



Mary Pleiness

December 13, 1920 - October 5, 2014

Mary Frances Pleiness, 93, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

Mary Fran, it was noted in her grandfather's diary, was born to John (Lyman) and Mabel Fulton in Galion, OH on December 13, 1920. She attended Galion schools and was one of five valedictorians in her high school class. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University. While there she joined the Pi Beta Phi sorority, an affiliation she proudly maintained throughout her life. Upon graduation, Mary Fran worked in the Research and Development Laboratory at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., which was desperately working on the development of synthetic rubber to replace the supply of natural rubber which was disrupted by the war. It was there she met her husband, Ray. They were married for 61 years and were the proud parents of four children. Following Ray's retirement, the couple moved to Murrells Inlet, SC and traveled extensively. Their favorite place was Alaska where they enjoyed the beauty of a rare, cloudless day at Mt. McKinley.

Wherever she was living, Mary Fran was an active church member. She served the church in numerous capacities including Deacon, various committees and wherever needed. But her favorite role was Sunday School teacher. She labored for hours over each lesson, preparing each one

meticulously and with love. Oh, she did love her students.

Mary Fran was predeceased by her husband and parents. She is survived by her children: Linda (Charles) Steele of Delmont, PA; Nancy Olah of Surfside Beach, SC; Barbara Miller of East Hampton, CT; and David (Linda) Pleiness of Manchester, MO. She is also survived by six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law, Harold Pleiness of Michigan, and his three children.

The family would like to thank all of her care givers. A special thank you is extended to her many friends for their acts of kindness, as well as all of their thoughts and prayers.

A visitation of family and friends will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel on Sunday, October 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 13, at the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Thomas Thornton officiating. Burial will be held in Ohio next to Ray and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 418, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church
P O Box 418
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3751

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Barbara,
Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your Mother. My daughter has moved to Naples, Florida and I have been helping her move and have just gotten back so I'm a little late on answering my e-mails. I know how very special your Mom was to you. My Mom passed in December '07 and it seems like only yesterday. In fact, it's time for me to put wreaths on the family gravesite very soon. I was thinking about it for the last couple of days. This time of year is especially sad for families who lose loved ones around the holidays. That is a really nice picture of your Mom. I'm sure she was very proud of you and your accomplishments in life.



*Fondly,
Maria Peplau*

Maria Peplau - November 15, 2014 at 08:56 PM

GA

“ Barbara,
Please accept our heartfelt condolences upon the passing of your Mom.

Sincerely,

Gillie Augeri and Marlin Bensinger

Gilberta Roche Augeri - October 20, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JD

“ *Dear Barbara and family, I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your beloved mom. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Judy Dawe*

Judith Dawe - October 18, 2014 at 11:33 PM

MS

“ October 17, 2014

*Dear Family and Friends of Mary Frances Pleiness,
I first met Mrs. Pleiness more than 24 years ago, so I'm now very sad to learn of her recent passing. She was such a fine person, though I'd only met her on just a few occasions. We did, however, establish a correspondence over the years, and I was always thrilled to receive her letters, typed in her special script-style font. Mary Frances had been interested in our remodeling of a Victorian in Galion, Ohio. She had subscribed to the Galion newspaper while living in New Hampshire, so she followed the progress we made, turning the house into a Bed and Breakfast. When she phoned to make reservations to stay at our B&B in May of 1991, she mentioned that her mother had lived in our house. Oh my! She was excited to share her knowledge of the house and of the first family who had lived here at the turn of the 20th Century. Mary Fran and Ray returned to Galion several times, and their visits were special to me as their Innkeeper. They shared stories about Galion, along with photographs of the doctor who had built our house. Mary Fran's mother Mabel had lived with the family for 17 years, caring for the doctor's children, after he'd been widowed. I treasure Mabel and John Fulton's wedding gift from that doctor, which Mary Fran gave to us as our housewarming present. "It needs to return and remain in Galion," was Mary Frances' wish. We have all lost a very dear lady in Mary Frances Fulton Pleiness. My husband Bill and I wish to send our condolences to her family and close friends, and I hope they will stop by their "Grandmother Fulton's House," whenever they're in Galion, Ohio.*

With our sincere sympathy,

*Marge and Bill Sherron
The Rose of Sherron Bed and Breakfast
223 Harding Way West
Galion, Ohio 44833
419-468-3973 or rosebnb@frontier.com*

Marge Sherron - October 17, 2014 at 03:26 PM

DP

“ *Dear Family, My Condolences on the lost of your mom. She was an inspiration to me. I loved her and thought that when I get to be in my ninetys I want to be as active and put together as she was. Love to all of you. Deia.*



dpatsel - October 16, 2014 at 01:34 PM

IW

“ *Dear Barbara & Family, I'm so sorry about the loss of your mother. She sounds like she was an active, intelligent and caring woman who touched a lot of lives, and was very loved by her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you with this hole that has been left in your family circle. With sympathy, Irene Watson, Mercy HS '71*

Irene Watson - October 16, 2014 at 07:01 AM

JD

“ Barbara,

I am truly sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet Mother. You were on your way to see your Mom a couple of years ago but you freely used up some of that crunch time to address my concerns. What I contacted you about was not so important in the scheme of things but you never the less took care of me. That is a true testament to the goodness of your Mother and her special hand that will always guide your soul, Barbara.

You spoke of your Mother with such love that I melted and so missed my own Mom. These heroic women live on in our souls and the goodness that we continue share with others. The loss of your Mother is truly the first loss that you've grieved alone...

Her special gifts and love will serve you and your family well as you go through this most difficult time - You're never alone - Mary Fran is safe God as well as within your and your family's heart.

God Bless You and grant you peace.

Jane Nemecek DeFrancesco 1978

Jane Nemecek DeFrancesco - October 15, 2014 at 07:42 PM

PS

“ To Barbara Miller and Family,

My deepest sympathies go out to you at this difficult time. My dad just passed away less than a month ago and we are all trying to get through these trying times also, but we know he is at peace in heaven as well as your mom.

God Bless you all !

Patti Colavito Sheehan '70

Patti Sheehan - October 15, 2014 at 04:34 PM

LW

“ I feel like I've known your mom for years especially after all the beautiful stories you've shared with me about her. Your mother blessed so many people with her faith and kindness. Praying that you'll find comfort in your memories of her and in the knowledge that others are missing her, too. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs...With Love & Sympathy...Laurie & Jim Witkowski

Laurie Witkowski - October 15, 2014 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ A beautiful lady (and LADY is the right word) has gone to be with Ray and the LORD. We will miss her, but know that she is in heaven and happy. Lyle & Gail Sapough

Lyle Sapough - October 12, 2014 at 01:55 PM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will truly miss seeing her smiling face in church when I visit. (Nell's daughter Cindy)



Cyn Wichman - October 10, 2014 at 05:03 PM