



Mary Louise Jerrell Noblitt

September 8, 1936 - May 6, 2014

Mary Louise Jerrell Noblitt, 77, of Harrisonburg VA, passed away in the early hours of May 6, 2014 in Salem VA after a brief convalescence.

She was born on September 8, 1936 in Rose Hill VA and was married for 23 years to the late Jerry Spencer Noblitt of Reidsville NC.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Noblitt of Newport News VA and Sandra Auer (Ted) of Middleburg FL; a sister, Janice Pagans (Grady) of Roanoke VA; four grandchildren, Sabrina Hodges, Palmeira Burnsworth (Bradley), Mitchell Rawson (Christy), and Gregory Rawson (Nicolle), all of Florida; five great-grandchildren, Liam and Katheryn Rawson, Benjamin Burnsworth, Garrett Dabrowski, and Blaine Rawson, also all of Florida; a niece, Sherry Hutsell (Andrew), of Tennessee; and two nephews, John Jerrell (Denise), of Jonesville VA, and Brian Jerrell (Stacey), of Gate City, VA. She was the daughter of the late Hobert and Faye Jerrell and the sister of the late Virgil Jerrell of Rose Hill.

Her family and many friends feel a sense of loss that cannot be fully expressed. She was a beloved and accomplished Associate Professor until her retirement from James Madison University, having earned her Bachelor's degree from Radford College and her Master's and Doctorate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Dr. Noblitt was the long-time State

Director of Virginia Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and a major supporter of Virginia Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She also served as Treasurer of the Virginia FBLA-PBL Foundation. She was known for her boundless energy, her tireless support of and enthusiasm for the JMU Women's Basketball program, and her love of live theater and gospel music, among many other interests.

Services and interment will be held on Friday, May 9 at the church she grew up in, Silver Leaf Baptist Church, in Rose Hill VA, and officiated by Rev. Ronnie Owens. Visitation will be from noon until 2 pm, with the funeral service at 2 pm and burial immediately following.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Virginia FBLA-PBL Foundation, c/o Sandy Mills (State Specialist), 115 Marshall Lane, Winchester VA 22602, or to the Silver Leaf Baptist Church, 2716 Old Nursery Road, Rose Hill VA 24281.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I'm so sorry to learn that Mary passed away. She was one of my instructors and encouraged me to go further with my education. She became a good friend and later embraced me as a coworker. She was a very special person in my life. She and I lost touch of one another after leaving Longwood. I'm sorry that my search for her ended with this news. My sympathy to her family for having lost such a sweet and special lady.

Susan Armontrout - February 09, 2024 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mary Louise Jerrell Noblitt*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM

PM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mary's death. She was an integral part of the JMU Crown Club for many years and we had many fun bus trips together. I have a lot of fond memories of our New York trips....traveling to away games....working concessions...and helping with team receptions. She had a quick smile...was so very caring towards others...and made a mean pitcher of iced tea. She will be missed by so many different circles in her life. My sincerest thoughts and prayers to her family and friends.

Peggy McHugh - May 09, 2014 at 08:45 AM

AW

“ *Sandra and Nancy,*

I was so sorry to hear that Mary died. She was such a sweet woman and great friend to my mom. Thinking of you all at this sad time.

Alison Hamlett Wilkins

Alison Wilkins - May 08, 2014 at 06:55 PM

SP

“ *Mary was a true professional and a very special friend. She was good in every way and went out of her way for others, whether they were colleagues, family, students, friends, or just someone off the street. She was always there for anyone who needed her. My special condolences to Nancy, Sandra, and the entire family. She was dearly loved by all of us and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you! Sandra Price*

Sandra Price - May 08, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ *Nancy & Sandra, I am sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a sweet and very talented lady. Condolences to your families and may you find comfort in remembering all the special times you shared with her as a family.*



Mary E Hendrix - May 08, 2014 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ So sorry to learn of Mary's passing. She was always a welcoming sight at the women's games at JMU. As a member of the Crown Club, she reigned royally over the buffet table when the players were being fed. Her cucumber sandwiches were the best! My sympathies to the family - we'll miss her. JoAnn Smith

JoAnn Smith - May 08, 2014 at 07:58 AM

NM

“ Dr. Noblitt was a true educator and her wisdom I still look back on today. She was an important and long standing fixture in FBLA and PBL.

Nicole Teagle Mcpherson - May 07, 2014 at 08:38 PM

BB

“ Mary was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with her family in this time of their loss.

Betty Brown, Muncie, IN

Betty Brown - May 07, 2014 at 08:15 PM

DD

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Dr. Noblitt's passing. She was one of my very favorite JMU professors. She even took a group of us to Nashville for a national Phi Beta Lambda conference. She will be missed and she left a lasting impression on me. May you all find comfort through your many fond memories. Rest in peace, Mary.

DD Dawson - May 07, 2014 at 04:09 PM

LA

“ *Lynette Aker lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Jerrell Noblitt*



Lynette Aker - May 07, 2014 at 03:01 PM

LA

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Nancy. You have my deepest sympathy.

Lynette Aker - May 07, 2014 at 03:02 PM