



Mary Hardwick

November 8, 1960 - September 3, 2012

Conway, SC...Mary Lynn "Mare-Mare" Hardwick, age 51, of Old Reaves Ferry Road, died Monday at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Miss Hardwick was born in Landstuhl, Germany, the daughter of Larry J. and Carolyn Todd Grainger. She attended Pine Grove Baptist Church. Miss Hardwick was a graduate of Conway High School and the University of South Carolina. She was a much loved pre-school teacher. Miss Hardwick was known to many as "Southern Frau" and wrote extensively for The Lancer Universe. Kit Prate was her writing partner and dear friend. She was a big fan of James Stacy, Randolph Mantooth and Elvis. Miss Hardwick was predeceased by her sister, Terry Hardwick McKee and her beloved dog Corky. Surviving in addition to her parents are: two sisters, Tammie Dee Hardwick, Conway, SC and Jamie C. Paul and husband Tim of Conway, SC; one niece, "Kelly Bear" Paul and her beloved Fur Baby Nettie Maude.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM Thursday September 6, 2012 from Pine Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Glen Stanley officiating. Burial will follow at Price Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be sent to Horry County Animal Care Center, 1923 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Price Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Baptist Church
4686 Old Reaves Ferry Road
Conway, SC 29526

Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ *She was Just a BLESSING to all of us on the Lancer Groups and through her Stories
We will all miss her. See you in Heaven Mary*

Margaret Schmitz Compton - September 09, 2012 at 03:13 PM

EJ

“ *Elin Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Elin Jackson - September 07, 2012 at 06:46 PM

DJ

“ *Oh how the Heaven's are much lighter and brighter now that Mary (Southernfrau) has arrived. I know the angels are laughing and dancing higher than ever. She was a shining star for all here on earth who knew her. My love and prayers to her family during this time.
-Debbie Johnson*

Debbie Johnson - September 07, 2012 at 12:29 PM

MW

“ *Marion Wille lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Marion Wille - September 07, 2012 at 04:20 AM

KP

“ It is now the end of a very long day. Mary is with Jesus, and we're left here with our memories. Precious memories. In the background I'm listening to Josh Groban singing "You raise me up..."



That's what Mare-Mare did for me, for so many other; so many times.

*"You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains,
You raise me up to walk the stormy seas,
I am strong when I am on your shoulders,
You raise me up to more than I can be."*

Thanks, Mary. For everythng; for allowing me to be a part of you and your incredible family. Keep the Cheerwine cold, and a nice plate of soft molasses cookies handy for when the time arrives. I want to hear all the stories about what you've been up to in Heaven.

And, oh, Keep an eye on Skylar, will you? She's still trying to give Sawyer back, and she'd not dead certain about Sadie; who 'don't no nothing'.

Love you.

Kit Prate - September 07, 2012 at 12:30 AM

HM

She did the same for me...Ma...Mary put in a word for me when its my turn to walk towards those pearly gates...gosh were gonna have us a party...love you Ma.

I so miss you Mary...love you too.

Heather Mallard - September 07, 2012 at 04:21 AM

MH

Ma Prate that was Mare Mare's favorite Josh Groban song. I saw her tear up many a time while listening to it. She will be waiting on us...and when we see her again...maybe, just maybe she will break her rule on "NO HUGS".

MeMe Hardwick - September 07, 2012 at 04:06 PM

TD

“ *Tonda L. Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Tonda L. Daugherty - September 07, 2012 at 12:24 AM



“ *Prayers for God's comfort and love during this difficult time. We all enjoyed 'Southern Frau's' wonderful spirit, love and inspiration. She will be missed.*

Carrie Huebner - September 06, 2012 at 07:34 PM

JP

Ms. Huebner, thank you so much for your kind words.... Southern Frau will live on in her stories and in our hearts!!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:41 PM



“ *Carrie Huebner lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Carrie Huebner - September 06, 2012 at 07:33 PM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mary's family and friends. We will miss her creativity, artistry and friendship.*



Lisa Collins - September 06, 2012 at 07:13 PM

JP

Ms. Collins, thank you so much... I too will miss her creativity and artistry and without a doubt, her sense of humor and her love.

