



Mary Wallace

November 25, 1929 - January 8, 2020

Mary Wallace, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away peacefully on the morning of January 8, 2020 with her family at her side. Mary was born November 25, 1929 in Preston Bend, Ok to Delbert and Mattie (Worbes) Blake, both of whom welcomed her into Heaven along with her husband, Gilbert Wallace, sisters: Margie Thomason and Gelia Diehl; brother, Deb Blake and cousin Mrs. C.B. Briggs.

Mary was a faithful and active long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Terrell. She never judged anyone for not being in the church pew on Sunday, but she was sure to be there herself for as long as she was able. More than once she served as president of her Sunday School class, never unwilling to offer her service and support when it was needed. She and Gilbert owned and operated Wallace Phillips 66 Service Station from the mid-60s until shortly before his passing on November 30, 1970; she once told a son, "Those early days running the store were probably the hardest part of my marriage--- I loved him, but a husband and wife are not meant to be together 24 hours a day." She may have said this with a smile, but her son knew she was telling it exactly as she saw it, as Mary was often apt to do. After she became a single parent, Mary was unwavering in her efforts to nurture, teach, and provide for her children with nothing less than her constant dedication. In 1974, she went to work for Sherwin-Williams, retiring as an Assistant Store Manager after 20 years of loyal service. Even then, she missed talking to her fellow Terrellites on a daily basis, so she took a part-time job at Creative Florist for several years. She was an excellent cook --- people loved her chocolate pies, banana pudding, and buttermilk biscuits. Once, when she planned to bake a cake for someone who'd recently lost a parent and was told it would be appreciated but she needn't go to too much trouble, her reply was, "When you love someone, NOTHING you do for them is ever considered to be trouble." A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, towards the end of her life Mary shared a home with her oldest son and was attended to almost daily by her youngest daughter --- they did the "heavy lifting," but their siblings were grateful to be allowed to help whenever needed, just as their mother had taught them to do through her own deeds during a long, loving life. She will be missed by a multitude of those fortunate enough to have known her kindness.

Mary is survived by her children: Gilanne Uptmor and husband, John, Karen Griffith and

husband, Larry, Dave Wallace, Russ Wallace, Matt Wallace and partner, Juan Luarca, Becky Hathcock and husband, LaRon; grandchildren: Lauren O'Roark and husband Jason, Ray Wallace and wife, Joni, Steven Wallace, Trevor Wallace and wife, Kathleen, Leah Cranford and husband, Casey, Sydney Hathcock, and Susan Uptmor; great grandchildren: Zoe, Violet, Dylan, John, Parker, and Ruby as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, church family and a host of friends.

Funeral Service will be at 2:00pm, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Campground Cemetery. Her family will receive friends 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages others to make a donation in Mary's memory to the St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

County Road 326
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Wallace*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *My sincere prayers for Gilanne, Karen, and the remainder of Mary's family. She was such a sweet person and I loved visiting with her when she was with Sherwin Williams. May God Bless all of you.*



Ronnie Smith - January 10, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Bill and Melody Harper and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Wallace.*



Bill and Melody Harper and Family - January 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *102 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 10, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 10, 2020 at 03:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 09, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 09, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 09, 2020 at 09:01 PM

JC

“ *Prayers and comfort sent to the family!*

Jackie Cernocho - January 09, 2020 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ *Praying for your family. I know how special she was to you. All my love. Janice Caldwell*

janice caldwell - January 09, 2020 at 05:22 PM

AN

“ Thoughts & prayers for my friend Russ Wallace & the family of this lady I heard so many wonderful stories about. Although I did not know her personally she often made me laugh when Russ would share his sweet Mothers hilarious replys/comments to their discussions. She seemed to carry her sense of humour with her all the way through the transition. I wish peace for u all.



Angi Naquin - January 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.



January 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM

MH

“ Mike & Robin Hall purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Wallace.



Mike & Robin Hall - January 09, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.



January 09, 2020 at 12:18 PM

TE

“ A grand lady. Condolences and prayers to her family

thomas eudy - January 09, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JC

Mary would make our sweet Mom McCluer a heart shaped strawberry cake every Valentine's. Love to all the family. From Janice Compton

Janice Compton - January 09, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Milliken Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Wallace*



Debbie Milliken Martin - January 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ *Mary was a beautiful, loving and gracious lady. My deepest condolences to all the family. God put your arms of comfort around this family and give them peace.*



Debbie Milliken Martin - January 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ *My deep sympathy to Mary's family. She was such a ray of sunshine @ Sherwin-Williams; loved doing business with her. May God give you all the peace and comfort only He can give.*
Rita Scott

Rita Scott - January 09, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.*



January 09, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TF

“ *The Briggs, Schawe, Batilla and Hibler families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Wallace.*



The Briggs, Schawe, Batilla and Hibler families - January 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM

MN

“ To my dear friend Matt and your family. I never got the pleasure of meeting your beautiful mother, but I could tell she was an amazing women by the light in your eyes and the love in your voice when you spoke of her. Many hugs, kisses and lotsvof love to you, Juan and your entire family as you walk this journey together.

Maria Nelson - January 09, 2020 at 08:35 AM

JB

“ Mary was my Mama’s best friend, Mama died very young, 25 years ago. I like to think they have found each other again and are happy in Glory, holding our places.
Godspeed my friend.

Joanna Bostwick Backman - January 08, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.



January 08, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JW

“ Jim & Yvonne Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mary Wallace



Jim & Yvonne Wynne - January 08, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Wallace.



January 08, 2020 at 06:10 PM

KM

“ *Kenna McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mary Wallace* ”



Kenna McDaniel - January 08, 2020 at 01:02 PM