



Mary Elaine Ritter

September 27, 1950 - October 5, 2013

Mary Elaine Ritter, 63, of Potterville, died October 5, 2013. Mary was born on September 27, 1950, in Jackson, the daughter of Royal and Dorothy (Zimmerman) Ritter. She graduated from Charlotte High School in the class of 1968 before attending Ferris State and receiving a degree in Political Science. She returned to Potterville and worked as an underwriter with the Lansing Insurance Agency and the David Chapman Agency in Lansing. Following her retirement, Mary enjoyed her work in local politics. She was in her second term as the Benton Township supervisor at the time of her passing. She was an active member in the Michigan Township Association and an active volunteer with the Charlotte Recycling program. Mary was also a devout member and trustee of the Potterville United Methodist Church and was actively involved with the Order of the Easton Star. Mary is survived by her mother, Dorothy Ritter; sister Phyllis (Christopher) Reynolds of Alabama; brother, Dan Ritter; two nieces, Abbigail and Hannah; and her aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Royal Ritter in 1999, and her brother, David Ritter in 1965. Funeral services will be Tuesday October 8, 1:00 pm at Potterville United Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors Monday 2-4 and 6-8pm at the Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Interment will follow at Benton Twp. Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Potterville United Methodist Church, Brookfield Chapter 352 Order of the Eastern Star Education, or Potterville Benton Emergency Services Association (PBESA).

Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Dear Dorothy, Phyllis and Danny, We are so sorry and sad to hear about Mary. We have so many memories of our years together, Fast Community, Church our families being together. Our love goes out to all of you. Ernestine, Bruce Donnell and Debbie Taylor (Donnell)

ernestine donnell - October 26, 2013 at 03:28 PM

NB

“ I just wanted to take the opportunity to let you know how sorry I am for the loss of your precious loved one. I have your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you!

Nancy Burnett - October 10, 2013 at 05:39 PM

SP

“ Phyllis and Family, my prayers and thoughts are with you in the loss of your sister, Mary. May our God's presence comfort and strengthen you in this difficult journey.

Suzanne Powell - October 10, 2013 at 08:56 AM

DM

“ Phyllis, sorry to hear of the passing of Mary. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Debra Moody - October 09, 2013 at 02:30 PM

JG

“ Condolences to the Ritter family and friends. Mary was a recent acquaintance through local government contacts, but was always considered a friend. She was patient, considerate, civil, positive and dedicated. She always gave more than was required. Her role model served Benton Township, Eaton County and others in the highest level of performance. We'll certainly miss her leadership, smile and attitude. John Greenslit, Eaton County Parks.

John Greenslit - October 09, 2013 at 09:54 AM

LG

“ Phyllis, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for you and your family during this difficult time.

Latrece Gulley - October 08, 2013 at 09:21 AM

BC

“ We knew Mary for such a short time and enjoyed her smiles and friendly nature. She was at the top of her knowledge as she was Supervisor at Benton Township Hall. She is missed dearly!

Britt and Sandy Christie - October 08, 2013 at 09:03 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, Mary was a great neighbor to have.

Scott & Debra Baker - October 07, 2013 at 12:37 PM

JH

“ Ms. Phyllis, I am so sorry to hear this news about the passing of your sister. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Jimmy

Jimmy Hutto - October 07, 2013 at 12:10 PM

CJ

“ *John 14:1-4. Phyllis and family; May the Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow.*

Cynthia Jones - October 07, 2013 at 10:43 AM

RB

“ *I am so very sorry for your family's loss. I send my prayers and condolences. Though I never had the chance to meet Mary, I know she was truly loved from hearing stories from Phyllis.*

Randi Bozeman - October 07, 2013 at 10:23 AM

HO

“ *I was deeply saddened by the news of Mary's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family.*

Heather Owen - October 07, 2013 at 10:08 AM

LP

“ *Phyllis, Although nothing can ease your pain right now, please rest assured that your LBW family has you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Patterson - October 07, 2013 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ *Phyllis, I am so sorry for you loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Bass - October 07, 2013 at 09:55 AM

NW

“ *Phyllis, Although no words can really help to ease your loss, just know that you and your family are very close in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nancy Wiggins - October 07, 2013 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ *Phyllis, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will continue to be in my prayers.*

Linda Hartin - October 07, 2013 at 09:33 AM

SS

“ *Dear Dorothy, Phyllis, and Dan - I am saddened to hear about Mary's passing. She was a wonderful, kind, and beautiful person. May your faith in God bring you peace as you ride the waves of grief; God Bless You. Sandy Webb*

Sandy Webb Simpsons - October 07, 2013 at 08:07 AM

MM

“ *When I think of Mary so many words come to mind. As a co-worker I know that she was intelligent, determined, focused and hard working. As someone who also spent many lunches out with Mary and the gang, I know that she was fun, classy, dedicated and extremely devoted to her family, friends and faith. May God comfort all who who loved her. God Bless!!*

Marcia Miller - October 06, 2013 at 09:11 PM

CL

“ Gary & I were so sad to hear of Mary's stroke & then her death. We didn't see each other often, but when we did we always had a lot to talk about. I will always reember Mary telling me when I was first married that she hated to see dusty refrigerator top.I remember saying " is mine dusty !" "no " she said, but I always remember to dust it & always will! I will also always remember being Rainbow sisters. She was also with me the night before we had our son Jason. Our thoughts & prayers will be with you all! Love Gary & Carol(Pease) LaCross

Carol (Pease) LaCross - October 06, 2013 at 06:33 PM

CT

“ Mary - You will be missed by many.

Chris Tennes - October 05, 2013 at 08:54 PM