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:42 PM



“ *Heather Mallard lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Heather Mallard - September 06, 2012 at 06:28 PM

PH

“ *Although we never met, Mary provided me with so much joy with her writing. My condolences to her family and friends as we say "See ya later" to our Southern Frau.*



*Pamela Hollmon
Camden, SC*

Pamela Hollmon - September 06, 2012 at 05:53 PM

JP

Ms. Hollman, we thank you for your kind words... Mary will live on in our hearts and we will see her again some day.

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:44 PM

MJ

“ My heart is in tears for Mary and her beloved family. I 'knew' Mary through the Magnificent Seven fandom and Lancer fandom. She was a great influence on me to make better M7 & L collages:-) and I have been learning. She was fun to talk to and always very supportive to me, we had many neat conversations - long distance and by email. I never got to meet her face to face, but she was a great email friend. I will miss her and her wonderful collages, conversations and stories. Mary and you, her family are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless

Mary Ann Johnston

Mary Ann Johnston - September 06, 2012 at 03:56 PM

JP

Ms. Johnston, thank you so much for your kind words.. Mary was always willing to help anybody who wanted to learn and I'm so glad you knew her for the great person she was and will always be in my heart!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:45 PM

MJ

“ Mary Ann Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick



Mary Ann Johnston - September 06, 2012 at 03:51 PM

RH

“ I live in Australia and never met Mary in person but I've shared years of fun with her through our mutual love of writing and one silly old tv show. I loved reading her work and always looked forward to her feedback on my own stories. I would wait for it anxiously in fact. She had wonderful wit and a tremendous sense of fun as well as compassion and a great capacity for friendship. I will miss Mary terribly and my heart goes out to her family and friends. From a long way away, I am thinking of you Mary. Rest easy and shine your light up there in heaven. Give them all a laugh and shake the place up a bit.
Love Ros

Ros Hutchison - September 06, 2012 at 02:51 PM

JP

I thank you so much for your kind words.... You may have never met Mary in person, but you knew her none the less... she managed to convey that although she had tremendous faith in God and heaven, she could also be a pistol!!! Bless her heart!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:48 PM



“ I did not know this sad news until today. My heart is broken. I am so sorry for your loss. Mare Mare was one of a kind. She taught and nurtured my two boys, Robert and William, and they loved her very much. The world lost a wonderful person, but Heaven opened its gates to a wonderful new angel. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.

September 06, 2012 at 02:49 PM

JP

Thank you so much!! She touched the lives of so many children and we are proud of the many accomplishments of these children!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:49 PM

MP

“ I "knew" Mary through the Lancer fan fiction writers universe. The power of the internet is that you can meet so many like-minded friends throughout the world, without ever having to leave your home. The "Lancer Ladies" as we are also known have a common bond, that is deepened when one of us steps forward to share their stories for the enjoyment of all. Mary's stories were fun and frequent, and her memory will surely live on through her imagination. I'm glad to have "met" her through her writing, and hope her family will find peace and joy in their memories.
Condolences, Maureen

Maureen Preuss - September 06, 2012 at 11:39 AM

JP

Ms. Preuss, you like so many of her "Lancer Friends" have given much comfort to our family with your fond and glowing accounts of Mary's many stories. We thank you for sharing!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:52 PM

UH

“ Ute Hillenbrand lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick



Ute Hillenbrand - September 06, 2012 at 11:21 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry to read about Mary in the paper. My sincere sympathy to her family. She was a sweet person.

Beth Hyman Calhoun



Beth Hyman Calhoun - September 06, 2012 at 09:30 AM

JP

Beth, we thank you for your kind words. Mary had several stories she shared with us about you and many friends she had from High School!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:54 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Wright lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Theresa Wright - September 06, 2012 at 08:58 AM

GH

“ *My Mare-Mare, you were such an amazing person. Its hard to believe that someone you spent your first 12 years of life with, is gone. I saw you 5 days a week for 12 years. I will miss that laugh of yours. I will miss our little arguments about your hair being black but you insisted it was Brown. :) I'm a sophomore in High school with good grades and I will attend college and follow my dreams and you are one of the reasons I am who I am today. You made a huge impact in my life and your legacy will live on. Every child that ever went to Mary Waynes Nursery will never forget that joyful Mare-Mare. I love you. And I will see you later.
Love, Grayson Hardee*

Grayson Hardee - September 05, 2012 at 11:30 PM

ME

Sookie...Mary was so proud of you. You were and are one of our babies.

