



Mary McGary

May 25, 1928 - February 29, 2008

Mary Joanne Miller McGary, age 79, died in Corsicana, Texas on February 29, 2008, after a brief illness. Joanne was born May 25, 1928 in Salem, OH, the daughter of Charles Emory Miller (son of Charles Fredrich Miller and Mary Elizabeth Seip) and Vera Tucker Cassell Miller (daughter of Ezra J. Cassell and Lucy Myrtle Tucker). She grew up in East Palestine, OH with her brother Charles Richard (Dick) Miller, her father, and her mother (until Vera's death in 1931), and then later with her stepmother, Gladys I. Harris. Her brother, Dick, preceded Joanne in death May 12, 2005. Joanne graduated Salutatorian from East Palestine High School in 1946 where she received the Bausch & Lomb National Science Award. She attended Denison University, Granville, OH where she received a BS, with honors, in Chemistry in 1950. She then received a MS degree in Textile Chemistry in 1952 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Joanne married Lester Eugene McGary, Jr. (of Madison, WI) on March 8, 1952. While living in Madison, where Lester was working on his internship and residency, two sons were born, Lester and Richard. In 1956, she gave birth to their last son, John, in San Antonio, Texas after Lester had enlisted in the United States Air Force. Joanne and Lester finally settled in Corsicana, TX in 1957, where Joanne's husband began his medical practice. There, Joanne was busy raising her sons, taught at Navarro Junior College for a brief period of time, and later worked in her husband's office. She was a loving mother and wife, active in her children's scouting activities, education and community affairs. In her mid years, Joanne

developed a passion for genealogy. She was active in the Navarro County Genealogical Society. In addition, she led her husband on numerous adventurous trips around the country: the Northeast, the Midwest and briefly the West (the Church of Latter Day Saints archives - Granite Mountain Records Vault - outside of Salt Lake City, Utah). She researched archives, visited with cousins and distant relatives, and explored cemeteries. The research she gathered ultimately filled 4 filing cabinets, a closet, and multiple scrapbooks. Additionally, she compiled a two volume genealogical index (one alphabetical, one chronological): Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Index to "Deaths in the Skippack region" 1793-1845 by H.B. Roach from Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, volumes VIII through XI. Joanne's genealogy research is, and will be, treasured by her descendants for years to come. Joanne is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lester Eugene McGary, MD. of Corsicana, TX and her three sons (and their spouses): Lester Eugene McGary, III (and Donna Briggs McGary) of Charlotte, NC; Richard Emory McGary (and Elia Hernandez McGary) of Richardson, TX; and John Edward McGary, PhD (and Gladys Bel) of Houston, TX. Her five grandchildren, Nikki Katrina, Richard Emory Jr., Mathew Everett, Daniel Evan, and Laura Elizabeth, also survive her. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, March 22 at the First United Methodist Church, 320 North 15th St. in Corsicana. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the church, or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary McGary*

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“ *Our thought and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God Bless you.*

Susan & Leland

Susan Morton-Wilinson - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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“ *My condolences to each of you. Your wife and mom was a very remarkable person. You have many wonderful memories to cherish. May God be close to you during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Bill McGary*

Frances David Look - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joanne was a kind, sweet, and gentle lady. She was also very gifted in the area of chemistry.*

Neva Johnston - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I can't seem to find the words that express my sadness & surprise in Joanne's passing. She has been a very special part of my life for many years. She always made me feel special. She was always interested in what ever was happening in my life. Charles enjoyed visiting with her when we went by for whatever reason. At Christmas I would make goodies for both my special friends. I would make millionaires & take Joanne some . She would hide them & eat most of them by herself. (That was our little secret!) She's a very special Angel & I will miss her terribly & think of her often. I thank God for allowing her to touch my life in a very special way!!! & giving me lots of good advise.

Love & Prayers, Geline Hargrove

Geline Hargrove - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM