



Mary Elizabeth Horwath

September 17, 1947 - September 14, 2013

Mary Elizabeth Horwath, 65, of Albuquerque NM, died Saturday, September 14, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Jim Horwath; her daughters, Tanya Loven and husband Eddie and Renae Moran and husband Dan; three grandchildren, Tanner, Jacob and Ashley; and her mother, Iris Miller. Mary is also survived by her siblings, Carl Miller, Cindy Tapia, Larry Miller and Frank Kyte; and several nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and people who loved her, a never-ending extended family, too many to name. She was preceded in death by her son, Clifford and her father, Ray Miller. Mary was born September 17, 1947 in Colorado Springs, CO. She was raised on the farm east of the Springs and moved to Albuquerque when she was eight. Mary was a true matriarch. She was the center of her family. She devoted her time to her grandchildren, family and friends. Mary loved the outdoors; camping, hunting, gardening and NASCAR. More than anything, she loved to be in "God's Country." Mary passed away suddenly from unknown causes with her husband and children by her side. Memorial Services for Mary will be held Monday, September 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m., at FRENCH – Lomas. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to New Mexico Boys Ranch in memory of Mary Horwath.

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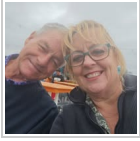
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“ I don't think there is a memory I have (being a child) that didn't include Mary. Myself, Tanya, Renee, and Monica caused much excitement in the neighborhood and Mary would always just smile and shake her head saying girls, girls, girls. I went on many camping trips with the family and played many card games with them. Mary was a master card player..... and story teller! She could tell some of the scariest stories and all of us girls would hold tight to each other under the covers. She was always singing and dancing around the house. I am blessed to have this beautiful woman guide me as a child and help me to embrace the love of nature. I have so many memories that I can't possibly write them all. I want Tanya, Renae, and Jim to know how much I loved her and that I hope to catch up on our Mom stories when you all come down to the lake. I love you all!

Kim (Lente) Artman

575-740-5342

Kimberly Artman - December 27, 2013 at 04:34 PM

MB

“ Mary came to visit my family while we lived in Montana. She stayed in a room with me in a spare bed and around 11:00 that night she whispered.. Mike, are you awake? I answered Yes, are you? After she quit laughing at me we ended up talking most of the night about anything and everything.

I can still hear her laugh, and.. well I have always been the person standing in the corner. Mary is one of those very special people who wouldn't let me stay there.

Oh, and thanks to UNO and Mary, I learned how to lose gracefully. And often.

Love you and Miss you,

Mike Bonner

Mike Bonner - October 03, 2013 at 03:54 PM

PT

“My family has been friends with Mary and the family since we became neighbors in about 1980. The girls became very close and were always at our house or theirs.

Mary always seemed to have reptiles or spiders as pets. When my daughter, Paula, was in middle school Mary gave her a snake, which I was not happy about. Shortly thereafter, we moved a few blocks away from the Horwath's. The snake proceeded to escape from it's cage and was coiled on my kitchen counter. Of course Paula was not home. I called Mary and said "Please come and get this snake off of my counter. She drove right over to my house, got the snake and put it back in it's cage. She was such a good sport!

After that she was going to give Paula a tarantula, and I said, "NO WAY!"

Mary was such a special neighbor and friend to all of us.

"Mary, we love you and will miss you!"

Peggy Turner

Peggy Turner - October 01, 2013 at 12:40 AM

PS

“She was a special lady! Great memories! She will be missed by many.

May God keep her close.

Paul Stipe

Paul Stipe - September 25, 2013 at 10:58 AM

JU

“ We wanted to extend our prayers to you all at this very difficult time. We know "Mom" is in a wonderful place now but, selfishly, we wish she was with us for a longer time. We will miss her wonderful, joyous presence on all the field trips.

Love- The Cherian family (Biju, Julie, Luke and Gabe)

Julie - September 24, 2013 at 04:24 PM

PK

“ I just want to say you all are in my thought & prayers. I worked with Jim a longtime ago when we were still Oce Bruning. Take care. Pat Kunceovich, II.

Pat Kunceioch-Wagner - September 24, 2013 at 10:33 AM

NL

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. I considered her both a friend as well as a valued customer during my time with Oce/Bruning. My prayers are with you all. Nancy Lara, Denver, CO.

Nancy Lara - September 24, 2013 at 09:44 AM

SL

“ We are very sorry to hear about Mary's death. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
Diane & Sandy Lauder

Sandy Lauder - September 24, 2013 at 09:04 AM

FE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I love you Mary and always will. Your Aunt Frieda Mae

Friesa Mae Elliott - September 23, 2013 at 01:15 PM

ED

“ We know you are heartbroken; our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Love,
Chris, Edie, Brayden and Austin Leija

Edie - September 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM

FK

“ Mary was my sister because I was fortunate to be taken in, adopted by, the Miller family. I was the little boy who lived next door and wouldn't be the person I am today if our lives had not crossed paths more than half a century ago. I can't think of the words to say to ease the sense of loss we all feel. It is an honor to be a part of the family that had such an impact on my life! I will miss our long talks over a cup of coffee, or a green chili sandwich, her example of how to be a loving, nurturing Mother/Grandmother, the laughs and tears we shared over the years! I love you Sister, and enjoy a dance with Dad for me!

Frank Kyte

Frank Kyte - September 23, 2013 at 10:57 AM

EJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family! It is not often that you truly enjoy spending time with the mom of your friends, but Mary was like a friend and she was always one of us! Fun and light hearted! Will miss her smile and her infectious laugh! God Bless!

Erica, Greg and Hunter Jaramillo

Erica Jaramillo - September 23, 2013 at 09:59 AM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Horwath.*



September 22, 2013 at 11:23 PM



“ *Tanya and Renae, I wish that the rest of the family could be with you both during this time. Your mother was an amazing lady who always made us feel so welcome and loved. She will be missed. Your family is in my prayers. Brian Schmidt*

Brian - September 22, 2013 at 11:12 PM



“ *Although Mary technically isn't my aunt, the Miller/Horwath family is my family. Mary and my dad and later my mom were forever friends. Mary always said it like it was and loved with her whole heart. One memory that can still make me laugh out loud is the damn frog incident. Mary helped teach me how to play in the mud. I wish I could be there to give you all a hug and to celebrate the life of the amazing Mary!!
Love to you all
Laura (Ulibarri) Harrington*

Laura Harrington - September 22, 2013 at 10:45 PM



“ I will never forget the year that Mary, Jan, Kathy M and my Mom turned 40... Dad flew them in to Florida to surprise Mom. He sent t-shirts to them to wear as they got off the plane. HAPPY BIRTHDAY KATHI. 3 words, 3 ladies... They got off the plane and it read HAPPY KATHI BIRTHDAY! Nice job ladies! I wish I had a picture of that...

Deb Gualano - September 22, 2013 at 09:56 PM

HM

“ What can I say about my Aunt Mary.. I love her so much.. The earliest memory I have though, is at the cabin. She put a frog on my head. I was barely talking. The frog peed on my head and she said "damn frog" so I repeated it.. All day.. Aunt Mary was a great lady.. I miss her every minute of every day...

Heather Martiss - September 22, 2013 at 08:05 PM

LL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to all of the family in this sad time. Memories of Mary will live on forever in all of our hearts. With love Loran and Lavonne Huber and family