MeMe - September 06, 2012 at 07:35 PM

JP

Grayson, your words have touched !!! It so wonderful to hear that Mare Mare had such a strong infuence on your life!! I can tell you that she loved you and Chandler and spoke of your often!! I would love for you to keep in touch and let us know what your college plans will be. We love you!!!

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 07:57 PM

KP

Grayson - Mary was my treasured friend; a true child of my heart. She would be so thrilled and humbled by your sweet words. I know for sure she enjoyed the arguements! MareMare would argue the world was flat if you proposed it was round; and would do her darndest to prove it. You keep up that wonderful spirit and follow those dreams. Mary will be so proud!

Kit Prate - September 07, 2012 at 12:04 AM

SL

“ *Susan LeGette lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Susan LeGette - September 05, 2012 at 03:08 PM

SL

During my teenage years Mary's sister Jamie and I were very close friends. MANY days we would find ourselves standing in their kitchen with all four sisters (and me the adopted one! LOL!). It would only be moments before Mary would have us all laughing SO hard!!!! The house would be filled with an enormous amount of laughter and love. Mary had the best wit and sense of humor about her. She always knew what to say to cheer us up and help us keep our chins up.

My heart goes out to the entire family and I pray God may give you all the strength you need in the next few days and in the days after.

Love you all bunches,

~Susan LeGette~

Susan LeGette - September 05, 2012 at 03:26 PM

JP

Susan you truly were the other sister!!! We will miss her together, I am sure. We love you too!!!!

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:32 PM

TH

She did know how to make us laugh...thanks for that memory Susan.

Tammie "MeMe" Hardwick - September 06, 2012 at 07:21 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



marlene Campbell - September 05, 2012 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ To the family of Mary, My prayers go out for you at this terrible time...mary was a warm kind heart friend to all she knew..I meet her on fanfiction on Lancer Than and Now (her baby)..she encourage me and made me feel important..we shared a lot of laughs together...Mary taught me how to make collages...We will Miss mary and her humor..and her sunshine....She made us all reach out for..and try different things..My heart and love pours out to all of her family and her dear amiga Kit...Thank You Mary for putting a smile on my lips...Marlene Campbell

marlene Campbell - September 05, 2012 at 01:59 PM

JP

Ms. Campbell, I thank you for your kind words and we were proud to share her with you and all of her "Lancer Friends"!!!

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:34 PM

EJ

Mary gave us many wonderful hours reading her Lancer stories. I wish I could have met her, truly, Mary will be missed. My best wishes and prayers to your family. Elin 'EJ' Jackson

Elin Jackson - September 06, 2012 at 10:06 AM



Mary I so miss you. My heart goes out to all of the family. Words fail me at the moment but,, I will never forget you and what you did for me when I needed a shoulder to cry on, many a time.

I love you and always will. You were a special beacon of light in my life and one I looked out for daily, when I logged onto your forum LTAN. Your sense of humour, was amazing and your sense of fairness, loyalty, encouragement and compassion, outstanding.

You all have my very deepest sympathy because you and I know someone very special has passed. I so wish I could take your pain away. I am so very sorry.

R.I.P sister of my heart. ... love Heather

Heather Mallard - September 06, 2012 at 10:14 AM

JP

Ms. Mallard, thank you for sharing your story with our family. We are so happy that Mary was such a blessing to others.

Jamie Paul - September 06, 2012 at 08:00 PM

KT

“ *Karen Chestnut Townley lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



karen chestnut townley - September 05, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KT

I am so sorry for your loss. May God hold you in His arms during this difficult time.

karen chestnut townley - September 05, 2012 at 11:29 AM

JP

We thank you Ms. Townley...

