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Mary Murphy, age 81 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

She was born February 21, 1932 in Atlantic, Iowa, the daughter of Alvah and Bernice (Weinrich) Graham. She graduated from Atlantic High School. Mary married Joe Murphy on September 24, 1949 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

Joe and Mary settled on a farm just north of Adair, Iowa. In 1958, they moved to Atlantic, Iowa. After residing in Atlantic for two years, Joe became employed with the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources working in state parks. Due to his career, Joe and Mary moved numerous times throughout Iowa, including Pammel State Park, Winterset; Lake Darling, Brighton; Lake of Three Fires, Bedford; and Honey Creek State Park, Moravia. In 1989, Joe and Mary moved to Branson, Missouri upon Joe's retirement from the DNR. They moved back to Centerville in November of 2006.

Mary was a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family was very special and treasured, by her. She loved to host family gatherings and spend times with loves ones. Mary was also a very devoted child of God and worked on many church projects and groups over the years. She had a passion for art, spending many of her years creating and teaching others with her special talent. Mary owned Paint N Primitives for many years in Centerville teaching a large array of painting and craft classes. Once Joe and Mary moved to Branson she continued to teach classes, owned and operated The Hummingbird's Nest Bed and Breakfast, as well as sharing her talent with endless visitors of Silver Dollar City creating specialized parasol and other souvenirs. Most recently Mary was working at The Shoe Tree, volunteering at New Hope Counseling Center, attending and decorating the First Baptist Church, and enjoying time with her Bridge friends. She was always a gracious hostess opening her home to any and all that stopped in for a visit.



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She is survived by her husband of sixty three years Joe Murphy of Centerville; three children, Pamela (Gary) Messersmith of Centerville, Michael (Sherry) Murphy of Centerville, and Patric (Margaret) Murphy of Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Paula (Mark) Adams, Jason (Kelly) Murphy, Sean (Theresa) Murphy, Jesseca (Ron) DeVore, Jennifer (Brandon) Frampton, Sara Murphy, JT (Heather) Murphy, and Adam Messersmith; twelve great grandchildren, Franchesca DeVore, Madison Murphy, Jackson Adams, Dakota DeVore, Katie Murphy, Caleb Murphy, Karlie Murphy, Brenna Murphy, Zachary Murphy, Cora Frampton, Thomas Murphy, and William Frampton; one sister, Carol Jean Correll of Webster Grove, Missouri; and a multitude of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother-in-law R.J. (Jack) Correll. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10 AM, Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Centerville with Pastor Lloyd Johnston officiating. A fellowship gathering will immediately follow at the First Baptist Church. An inurnment will take place in the Iconium Cemetery at 3 PM. A visitation will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory from 10 AM-8 PM, with the family present from 6-8 PM. Memorials have been established to either the New Hope Counseling Center, the Iconium United Methodist Church, or the First Baptist Church and may be given to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

March 18, 2013 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Celebration of Life

March 19, 2013 10:00 AM

First Baptist Church 603 West State Centerville, IA



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:07 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Janet called me and told me of Mary's passing. I have such fond memories of many good times when my folks and all of us got together. Also of all the good neighborhood chicken fry's and fun times. Cherished lifetime memories. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rita (Sweeney) & Wayne Harris Posted by Rita (Sweeney) Harris - friend of family March 28, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I took tole painting classes from Mary in Ottumwa. She was a wonderful teacher and artist. I really enjoyed knowing her! Sorry for your loss! Posted by Myrna Hynick - Albia, IA March 23, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary and I were friends in Atlantic High School. I remember when she secretly told me her and Joe had gotten married. May God comfort Joe and family. Posted by Shirley Knudsen Law - Atlantic, IA - School Friend March 19, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Joe and Family - What a shock - We are so sorry to hear about Mary - She was a special lady and touched many lives - Our love and prayers to all of you - She will be greatly missed. Blessings
Jim and Mary Sandholdt Posted by Jim and Mary Sandholdt - Oskaloosa, IA - Longtime friends -
DNR March 19, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary was a special lady and touched many people with all her many activities . Praying for you during this time. Robert & Martha Van Sickle Posted by Martha Van Sickle - Moravia, IA - friend
March 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I took painting classes from Mary for several years and I am still painting using some of the techniques she taught. She was a very talented lady and one of the nicest people you could ever meet. My condolences to all of her family. Posted by Judy Buban - Mystic, IA - friend March 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary's smile is what I will remember, she loved children and was so patient with them. I will keep all of you in my prayers, may God give you peace in this time of sorrow. Posted by Patricia - Unionville, IA March 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Joe, and all of Mary's wonderful family, I want to express my sincere condolences. Mary was the exemplification of a child of God. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. I was blessed to have her as my friend. I am so very sorry for your loss. Greg and I are remembering your whole family in prayer. Love, NoI Posted by NoI Gorden - Centerville, IA March 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear about Mary, she helped me with so many projects through the years. My sympathies to you and your family. Posted by Suzanne Moore Steano - Bettendorf, IA - Friend March 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Their is sadness in my heart for the Murphy family. May your memories of Mary in the coming days, months & years bring smiles back into your hearts & lives. Posted by Deb Foglrsong - Centerville, IA - Family Friend March 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for Mary's passing. She lived a good, long life. My dad, Joseph Ryan, was Joe's first cousin, and was also from Adair, Ia. Lori Fairchild contacted me about Mary's passing. God bless ther family. Jane Ryan Posted by Jane Ryan - Tampa, FL - distant cousin March 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to pay my respects to Mary and Thank her for being a part of my sisters life. She meant a lot to her and my sister will miss her tremendously. T he future is hard to predict, I just hope the people close to us enjoy each and every day as it were their last. Posted by Deb - Knoxville, IA - Friend March 17, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have gotten to know Mary through New Hope Counseling Center. I must say it has been an honor and a joy. My heart is saddened to know that her cheerful smile and gracious heart will no longer be there to greet me on our Wednesday evenings, but I rejoice in the fact that Mary is with her King for eternity. May we all find comfort and peace in the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. Mary was truly a child of the King. I will miss her so. Posted by Teresa J. Thomas - Bloomfield, IA - Friend March 17, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

Oh my. Life is never what we expect nor death. When I think of your mother, your matriarch, I immediately think of the Shop on Main that is now the Columns. It was a tribute to her talent and artistry. Mary was always the most gracious and classiest. I am so glad you had her near you these last few years. Your memories of her, I am sure, will last a life time. Sent with our prayers for you comfort in this time of sorrow. Elaine and Jim Schweizer. Posted by Elaine Daniels Schweizer - Centerville, IA - family friend March 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady and will be greatly missed. Posted by Alan and Deb Miller - Lenox, IA - friend March 15, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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