Loran and Lavonne - September 22, 2013 at 05:46 PM

GZ

“ MARY WAS "SOME" KIND OF GAL!!!OVE TO ALL OF THE FAMILY. GUDO & JO ANN ZECCA

GUIDO & JO ANN ZECCA - September 22, 2013 at 02:09 PM

ML

“ Mary was such a special woman. I cared very deeply for her and admired her very much. I never knew Mary in high school, but if I'm not mistaken, I met her during one of our MHS'65 monthly lunches in 1997. I liked her immediately! She had a tough exterior, but inside, she was the softest, warmest, generous and sweetest people I had ever met, and....she was smart! Mary had a good heart! I have so many fond memories of Mary, but three of them are that during one of our reunions, she gave me and Nicki each a purple canvas tote bag with Manzano Class of 65 stamped on it because we had chaired the reunion committee. I couldn't believe what a nice gesture that was. I still use it for all my MHS reunion papers. Then, when the remains of my brother were discovered in Vietnam during our 40 year reunion, she collected almost \$300 for me and I applied it to the most beautiful professional scrapbook I had done of my brother's life and took it to Washington, DC and displayed it for hundreds of Marine Vietnam Veterans and survivors of that battle to look at when we buried his and the remains of his 12 comrades . The Veterans were ALL overwhelmed by my brothers scrapbook and many tears were shed by them and my family. Mary had A LOT to do with that. Then, when I had my first grandchild, she called me and asked if she could come over to my home because she had something for me. She had asked her mom to make me a Precious Moments Blanket and gave it to me beautifully wrapped. I was so overwhelmed and grateful with her kindness and generosity. She didn't have to do this but she did and to this day, my granddaughter and now my grandson use this blanket ALL the time. It's been back and forth to their home and mine, but it remains "my" blanket and I do and will always treasure it for the rest of my life.

Mary had a way to make a person feel special and she always made me feel special.

This week has been so sad and difficult for me and I know MANY others in our class. I will miss Mary and never, ever forget your wonderful mom and wife. She was loved by many. I was truly blessed to have met her and have her in my life. Our next class

reunion and probably last will not be the same without her. There won't be anyone to "whip us into line" :).

God Bless you and your family for your great loss.

*Respectfully,
Margaret Lopez-Coplen*

Margaret Lopez-Coplen - September 22, 2013 at 09:47 AM

EO

“*Mary is part of me forever. Until I Met Mary, and her wonderful family at a Nascar race, (God knows how many years ago) I had never met anyone that was like her. Her laugh was so contagious. She embraced life, she chased after it. She took \$127 dollars from me and 3 of my family (cleaned us out) during a dice game that we taught her to play an hour before. I reminded her of that every time I saw her for years. She would laugh at her own vulnerabilities. She would openly, honestly, and loudly profess her true feelings about anything. She made me feel better after I lost my brother Scott 2 years ago so tenderly. She did not wear a mask. She was exposed for the world to see into her heart. That is what I think is great about her. You knew where you stood with Mary. She told it like it was to me and was never shy to discuss her love for her family, her passions, or her dislike of certain Nascar drivers and her wisdom about how great Tony Stewart is. In my life, she is the definition of a "true blue" character. The world would have been darker if her light never glowed. Because of her, a lot of other lights still shine in this world and that makes me smile. I will miss you Mary, please say hi to Scott for me.*

With Love,

Eric Overbey

Eric Overbey - September 21, 2013 at 11:31 AM

CW

“ Mary was one of my favorite people. She was fun to be with, easy to talk to and would listen to whatever I needed to bitch about. I will miss her. The next MHS reunion will not be the same!

Cynthia Widman

Cynthia Widman - September 20, 2013 at 02:17 PM



“ Mary was one of those people you never forget. At La Mesa Elementary I remember her as a brave and kind friend. You are in my prayers.

Teena Boydston Marcus

Teena Marcus - September 20, 2013 at 01:36 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Memories Album



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 20, 2013 at 11:06 AM

CT

“ *My heart is broken and I keep asking WHY? I hear my sister saying "why not" just remember all the good times we shared and love. I hear her singing "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to", or "It's 4 in the Morning" I hear her tell me not to worry that she is here with us all and will see us through this hard time.*

*I LOVE YOU and WILL MISS your laugh and smile.
your little sister Cindy*

Cynthia Tapia - September 20, 2013 at 10:58 AM

KN

“ *In Junior High School, at about the intersection of Hannett and Dakota, I remember Mary being brave enough to ride on the back of a Cushman motor scooter..... brave because her Mother had forbid her doing that very thing. The end result was that Mary got a bad burn on her ankle from the exhaust pipe and had to hide that by pulling her bobby socks up long on her legs. We laughed together about that at the 40th reunion. Mary, you were always such a joy to be around, and a good friend. My heart is breaking in tow at your passing. You are most dearly missed.*
Kris Nylander