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:34 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to Mary's family and relatives. I've never got the chance to meet her face to face but we communicated through emails and feedback on the Lancer sites. She had such a great sense of humor and her stories made my day more than once. She will be missed by all of us Lancer Fans. RIP Mary.*



Liette

Liette Bougie - September 05, 2012 at 08:36 AM

JP

Ms. Bougie, there is no doubt that Mary was one of a kind and her sense of humor was the source of much laughter for our family. We appreciate your kind words.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:36 PM

JB

“ With all my love, Janet. I will never forget Mary, even though we never got to meet face to face.

Janet Brayden - September 05, 2012 at 07:16 AM

JP

Janet, Mary always looked forward to your Sunday afternoon calls. Many times my family would be there and she would cut the conversation short to spend time with us... we appreciate your understanding at those times and we are thankful for that time.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:38 PM

JQ

“ I am so sorry for you loss. Praying your precious memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Janice Queen - September 05, 2012 at 05:45 AM

JP

Janice, thank you!!! We have so many memories that will bring us comfort and we will share them with each other often!!

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:39 PM

MO

“*Mary was a wonder. She was incredibly smart and funny, with an amazing gift of language. I can't count the times she made me laugh out loud while reading her stories and her emails. She captured the hearts of her characters in the stories she wrote and she was also so creative working with photos. We all benefitted greatly in the Lancer Universe from her talents.*

But SF's most precious gift was her heart. She was a person of great warmth and compassion. She loved her family and her animals with a fierce passion, and she was the best kind of friend to so many. She will be missed without measure.

To her loving parents I want to say thank you for giving the world such a marvelous girl. I hope you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. I wish that for you, all your family, and her close friends.

Mary O

Mary T Olson - September 05, 2012 at 03:24 AM

JP

Ms. Olson, I agree!! Mary had a heart of gold and loved to share her humor and talent with as many people as possible! We appreciate your kind words and recognition of Mary's talent!

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:41 PM

LT

“ Sending Love , thoughts and prayers for the family of Mary. I did not know her personally, just through her wonderful writing, but oh what a warm and loving person came through her words. She will be sorely missed by her many sisters in the virtual world of Lancer. God Bless you Mary, and console your family.
Lucy



Lucy Taylor - September 05, 2012 at 01:06 AM

LC

*Like others who have already commented here, I only knew Mary through her fantastic writing and her lovely posts on the Lancer list. She was always so generous to any new writer who needed encouragement. And her posts often left me laughing out loud, as she had a tremendous sense of fun. We will all miss her, terribly. I just wanted to let you know how special she was to so many of us, and to send you my love and prayers at this very sad time.
R.I.P. Mary
Lancer lives on!
Lynne*

Lynne Coulson - September 05, 2012 at 12:59 PM

JP

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Coulson, we thank you for your kind words. I can promise you that had you ever met Mary in person, she would have been the same person you knew as one of her "Lancer Friends"!!!!

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:43 PM

NG

“ My heart and prayers go out to the family of Mary. She was a really special person to me and so many others. Even though I didn't know Mary as long as others, she was a good dear friend to me. Mary encouraged me to continue my writing Lancer when I was going to give up. She would give me a boost with simple little things she would say in an E mail back to me after reading a chapter.

I will truly miss a person I only got to know on a computer, but the love she had for Lancer, James Stacy and all her friends is something I myself will always cherish.

Mary you were such an inspiration to me in more ways than you could know girl. I will forever miss my Lancer friend and mentor.

God be with you and go rest ye high on that Mountain Mary.

You are sorely missed and always will be loved.

Nancy Giles - September 05, 2012 at 12:49 AM

JP

Ms. Giles, Mary was an inspiration to soooo many!!! We appreciate your kind words and thank you for sharing your thoughts.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:45 PM

TD

“*Mary was a miracle and a gift from God to those who had the privilege to know her. She had the most amazing sense of humor, loved fully and without condition, shared her wonderful talents for writing and art, was willing to share what she knew, adored her family, her fur kids Nettie Maude and Petey, kids, and her Lancer family. She was very proud to be a Southern Belle with a giant attitude. It was, and is, hard not to love her, and her loss is a tragedy for us all.*

Prayers and love to her family and friends as they bid our beloved Southernfrau a fair journey to a better place. You are already greatly missed, dear friend.

