



Mary Ellen Munar

October 1, 1930 - December 26, 2016

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Born October 1, 1930 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Mary passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of December 26, 2016 in Gridley, with family present. Mary was 86 years old.

In 1947 Mary met Moses Munar while she was a cook on a ranch where he was the ranch foreman. They were together for the next 56 years. Most of those years were spent in Gridley where together they raised seven beautiful children. During these years Mary worked at numerous jobs to help make ends meet for the family. The jobs included farm labor, owning a second-hand store where they restored and sold antiques. During the 60's Mary and Moses owned an upholstery shop until they retired in the 90's. Also during the 70's Mary drove a school bus for the church school for a while and she absolutely loved the job. In the 70's she also enjoyed playing softball for a local team.

Mary and Moses gave a lot of their time and resources helping those in need. They opened their home taking in others in need on many occasions. Later in life Mary became a caregiver which was very much in line with her personality. Mary set a great example of love and hard work for her children and a lasting legacy of love, charity, and friendship in action, for all of those who knew her. Mary was full of humility, and if she were to read this paragraph she would probably respond, "Who me?"

Mary Munar is survived by five daughters and two sons: Gaile Kerrigan and husband Kerry (their son Corbin who passed away, but will always be with us); Patricia Brenner and son Christopher; Cathy Arias and husband John, and their daughters Theresa, Suzanna, and Alicia, and their families; Jennifer Nuss and husband Del and her children Angel, Jody, Katie, Wendy, and Leif; Janice Hinshaw and husband Eldan, and their children Amy and Travis and their families; Moses Munar and wife Kim, and their children Zachary and Kinzie, and their families; David Munar and his children Sarah, Dane, and Nalani. Mary was also blessed to have four sisters who lived in Gridley. Surviving are her sisters Hazel Wilhite, Betty Smith, and Alice Isaacson. Mary had seven brothers and sisters who preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life Service will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in Gridley at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, at 360 Indiana Street. There will be no viewing. A private interment (family only) will be at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



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