



## Mary Bess (Smith) Harvill

June 14, 1954 - August 11, 2020

On August 11th, after 7 years of 3-times-weekly dialysis, Mary Bess Harvill passed away at the age of 66 at Medical City Denton of cardiac arrest following surgery.

Mary was born in Era, Texas and graduated high school there. On June 28, 1975 she married Louis Marion Harvill III. She left college, where she was a semester away from becoming a teacher, shortly before the birth of their daughter Angelina in 1980, and stayed at home to raise her, and their son Louis Harvill IV, born in 1984, in their house in Gainesville.

Mary was always focused on taking care of others before herself. She was a loving wife and managed the household with patience and kindness, even through severe childhood illnesses and always supported her family with gentle strength. Above all, she enjoyed the company of her family.

Mary was a great mother to more children than her own, helping to raise a generation of kids on Lynwood Street in Gainesville. Without ever formally becoming a teacher, she taught many children important lessons and helped them to grow into better adults.

Mary was a grandmother long before her grandson Quin arrived in 2018, taking great joy in spending time with and taking care of her great nieces

Ryleigh and Reese, and her great nephew Cayden. She cherished her grandson Quin, and showed her husband every photo of him, read to him, played with him, and snuggled with him every time he visited.

Our lives are all less in her absence, and everyone whose life she touched is better for having known her. She made people smile, celebrated others, and made sure to help people find their way when they wandered. She loved with an amazing heart and an energy that were never too tired or depleted to help.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years Louis Harvill III, their daughter Angelina Harvill, Son Louis Harvill IV, his wife Rae, and their son Louis "Quin" Harvill V. By her sisters Cheryl Gibbs and her husband Ronnie, Jane Zimmerer and her husband Ronnie, brothers Jerry Smith and his wife Betty, and Thomas "Tommy" Munroe Smith JR. and his wife Janet. She is preceded in death by her parents Essie and Thomas "Chuck" Munroe Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be sent to The National Kidney Foundation, a volunteer organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney and urinary tract diseases.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Joseph Mocerri purchased the Angel Wind Chime - Silver for the family of Mary Bess (Smith) Harvill.*



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**Joseph Mocerri** - September 07, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DH

“ *Nicest classmate I had at Era*

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**David Hair** - August 18, 2020 at 12:45 AM

KH

“ *She was a funny girl. Always nice to everyone?*

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**Kathy Sluder Hellman** - August 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM

JM

“ *Ms Mary was an extraordinary person. She was caring, kind, and funny. She brought so much joy to everyone at her dialysis clinic with her sense of humor, her dialysis poems, and her pictures and stories of Quin. Words cannot express how much she will be missed. It was truly a privilege to have known such a remarkable woman!*

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**Jennifer Mercer** - August 17, 2020 at 10:37 AM

GF

“ Mary was a super friend . Never a foul word about any one always a smile.  
Walmart will be empty never went there without seeing that smiling face and getting a kind words and laugh. Will miss her so much

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**Glenda (Ramsey) Fleitman** - August 14, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DJ

“ Mary had such a beautiful, sweet, and loving spirit. My memories with her were happy times. May God be with you all and give you peace.. I

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**Dailene Jezek** - August 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JZ

*I will miss my sister terribly. We were a family of 5 children and now we are missing a very important piece. I will miss our off and on all night conversations, when we both had trouble sleeping. In fact, we talked before she left for the hospital. It's hard to accept, but we have many happy memories.*

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**Jane Zimmerer** - August 13, 2020 at 01:08 PM

BS

*Mary was such a dear, sweet lady. She made pictures of her brothers and sisters when they were growing up to give me when I married into this very special family. She always managed a smile and gracious welcome every time we saw her. I am so very thankful to have known Mary. We will miss her so much. There will always be an empty space in this family where Mary belongs.*

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**Betty Smith** - August 13, 2020 at 01:46 PM

MM

*Every time I would run into Mary at Walmart's . She would have a smile on her face she loved to talk .  
Christi & Cat Sorry to hear about your Aunt Mary .  
Prayer's are with you two & family*

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**Mary Moynihan** - August 14, 2020 at 10:54 PM

BJ

*I'm so sorry...My condolences to the family.*

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**Brenda Tatum Jones** - August 15, 2020 at 06:36 PM

IV

*I worked with Mary back in the days of G.C. Murphy in the Gainesville Shopping Center. She always had a smile on her face and kind words for everyone. I would often run into her at Wal-Mart in recent years and she always spoke and called me by name. May her family find comfort in knowing how cherished Mary was.*

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**Inez Case Vaughn** - August 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM