



## Mary Ann Hood

May 21, 1954 - May 26, 2011

Mary Hood, 57, of Vermontville, MI died Thursday, May 26, 2011. Ms. Hood was born May 21, 1954 in Kalamo, MI, the daughter of Maynard and Idella (Moon) Morehouse. She is survived by her significant other, Tim Hill; children; Richard, Raymond, Stacy (Julian) Robertson, Karen (Gary) Steede, and chosen daughter, Jacquie (Dan) Moss; grandchildren, Katie, Charles, Brittany, Kristen, Megan, Micheal, Haley and Zoe; mother, Idella Morehouse; siblings, Bob (Marlene) Morehouse, Teresha (Tom) VanAuken, Kathy (Randy) Whitaker, Freda Collier, Judy (Skip) Barcroft, Alvin Morehouse, Norman (Beth) Morehouse. She was preceded in death by her daughters, Michelle, and Tammy; siblings, Raymond, Sally, Ruth; father, Maynard; niece, Della. Mary will be remembered for her love of Halloween, making many costumes for herself, friends and family, and for her terrific talent for cake baking and decorating them. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM on Friday, June 3, 2011 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Swift officiating. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 2-4:00 PM and 6-9:00 PM. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Hood



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ It was a pleasure to work with Mary for the past 5 years. I will forever miss her smile. Words can not express the sadness that we all feel. May you rest peacefully Mary! My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Theresa Ward - June 04, 2011 at 08:45 AM

RO

“ Mary was so many things and had many great attributes, she was a friend, mentor, supervisor, and a ray of sunshine on the darkest days. Not a day at work went by that she didn't have a smile on her face and a spirit that smiled as well. Her positivity and kindness was contagious, you couldn't help but be in a better mood when Mary was around. You were the "sunshine of Maximus, and without you it seems so grey" but we will press on and make you proud. You taught me so much in the three years I've known you and have made working at Maximus very pleasant and fulfilling. You always knew the right things to say to open our eyes and put things into perspective and you indeed were an angel and friend to me. You are so Loved even still and will forever be remembered and missed.

RAQUEL OLGER - June 03, 2011 at 11:01 PM

AH

“ I am happy to say that I had the pleasure of working for Mary when I was working in Maximus. I never seen somebody who was positive all the time. She will be missed so much. My condolence goes out to her and her family and close friends.

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**Alan Humphrey** - June 03, 2011 at 12:30 PM

KO

“ Heaven is a better place now that you are there. You now run with the Angels. You will be missed more than words can express.

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**Kris Oade** - June 03, 2011 at 09:21 AM

TH

“ I will miss Mary. She was always so positive and always had a smile on her face. I had the chance to work with her for 8 years. She is a wonderful person and she had a wonderful spirit. I will remember the first day I met Mary in the training class, we were going around the room and saying a few things about ourselves and Mary shocked all of us when she said she listened to Heavy Metal. Mary's family and friends will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Mary will for sure be missed and Maximus will not be the same without her.

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**Travis Hills** - June 03, 2011 at 01:05 AM

SW

“ When I think of Mary, there is not one specific memory that stands out. It is more a conglomeration of memories. To me, Mary was a teacher, mentor, listening ear, adviser and friend. When I first arrived at Maximus after spending most of my professional career in offices with no more than 10 people and only one person to answer to, Mary was there to help me acclimate. When I became a lead, she taught me how to navigate office politics. She would remind me often that choosing one's battles is often more important than the battle itself. She inspired me daily to strive to be better. She reinforced to me that regardless of our challenges, the most important concept is not simply overcoming them, but the manner in which we overcome them. She was the apex of grace and class. I will miss her deeply and work every day to live up to the example she set.

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**Seth Waxman** - June 02, 2011 at 11:00 PM

LC

“ Mary always had a smile on her face and something positive to say to everyone she passed. I wish the world was full of Mary Hood(s)! what a beautiful, positive place it would be! I will miss Mary, but every time she crosses my thoughts, I will smile because of the happiness she brought to all who knew her. She was an angel among us :)

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**Linda Cogswell** - June 02, 2011 at 10:52 PM

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“ I may have not known Mary all too well, but she must have made my cousin, Tim, happy. I know that it is hard to lose someone so close to you. I will keep you in my heart and hope that everyone will always think of the good times you have had with her.

