



Mary Ellen Bell

June 28, 1937 - July 4, 2017

Mary Ellen Bell, 80, of Marion Center, PA, formerly of North Washington, PA, passed away Tuesday morning, July 4th, following a recent diagnosis of colon cancer. She passed quietly at VNA Hospice in Butler with family at her bedside. Born June 28, 1937, in Butler, PA, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Helen Dobson Caldwell. Mary Ellen grew up in Parker, PA, where she reigned as May queen, and worked hard at the local drugstore throughout high school. After high school, she worked in secretarial roles, retiring from Marion Center National Bank in July 2000. Mary Ellen enjoyed drawing, singing in her local church choir, and was a member of the ladies' card club in North Washington for several years. As a member of the North Washington VFD Ladies Auxiliary, she supported her community and events. She loved spending time with her family, which included many vacations and summer weeks at the river with her sisters and extended family. She and her sisters could often be seen at family functions performing the 'YMCA', to the amusement of everyone there! Mary Ellen was famous for her peanut butter fudge, and was known by her family, friends, and coworkers as a fun-loving and laidback lady. Her daughters always encouraged her to try out for 'Jeopardy', as she was a fountain of knowledge on trivia. Mary Ellen loved playing bingo, and watching all sports in her later years. She frequently won the local basketball pool. Known to her family and friends as 'Mare', she is survived by her daughters Kathleen Bell (Tim) of Millbury, OH, Kim Carothers (Don) of Butler, PA, and Robyn Bell (Steven) of Palm Harbor, FL. Also

surviving are siblings Tom (Kay) Caldwell of Parker, PA, Alda (Bob) Young of Marion Center, PA, sister-in-law Judy Caldwell of Antioch, TN, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and great-great nieces. In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by brother Lou Caldwell, sister Judy Ball, brother-in-law John Ball, and stepfather Squire Mills. Gathering of friends at 10AM, and memorial service to be held at 11AM on August 5th at the funeral home in Parker, PA (201 S. Wayne St.). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her honor may be made to: VNA Hospice, 154 Hindman Rd, Butler, PA 16001, or North Washington Presbyterian Church, c/o Vi Stewart, PO Box 84, North Washington, PA 16048. To view/send condolences, sympathy cards, flowers visit buzardfunerahomes.com

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *A Designers Choice was ordered on August 4, 2017*

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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“ *A SENTIMENTAL THOUGHTS was ordered on August 4, 2017*

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“ *A TABLE BASKET was ordered on August 1, 2017*

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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“ *A MONET'S GARDEN TABLE BASKET was sent by Priscilla and Keith Gomez on July 31, 2017*

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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“ *A TROPICAL DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS was sent on July 20, 2017*

Dear Robyn and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

With Heartfelt Condolences,

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Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

NG

“ *Kim, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Nate Gourley - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you.*

Sally Jordan Reed - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ *What a lovely note, Rob, thank you so much. Mom always asked how you all were doing, and was also looking forward to our get together.*

Robyn Bell - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

RT

“ A TRIBUTE TO MARY ELLEN

When Mary Ellen was employed at Nationwide Insurance Co. in Butler, PA, her daily commute to and from work was in my car as a paying passenger. For 3 years Mary Ellen and I rode together on our daily commute to Butler where we shared being in two separate automobile accidents, caused by other vehicles, and no personal injury to anyone, and Mary Ellen stayed on as my courageous passenger. During this period we had many conversations and I never once heard Mary Ellen ever be judgmental, or say anything unpleasant about anyone. She had a sweet nature and I always respected her, and found myself to be fortunate for having had this insight into a really nice person.

After moving to Pittsburgh, I was not to see Mary Ellen again until one day, twenty five years later, when living in living in VA, my daughter Lynne came home and told me, “Dad, my supervisor at my new job is Robyn Bell, and she told me her mother is Mary Ellen Caldwell Bell”. Robyn arranged for Mary Ellen and herself to have lunch with my wife Patricia and me, and our daughter Lynne, at a restaurant in DC. What a pleasant experience that turned out to be. Mary Ellen was still the same nice person.

Since all of my family now lives in FL, and so does Mary Ellen’s daughter Robyn we were in the process of planning a get together in either Tampa or Fort Myers Beach, whenever Mary Ellen came to FL this winter, and have a “small world get together”! This was not to be, and we are all sad.

R.I.P. Mary Ellen

Rob and Patricia Texter - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

PR

“ *Tom, Kay & Families, Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of Mary Ellen. Good memories go way back for me! She is in no pain and at peace now with God.*

Pat Riley - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

PR

“ *A candle was lit by Pat Riley*

on July 7, 2017 10:07 PM

Pat Riley - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

JG

“ *Kim, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May you find comfort in your memories.*

Jerri Giles - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ *Thank you Lynne.*

Robyn Bell - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

LS

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to all.*

Lynne Sullivan - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ *Thank you so much.*

Robyn Bell. - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

CK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. No one could make PB fudge like she could. I still have the handwritten recipe she included in my retirement card. We will cherish the memories until we meet again.*

Chuck and Brenda Kensinger - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ Thank you Charlotte.

Robyn Bell - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ Praying for comfort for the ones left behind.

Charlotte mckinney - January 15, 2019 at 12:51 PM