



Mary Leiphart

May 22, 1943 - January 15, 2014

Mary Leiphart, of Holly, MI passed away on January 15, 2014. Born May 22, 1943 in Munising, MI, Mary graduated from Newberry High School in 1961 and started working for the local hospital in Munising as a secretary. After a successful career in Munising, Mary moved to Detroit where she became a Cracker Jack legal secretary for several law firms. Mary married George Downing in 1986, retired from her profession in 1987 and travelled the world with her husband for the remainder of their lives. Mary is survived by her husband George Downing of Holly; brother Steven Leiphart (Julia) of Ironwood, and sisters Donelle Matson (Victor) of Curtis, MI; Rita Knierim (Kurt deceased) of Curtis, MI and Ann Joe Bitely (Alan) also of Curtis, MI and many close friends, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Don and Julia Leiphart of Newberry. Those wishing to send an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to Newberry High School. www.drverfuneralhomeholly.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I wish to send my regrets for your loss. In the difficult days ahead I hope you will be able to draw comfort from the fact that not only does our creator understands the pain we suffer, but also that he will soon end all pain and anxiety. At Revelation 21:4 God promises to “wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be any more. The former things have passed away.” Until that time, I pray your memories of the past and your confidence in the future will give you the strength and joy to endure.

AF - February 08, 2014 at 08:01 AM

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“ Mary was a very special woman. Keeping you all in our thought and prayers.

Tom and Jeri Sue Rahilly

Tom Rahilly - January 30, 2014 at 06:44 AM

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“ How sad to hear the news of Mary’s passing, my sympathies to her family. I had the pleasure to work with Mary many years ago. I have many nice memories of Mary, our discussions about flowers, and how much she liked impatiens and the variety of colors they came in. She was a charming lady with a great sense of humor. Every time it was a windy day upon entry to the office she’d say: “whew, there’s small people warnings out there today”...we’d laugh and immediately I had an image in my head of petite Mary clutching onto a pole to keep from blowing away. Also, I have to thank Mary and George for inviting my family and me to watch the fireworks from their apartment on the 23 floor overlooking the Detroit River. The view was absolutely amazing since the fireworks went off right in front of the apartment, the beauty took your breath away. Although life took us into separate directions Mary was a special lady who I remember fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family.

Judy Stevens (Evola) - January 21, 2014 at 07:49 PM