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**Andrea Summerfield** - June 02, 2011 at 06:02 AM

RP

“*Mary enjoyed life and was an amazing woman with a huge heart. She never viewed herself as disabled, only as a woman on wheels. I loved and respected her. Mary was competent in her job but always put a smile on the face of her co-workers. Mary had a glow and warmth that welcomed everyone into her circle. I know many will miss her and her zest for life. She was always able to get the job done. Farewell to a fine lady!*”

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**Rose Perry** - June 02, 2011 at 05:28 AM

RG

“*It was my honor to work with Mary for the last ten years. She was a fantastic boss and a wonderful friend. She was a bright light at Maximus and always went out of her way to be a positive and happy person. Shortly after I started working with Mary I was involved in an auto accident and had to be off work for several months, on the day I returned to work she asked me to come to her office. She asked how I was feeling and if I needed anything special to be more comfortable at my desk. She advised me that she understood what I was going through and if I needed anything, even just a moment to myself or to have a temper tantrum because things just didn't work the same as they used to, to come to her office and we could talk it out. Here is a woman in a wheel chair, offering me, a person who could still walk, a shoulder to cry on. I will never forget that conversation and at that moment Mary became a hero to me. Someone who could put aside her own private struggles to sympathize with a friend in need. I feel blessed to have had her in my life and will never forget her happy face. I can't help but picture her wearing her Chicken Hat and organizing the Halloween Party in Heaven :)*”

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**Rita L. Gothup** - June 01, 2011 at 10:25 PM

TC

“*Mary will be missed! She was such a happy person. She brought joy to everyone that surrounded her. Her obituary hit the spot noting that Halloween won't be the same without her!*”

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**Tara Clark** - May 31, 2011 at 05:07 PM

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“*My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary's family. I was lucky enough to work with Mary for many years and in all the years I have known her she has always had a smile and friendly word for everyone. She was such a strong and encouraging person, a true inspiration. Her presence will greatly be missed at work. I was blessed and I am thankful for the chance to have known her.*”

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**Michele Thompson** - May 30, 2011 at 09:34 PM

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“*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Mary Hood. She touched so many lives with her smile, kindness and wonderful personality. I always enjoyed working with her.*”

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**Aimee Brown** - May 29, 2011 at 11:10 PM

MP

“ New to the game, green as grass and not so sure what I was doing, ever making silly faults and fumbling along my way, patienceâ€™s was her middle name everyday. Some days, like anyone, lost in the rat race, stressed and needing to find me again, it would be written all over my face. “Why donâ€™t you come down to my office for a few minutes, I â€™d like someone to talk with for a minute.” Even when she had a million other things to do Mary was always able to see when someone was in need of someone to talk to even if she couldnâ€™t help you, she always had a story from her past or just the right words to make the rat race stop and life start again. All Mary needed was a minute to show she cared. In her work she cared beyond every call, wanting to help the person on the line and the people in her office. Her shoulders were strong enough to carry the weight of the world if they had to. Maryâ€™s heart was soft, loving and welcomed me from the first time our eyes met. Mary CARED. She showed that she cared and that is what has made her a woman that is loved and admired, I know she has impacted my life forever. Forever will I hold her in my heart, in my words, my actions, and the way I treat others. Tears will fall, hearts will ache Rain will fall, hearts will ache Stars will shine, as your eyes shined Rivers will run, as your life runs through us Whispers in the dark, angels are calling Shine of light, you are following You are gone, angels are crying Stars will shine, you are one Tears will fall, hearts will ache Rain will fall, hearts will ache For all that you have done Mary, hundreds of lives have changed, you will live on in our memories and everyday in moves that we make, thank you for being you.

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Myra Perry - May 28, 2011 at 12:57 AM