



Mary E. Downs

October 17, 1925 - June 29, 2018

Mary E. Downs, age 92, of Cairo, died at 8:45am, Friday, June 29, 2018, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born on October 17, 1925 in Cairo, the daughter of Joseph Riley and Lydia E. (Mosley) Neathamer. She married William Roy Downs on November 25, 1942. He preceded her in death on July 4, 2005.

Mary worked for Bunge Corporation for 25 years as an accounting clerk. She was a member of Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church as well as a Sunday school teacher for many years. Mary liked to read and work on puzzles. She loved playing bingo and enjoyed fishing and other outdoor activities.

She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Haynes of Alabama and Brenda (Tim) Richter of Cairo; sons, Philip (Debby) Downs of Chattanooga, TN and Wayne (Lisa) Downs of Salem; 7 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Lynda (Mike) Keller of Minnesota and Sally (Mike) George of Tennessee; brother, Vernon (Nina) Neathamer of Cairo; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Lydia; husband, Roy; brothers, Thomas Neathamer and Martin Neathamer; sister, Jonell Hargus;

grandson, Nicholas Downs.

Funeral Services for Mary E. Downs will be held at 11:00am on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church in Cairo with Rev. Doug Atkins officiating. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until the hour of the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church and envelopes will be available at the church.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Memorial Gardens

Villa Ridge, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church
Cairo, IL

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church
Cairo, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Downs*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She always had a smile for everyone! Please accept our deepest sympathy. Praying for your family.*

Larry and Mary Ellen Mohundro

Mary Ellen Mohundro - July 05, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ *We never wanted for hugs, kisses and cozy chats when visiting with Aunt Mary. Her wonderful and funny memories of our father, Martin, and our mother, Helene, (often to their dismay) helped to us to better know our parents before they were our parents. I know that Mary is in the loving embrace of her mother, father, brothers and sister and all that have been waiting for her arrival. Much Love from the Louisiana Neathamers, Joe, Mayte, Mark, Lisa, Susan, Marc, Ricky, Lisa and Robert.*

Susan Neathamer - July 02, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *The Louisiana Neathamer Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary E. Downs.*

The Louisiana Neathamer Family - July 02, 2018 at 10:07 AM



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“ So many fond memories, that wonderful laugh and her voice's lilt, her boundless spirit, she always felt more like momma's little sister than a cousin. She will be much missed and forever loved. RIP our sweet Mary.

Mary Ellen Herbison - June 30, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ Bobby, Frankie and Mary Ellen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary E. Downs.



Bobby, Frankie and Mary Ellen - June 30, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Downs.



June 30, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ "Amazing Grace" Keepsake Memory Box was purchased for the family of Mary E. Downs.



June 30, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Downs.*



June 30, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *I will always treasure our talks and visits, how you were there to step in during dark times with love and hugs, and always had a smile and an open door. Love you always.*



Margaret Hargus - June 30, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary E. Downs.*



June 30, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *Scott & Melanie Haynes and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mary E. Downs.*



Scott & Melanie Haynes and Family - June 30, 2018 at 09:55 AM