



## Mary Helen White

September 18, 1939 - January 17, 2017

Mary Helen White died on Tuesday January 17, 2017 at St. Anthony Hospital in Washington state. She was visited and comforted by beloved family and friends in the days before her passing.

Mary was born into a family of ten children as Mary Helen Haselman on September 18, 1939 in St. Paul, MN. She graduated high school from St. Agnes Catholic School.

In 1957 Mary relocated to Washington state where she worked and raised her children. In 1992 she bought a home in Goldendale WA where she lived on sixty acres of land in a log cabin. She painted, built bird houses, embroidered, and engaged in other creative endeavors. She had a strong relationship with God and a deep appreciation for nature. Each spring she invited people from all over to enjoy the presence of the purple camas flowers which bloom on her property at that time each year.

Mary is survived by her sisters, Margaret Nelson of Bayview, Idaho and Katherine Esperson of Naperville, Illinois, her son Matthew Hargis, daughter, Margaret Tomkiewicz, son-in-law, Dan Tomkiewicz II and grandchildren, Tiffany Krstich, Daniel Tomkiewicz III of Port Orchard, Washington. She is also survived by granddaughters Samantha Tomkiewicz of Seattle and Crystal Hargis of Minneapolis, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, & cousins.

A memorial is set for May 2017 at Mary's camas field in Goldendale, Washington.

# Comments

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“ Janice Willoughby is following this tribute.

Janice Willoughby - February 09, 2017 at 06:29 PM

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“ To Meg & Matt & Families,  
Mary and Margaret were my childhood friends from the time I was 7. We were very close until Mary moved to Washington. Everyone liked Mary. She was sweet and kind and had a big heart. As a little kid I remember her helping the ants out if their ant hill got stepped on....into nature even then. Mary was very popular. She was a nice girl and very pretty like "the girl next door". I was surprised that her obituary did not mention that she had been a stewardess. I know Mary loved being a mother more than anything. I didn't see much of Mary when we were adults since I lived in Minnesota. I spoke with her several times in the not too distant pass and she told me all about her cabin and land and the beautiful camas. She also told me about her religious beliefs and how she felt so close to God. I tried calling her around Christmas but there was no answer. I was saddened to learn of her death but happy for her because through conversations, I felt that she was ready to "go home". I am so sorry for your loss.

Janice Gibis Willoughby (Mary's forever friend)



Janice Willoughby - February 07, 2017 at 05:30 PM

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“ My grandma Mary passed away peacefully and 2 days before, God gave us the gift of having a few hours of very sweet conversation in which she told me how deeply blessed she felt her life was and how much she loves the people in her life. She shared stories and we laughed and cried together. She told me that she was ready to "go home." On Monday she said, "I just want to fall asleep and not wake up." She fell asleep and only woke a few times, once while my mom (Meg) and I were with her. She said "I love you." Then she fell back to sleep for about a day. She did not wake up again. Dear grandma, Tiff and I were so lucky to have all of those memories with you growing up. Many summers and spring breaks at the cabin. I thank you for your simple love and faith and I expect you are enjoying your new phase of existence with the angels. -Crystal (Anita) Hargis

Anita Hargis - February 07, 2017 at 12:32 AM

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“ Aunt Mary was special; still have a vivid memory of seeing her and Aunt Margaret when they were teenagers living at their home in St. Paul with my Grandma and Grandpa and I was maybe 6 or 8. She will be missed. To Matt and Meg, sorry for the loss of your mother, too early for us. Miss you guys and hope to see you during my next visit to your area. Steve H

Steve Haselman - February 04, 2017 at 03:47 AM

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“ Meg, Matt and families, I am so sorry for your loss.

I am forever grateful for the privilege and honor have been a friend of Mary's for over 40 years.

The ache in my heart is eased by remembering that she said "I have had a good life and I am ready to go."

With all my love,  
Jane

Jane Raudabaugh - January 27, 2017 at 08:19 AM

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