



Mary Elizabeth Mason

April 12, 1936 - March 30, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Mason passed away on March 30, 2020 at 12:11 AM at Grove Integris Hospital. She was 83 years old.

Mary was born in Weddington Gap, Arkansas on April 12, 1936. She was the daughter of William Cannon, a quick witted Irishman, and Francis Spence Cannon, a somewhat serious German school teacher. They formed quite the pair, which provided for some interesting stories you will have to ask the family about sometime.

She was cherished, possibly even more so than normal, because prior to her birth her parents lost a six month old son, Melvin Ray Cannon on Dec, 5 1932, then 2 years later they lost a four month old son, Rex Murray Cannon on Dec. 4, 1934.

Mary would go on to complete high school in Fayetteville, Arkansas and actually worked in one of Sam Walton's first dime stores on the Fayetteville square at the age of 16. In 1953, at age 17, she made the most important decision of her life when she symbolized her dedication to Jehovah by water baptism at the International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses held at Yankee Stadium. The family accompanied her to witness this event and stayed in the historically famous "Tent City" right next to the Stadium.

Mary then met the love of her life, Gene Mason in 1956. Being the forever cautious person that she was, when Gene proposed to her, she responded by saying, "I'll have to think about it." After giving it some thought, she said yes, and they were wed on October 12, 1957 in Fayetteville Arkansas.

It was a simple wedding, Mary chose a dress she could wear again and her sister made the wedding cake. In the years to follow they had two daughters. Cynthia Louise was born on December 21, 1959 and then on May 11, 1963, they had Sandra Jean.

Mary was a very humble person who had many talents that few knew about. She wrote for the Grove Oklahoma Newspaper for a number of years and did human interest stories. She wrote and published a book of children's poetry, which she penned in her maiden name Mary Elizabeth Cannon, so as not to draw attention to herself. She also wrote a collection of poetry for friends and family that numbers well over a 100. During that time, with the help of a dear Sister, she decided to learn the guitar and went on to compose several songs. In taking on the role of "Gene Mason's Wife" Mary accompanied him on literally hundreds of funerals, weddings and Public Talks, all without complaint. She was a beautiful example of a faithful, supportive Christian wife and after losing Gene in death on July 18, 2014, Mary continued to prove how faithful she was and what a truly beautiful relationship she had with Jehovah. She showed us what a faithful Christian sister looks like and her knowledge of the truth was heart strengthening. Through out the years she was able to help many to make the truth their own and dedicate their lives to Jehovah, including her own daughters. She loved teaching others about Jehovah and her hope for the future where she would be reunited with, Gene, her parents William and Francis, her sister Kathleen Tackett, and get to finally meet her twobrothers, Melvin Ray and Rex Murray.

Mary Mason is survived by a Brother Keith Cannon of Red Oak, Oklahoma and 2 daughters Cindy Compton and husband Marty of Bernice, Ok and Sandy Lehr and husband Dan of Waverly, Nebraska.

6 Grandchildren, Crystal Corley and husband Jonathan, Jeremiah Lehr and wife Jaimee, Corry Compton and wife Jessica, Brandon Lehr, Kyler Compton and wife Bethany, Joshua Lehr and wife Theresa, and 11 Great Grandchildren.

A Memorial Service for Mary will be held on April 18th at 2 PM over Zoom.

Please call or text Cindy at 918-219-9197 for details for how to log onto the Zoom conference.

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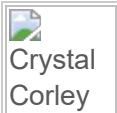
“ I have many fond memories of Mary and Gene! they were always smiling and encouraging to all in the congregation! My fondest memory of them is how they loved to waltz at our gatherings. They were very graceful on the dance floor! Hugs and prayers to all the family! Richard & Judy Reynolds

Judy Reynolds - April 14, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ I loved seeing Mary twice a week it always made my day! Mary helped me process the loss of my mother without asking. She would play songs while I cleaned. Many times she would teach me new things in life and give me pamphlets to read and if I didn't understand she would teach to me in a loving way. I will truly miss Mary and cannot wait to see her again.

Tricia Pearce - April 13, 2020 at 05:10 PM



Crystal Corley

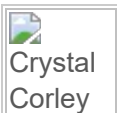
Thank you for loving my Nana and helping take care of her. She loved teaching for sure.

Crystal Corley - April 14, 2020 at 01:52 AM

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“ I will miss seeing Mary's beautiful smile and her loving hugs. She was the sweetest and kindest lady! She was truly beautiful inside and out. See you soon! ❤️

Mary Paulding - April 13, 2020 at 04:58 PM



Crystal Corley



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