



Mary Nelson

October 11, 1937 - February 6, 2025

Mary Glenn (Troxell) Nelson passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2025, in Houston, Texas. She was born October 11, 1937, in Muncie, Indiana and attended Muncie public schools. She graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1955 and was very active in class reunion activities.

After graduation, she married Claude William “Bill” Nelson and worked at the telephone company and Beebe Title Company before starting her family. She then stayed home with their 3 daughters until returning to work for State Farm Insurance when they were all in school. She worked for several State Farm agents in Muncie. She and Bill moved to Springport in 1992 and enjoyed caring for their property there until Bill’s untimely illness and death in 1997.

She later married Robert “Bob” Nelson, and they decided to move to Pennsylvania to be closer to her daughters. She enjoyed the many friends she made in her Willow Green community and at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem. Since October 2021, she has lived in Houston, Texas with her significant other, Jerry Hill, who survives. They are members of the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston.

She was the best mother, grandma and grandma great, and especially liked her grandpuppies and all the neighborhood dogs. She was known for her green thumb and her love of flowers and birds.

Mary is predeceased by her husbands, her father John F. Brown, and her mother and stepfather, Mary Emma and Charles O. Troxell.

Mary is survived by her 3 daughters and their husbands, Claudia (Clayton) Bonnell, Carolyn (Jim) Koontz, and Cathy (Michael) Rawlings, her 4 grandchildren, Nicolas (Katie) Koontz, Austin Koontz (partner Emily Lawrence), Nathaniel Rawlings and Emma (Jesse) Durham, her great grandson, Henry Koontz, her great granddaughter, Chella Jo Durham, her siblings, Paul Troxell, Joyce Swing and John R. Brown, and several nieces (especially Debbie Riggs and Diana June), nephews, and cousins (especially Desnee Hall and Dan Dick).

A memorial service will be held in Houston soon with private interment at Elm Ridge Cemetery to follow.

If you would like to donate in Mary's memory, we know she would love it if you would donate to your local animal shelter or rescue.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dee Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Nelson*



Dee Davis - March 15, 2025 at 12:47 AM

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“ *I did not know Mary for very long when she lived in Bethlehem, PA. I do remember her sweet smile, gentle manner and caring spirit. Mary was a “lady”. Always had a smile and kind word for everyone she met. Sympathy to all the family for the loss of a beautiful soul.*
Noreen Mohler

noreen Mohler - February 08, 2025 at 08:02 AM

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“ *Mary was such a special lady. She loved life and shared her love to all. Her beautiful smile is what lit up the world! Through her smile she touched everyone’s heart ❤️ . I’m so glad I got to be touched by her love 💕 . As I sit here I see the color YELLOW. 🌻 HAPPINESS, LOVE and HARMONY. That’s what Mary Nelson (MOM) brought to us all. Love,
Carolyn Kenyon
May the angels wrap the family in love and comfort.*

carilyn Kenyon - February 08, 2025 at 06:59 AM

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“ Claudia, Carolyn, Cathy, So sorry & surprised to see Mary’s obituary. Wonderful gal & family. Prayers & Sympathy. R.I.P. Mary 🙏
Sarah Humphrey & Family.

Sarah Humphrey - February 08, 2025 at 01:12 AM

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“ Sarah Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mary Nelson



Sarah Humphrey - February 08, 2025 at 01:03 AM

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“ To my Nelson girls—I am so sorry on the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful woman. And the Muncie ties as your dad lived next door to my in-law’s on Orchard Place in Muncie. She used to send me little FB messages wanting to know what was happening in her hometown. Treasure all the wonderful memories. My sincere condolences—Kay Rankin

Kay Rankin - February 07, 2025 at 11:25 PM

RS

“ Dear Mary, I'm so happy that you pursued your happiness; what an incredible model for us all. I think the last time I saw you we rode together in the back of a mini van from Anderson to Indy to eat at Holly Hock. I don't recall the occasion but it was a long time ago. I do know that it allowed us to open up and communicate via Facebook for many years and with Cathy as well. I wish you all peace and comfort as you grieve. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for the openness to our connections. We are all family!

Cheryl Swing

Rev. Cheryl Swing - February 07, 2025 at 01:23 PM