Kristina Nylander - September 20, 2013 at 08:50 AM

VR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*
Jerry Loven, Vicki Roiz and Mike Loven

Vicki Roiz - September 20, 2013 at 08:03 AM

LW

“For over ten years I was honored to be Mary’s next door neighbor. We met when one of my kids threw an egg at another of my kids and hit Mary’s Bronco II (remember how she hated it when Ford stopped making the Bronco II?!). It was Easter I think and I marched the kids over to apologize and to clean up. Mary and I had nothing in common. We became soul sisters. We traded plants back and forth so much that our yards looked like they had been landscaped by one person. We raised our kids together. We cried together, we laughed together—oh how I have loved that infectious laugh of hers. We entered a half marathon or 10K, I forget which, and actually walked the whole thing. We walked most mornings talking about all the important things of family, husbands and life as we knew it. I worked for Jim and Mary for five years when they started their own business. She helped me through life’s tragedies and celebrated the events that needed celebrating (even if just over coffee). Even when we left for Jemez Springs, Mary was always a friend that mattered. Life got in the way over the years, but all it took was a giggle over the phone to be back in the groove. The world is a sadder, lonelier place without Mary, but I will treasure all of the joy, laughter and love she brought and left for those of us that remain behind.

Leone Wilson - September 19, 2013 at 04:53 PM

JS

“It was a privilege to know Tanya and Renae as elementary students. It was also an adventure to know such a wonderful, caring and capable parent as Mary. As a counselor you often saw troubled families, but to see such a together family was a joy. I know that Mary had to be a terrific grandparent and all of you will miss her greatly.

Jim Souter

Jim Souter - September 19, 2013 at 03:30 PM

EB

“ Mary was always quick with the whit or a kind word or a swift kick in the back side if you were doing it wrong, but always with love and a smile. I know how much she loved her family and friends and those of us that knew her knew how lucky we were. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends.

Erin Brown - September 19, 2013 at 02:46 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Horwath.



September 19, 2013 at 02:33 PM

JH

“ Mary will always be remembered as a most wonderful person , many things for her friends and family to be confronted with. Thoughts and preyers for her loved ones.

John Hudson

John Hudson - September 19, 2013 at 12:53 PM

SW

“ My thoughts and prayers go to the family of Mary. She and I had several classes together at MHS "65.
Stanley Whittet

Stanley Whittet - September 19, 2013 at 11:39 AM



Anna
Poole

Mary was the glue that held us Monarchs together and now like the down of a thistle she's flown home. We will miss you, dear Mary. Anna McCleery Poole, MHS '65

Anna Poole - September 20, 2013 at 02:22 AM

LR

“ *As a classmate of Mary's at Manzano High School in Albuquerque, NM, my sincere condolences go out to Mary's family at this time of loss. She was taken from all of us too early, and I'm sure her joyful smile and loving presence will be missed.*

Sincerely,

Lisa Halama Abel Rutherford

Lisa Rutherford - September 19, 2013 at 11:20 AM

LL

“ *Psalms 34:18 - The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

As Mary's family and friends mourn her leaving her "earthly home," I pray that each and every one of you will take comfort in knowing that our Lord is with you in this time of brokenheartedness and crushed spirit. Because of Mary's belief and faith, she is now in her "heavenly home" with her heavenly father and one day we will be together with her again.

I feel so blessed to have had Mary in my life and will miss her beautiful smiling face, kind heart, fun and happy personality, as well as so many more of her wonderful attributes. I think most of all, I will miss her hugs that always made me feel like "all that - and a bag of chips." I told her that on more than one occasion after a hug from her that lasted as long as I wanted or needed. That was Mary - always making everyone in her life feel better and know how special they were to her. I know that Mary made everyone that was blessed to be part of her life feel that way. I do and will continue to miss her dearly.

Laurie Loving

Laurie Loving - September 19, 2013 at 11:07 AM

JR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss and hope you find comfort in your happy memories of Mary.*

Judi Rozelle - September 19, 2013 at 10:36 AM

SE

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Suzanne Engman - September 19, 2013 at 10:08 AM