"In the end, it is not how much you love, but how much you are loved that counts."

Author Unknown

SF, you are well loved!!!!!!!

*Tonda Daugherty
Lancer Then and Now*

Tonda L. Daugherty - September 05, 2012 at 12:12 AM

JP

Ms. Daugherty, although Mary used "Southern Frau" as her Lancer name, she was still the same person... heart of gold and a sense of humor that never ended!! She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her!!! Thank you for sharing your kind words with us.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:47 PM

CE

“ My heart has been breaking since I got the news late last night. It doesn't seem real. Mary was my friend, loyal and loving. We had so much in common -- our love of Lancer, of writing, taking care of our Mama's and our fur-babies. The last conversation we had was Sunday about our dogs. She left me laughing at Nettie's antics. It makes losing her seems so unreal. I am going to miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and her many friends as they grieve this tragic loss.

I love you my dear friend.

Charlene Edwards

Charlene Edwards - September 04, 2012 at 10:22 PM

JP

Ms. Edwards, it does seem unreal... she was such a special person to so many, including her fur babies!! We thank you for your kind words and we appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers for our family.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:49 PM

TH

Charlene...Mary loved hearing about your pups, especially your new addition. She would always "make" me look at the photos she posted. Your new furbaby is indeed adorable!

Tammie "MeMe" Hardwick - September 06, 2012 at 07:24 PM

KP

“*Mary came into my life like a whirlwind. It was like finding my other self, a kindred soul who loved life and appreciated God's sense of humor to its fullest. (Mainly that He had created the human race.) She was generous to a fault, always ready with a clever thought or idea; possessing a nimble mind and the ability to see things as they were or should have been.*

I feel truly blessed to have found her. She drew me in and became the child of my heart; and shared her remarkable family with me as if I truly belonged, even to Nettie and Petey.

She loved deeply and with all her heart; and never tired of sharing her strong feelings for her family. She proudly credited her Mama and Pa for making her the person she was; for giving her the love and support of a solid family of remarkable faith and patience. And oh, how she loved and adored her siblings and her niece, Kelly.

Her love for her family was rock solid and totally unconditional; just like her devotion to the children she taught and fostered.

I know without a doubt she is in Heaven; perhaps even calling the tune.

You are sorely missed, SF. You will always be remembered. I love you.

Kit Prate - September 04, 2012 at 10:00 PM

JP

Kit (I hope it's ok if I call you that), Mary felt the same way about you!!! She so loved the correspondence with you and so loved writing Lancer stories and making them special and wonderful!!! And yes, she loved her family more than anything in this world!!! My daughter, Kelly, was her child too..... We thank you for being a wonderful part of Mary's life and for giving her such joy.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:53 PM

TA

Ma Prate...Mare Mare loved you as much as you loved her.

Tammie - September 06, 2012 at 07:26 PM

BP

“ *So many hearts are breaking today as we try to understand how such a wonderful woman could be taken from us so soon. She was my friend, and my sister who I came to love dearly over the years. I will miss her wit, her passion and her talent as an artist and a writer. My thoughts and prayers are with her family now I pray for peace and comfort for you all. I will miss you Southernfrau.*

*Binnie
Lancer Then & Now*

Belinda Perude - September 04, 2012 at 09:22 PM

JP

Ms. Perude, we thank you for your kind words and please know that Mary would want you and all of her "Lancer Friends" to continue her stories and make them special and wonderful, just like she was.

Jamie Paul - September 05, 2012 at 09:55 PM



“ *Jeannine White lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Jeannine White - September 04, 2012 at 09:17 PM

JM

“ *Jeff Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Jeff Martin - September 04, 2012 at 09:03 PM

TL

“ *Tracy L lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Tracy L - September 04, 2012 at 08:18 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



Debbie Martin - September 04, 2012 at 07:47 PM



“ *Kim Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mary Hardwick*



kim rogers - September 04, 2012 at 06:37 PM