



## Mary Cecil Holbrook

August 5, 1944 - October 17, 2020

Mary Cecil (Young) Holbrook, 76 of Bolivar, Mo departed this life unexpectedly on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

She was born August 5, 1944 near Bolivar, Mo, the daughter of Orvil Frank Young and Lena Mae (Berry) Young.

Mary was united in marriage to Ralph Ruckman in 1965; to this union were born two children, Jamie, and Mari Beth. Although Mary and Ralph later divorced, the two remained lifelong friends until Ralph's passing in 2013.

Mary was saved at a young age and was a Christ follower the remainder of her days. She was known for her sweet, kind, friendly demeanor and was dearly loved by most who knew her.

Mary was preceeded in death by her parents, older infant sisters, Vivian & Virginia and several aunts and uncles. She is survived by her son, Jamie Ruckman & wife, Connie of Halfway, Mo; daughter, Mari Beth Sellers and husband, Teddy of Springfield, Mo. Granddaughters, Michelle Hall of Buffalo, Mo and Renee Ruckman of Halfway; grandson, James Ruckman of Halfway. Brothers Francis Young and wife, Donna of Bolivar; Jay Young and wife, Cindy of Bolivar. Sister, Zella Duff and husband, Charles of Fair Grove. Mary also leaves behind several beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, and

extended family, as well as an amazing group of friends.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to a local DAV or The Wounded Warrior Project.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
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## Graveside

OCT **23**.

Kelley Cemetery  
Ash Grove, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Cecil Holbrook*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Mary Cecil Holbrook*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Mary went to Goodson Elementary School and then her class joined the students in Halfway for the remaining years of their education...Halfway Class of '62!*

*What a class and what love we continued to share through the years. We remained good friends for life. Mary always had a smile on her face and love in her heart. RIP my dear friend, sweet, sweet Mary.*

**Dolly Koon** - October 23, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Mardel lit a candle in memory of Mary Cecil Holbrook*



**Mardel** - October 23, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DK

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**Dolly Koon** - October 23, 2020 at 01:20 PM

LC

“ Linda Crain lit a candle in memory of Mary Cecil Holbrook



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**Linda Crain** - October 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM

LC

“ Mary was a lovely person and a good friend. She and Burnell went through 12 years of school together. I never heard her say anything bad about anything. She treasured her family. Her classmates received a birthday card every year right on time. I admired her so much. She will be greatly missed.  
*Burnell and Linda Sergent Crain*

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**Linda Crain** - October 23, 2020 at 09:55 AM

BG

“ Mary and I spent the 2012 summer on a camping excursion to Alaska. We went to the Arctic Circle and many places between Missouri and there along the Alaska highway. There is a sign in the signpost forest in Watson Lake Yukon with her name and the word Halfway MO on it. We had a lot of fun. She got seasick on a halibut fishing trip, but was excited about it because she "had never been seasick before". She caught a 30 pound halibut. We graduated high school together, but had not seen each other very often for 50 years before embarking on this adventure. We became very good friends. She accompanied my wife, Mardel and me on 2 subsequent trips to New England and the Grand Canyon. Mary was an outstanding person to be with.

*Beecher Griffitts*

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**Beecher Griffitts** - October 21, 2020 at 08:05 PM

CF

“ Mary was a wonderful person. I always enjoyed lunches with her and Lena May.  
We were shocked to read her obituary! We had kind of lost touch over the past few years. She was a very kind sweet person.  
We are sending love and prayers.  
*Cheryl Noblitt Fast*

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**Cheryl Noblitt Fast** - October 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Cecil Holbrook.



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October 21, 2020 at 05:37 PM

EB

“ *Eileen Barker lit a candle in memory of Mary Cecil Holbrook*



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**Eileen Barker** - October 20, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Sis Mary's sudden passing. She will be missed! She was a blessing to our church, always helping in the fellowship hall and always with a smile. Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family.*

*Rev & Mrs Daryl Miller &  
Bolivar Pentecostal Church of God family*

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**Gwendolyn Miller** - October 20, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *I have sweet memories of Mary in high school. A quiet pleasant fun loving person.*

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**Cherie Crain** - October 20, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family.*  
*Mick Hood*

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**Mick Hood** - October 19, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Cecil Holbrook.*



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October 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *When I was 13 my family moved to the Bolivar area to live on my grandpa's dairy farm. He was Kenneth Hall. Being a new kid at school wasn't easy for me, but Mary Cecil in her quiet way made me feel welcome. It was always good to see her on the school bus and have someone to sit with. She was a dear person and I'm so sorry for her unexpected passing.*

*Sherry (McCarthy) Miller*

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**Sherry Miller** - October 18, 2020 at 05:05 PM



*So very sorry for your loss. Mary was a good friend, always had a smile on her face.*

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**Eileen Barker** - October 20, 2020 at 03:47 PM