



Mary "Sissy" Dowdy

February 9, 1959 - August 16, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary "Sissy" Dowdy

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Mary "Sissy" Dowdy, 65, of Murphysboro, passed away on Friday, August 16, 2024 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Mary was born on February 9, 1959 to Marion Doyle and Mary Elizabeth (Coursey) Grier in Atlanta, Georgia. On January 12, 1973, she married her love of over 50 years, Larry Dowdy, Sr. and he survives.

She retired from Southern Illinois University where she was supervisor of admissions. In her spare time, she loved to play blackjack and bingo.

Along with her husband, survivors include her sons, Larry Dowdy, Jr. and Darrell Dowdy (Laurie Watrous); daughter, Dion Kendra Phillips; grandchildren, Braxton, Britni, Skyler, Gracie, Torie, Alyssa, Aaron James, Lizzie, Dallas, Corey, Austin; 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, John Jr., Mikey,

and Junior; sisters, Kelly and Sarah; nieces, nephews and other relatives; and long-time friend, Lynn Naumann.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Tyler; brother, Barry; and sister, Deborah "Debo."

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Noah Fritche officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Zion Cemetery. Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

AUG 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Zion Cemetery
Murphysboro, IL

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Julie Fox lit a candle in memory of Mary Dowdy



Julie Fox - August 20, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JF

“ She was like another mother or sister to us and our moms best friend! Can't hardly believe it. Love her like nothing else! ❤️❤️❤️❤️
❤️❤️ Prayers and hugs to all the family and friends.

Julie Fox - August 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

JC

“ John and Linda Coursey lit a candle in memory of Mary Dowdy



John and Linda Coursey - August 20, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary "Sissy" Dowdy.



August 19, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary "Sissy" Dowdy.*



August 19, 2024 at 07:00 AM



“ *Sissy, you were a very dear and spacial friend to me. I worked at SIU with you. Marilyn and I are going to miss our Wednesday lunches with you. I'm going to miss enjoying Bingo at the American Legion with you. I'm going to miss our long friendship. My condolences go to your loved ones.*

Colleen Kerley - August 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM