimmett. She was united in marriage to Ernest Deryll Gallivan in Baltimore, Maryland on February 12, 1942. They lived in Baltimore one year before Deryll was called into the military service. Mary then returned to Bolivar and lived there until age 86. At that time, she moved to Owensville to be near her daughter and son-in-law.

Mary began her teaching career in a one room school (Hayden) for three years. She also taught school in Collins, Stockton and for many years at Bolivar Elementary. She was a member of First Baptist Church, and a charter member of the CMH Auxiliary where she worked several years in the gift shop. She was also a member of Kappa Kappa Iota and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mary loved sports and was actively involved in basketball, swimming, tennis and golf. She continued that passion for sports even when she was no longer able to participate by attending many games at Bolivar High School and Southwest Baptist University. After retiring, Mary began hand piecing quilts. She received many blue ribbons and twice won Best of Show at Gasconade County Fair. Mary always kept a positive attitude, and her wonderful sense of

humor will be missed by family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Deryll; two sons, Joe Deryll Gallivan and Michael Robert Gallivan; her parents; one brother, Frank Henry Stewart and wife Eldorene; sister-in-law, Moriece Gallivan Skarvan and husband Milton; stepmother, Amy Curl Stewart.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Sue White and husband Jim of Owensville; five grandchildren, Stacy Jones of Mohamet, IL, Laura Pacunas of Rantoul, IL, Meri Ann Gallivan of Chicago, IL, Matthew White and wife Jill of Lake St. Louis, MO and Sarah Junk and husband Aaron of Argyle, TX. Eight great grandchildren; Quentin Jones, Myles Jones, Haley Pacunas, Brandon White, Anna White, Avery Junk, Deacon Junk and Amelia Junk. Four nieces and nephews, Jan Stewart Wilson, Jim Stewart, Jane Skarvan Otradovec and Jim Skarvan; many other family and friends.

Visitation will be at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, May 22, 2023, with funeral services following at 11:00 at First Baptist Church in Bolivar. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the CMH Auxiliary or a charity of your choice in care of Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, MO 65613.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
Bolivar, MO 65613

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Gallivan*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Mrs. Gallivan was an amazing teacher. I will always remember her and all the things she taught us.*



Donna Binns - May 23, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Mary was such a great friend! We often played tennis together and entered local tournaments as a mother/daughter duo. She wasn't my mother, of course, but what fun. She frequently did a very unusual thing when she was close to the net and hit the ball back over for one of the opposing players. She had so much spin on the ball that it hit the court and bounced back over the net to our side. I cannot begin to tell you just how often this occurred. Enough that everyone expected and Mary never disappointed. Our conversations were fun and crazy— how often we really changed our sheets and how many times did we use a towel before throwing it in the wash. Those were fun days and I loved Mary and will carry memories of her for as long as I live.*

Rose Mary Owens - May 22, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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“*Susie & Family. I am so sorry for your loss of Miss Mary. If anyone in this world is going to heaven it's Miss Mary. Jake loved her and when he talked of Hayden School it was also her. She had a way about her that was welcoming and friendly but also when you talked to her you knew she had her own way of managing life -- herself, you and family, friends and life in general and she tried her best to "do it her way". Always remember her in the happiest ways. Katie Francka*

Katie Francka - May 22, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“*Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Gallivan.*



May 20, 2023 at 09:51 AM