



Mrs. Mary G. Hunt - Patterson

May 18, 1942 - September 23, 2013

Mary Hunt Patterson, age 71, of Marysville, passed away on September 23, 2013, following a long illness.

She was born in Detroit on May 18, 1942.

Mary is survived by her husband, James; children: Bill (Liz Swarbrick) Egnor, Libby (Dr. Matthew Hogben) Egnor, Tara Egnor; grandsons: Ian and Alec Hogben. Step children Robert (Caroline) Patterson, Renee (Peter Geertsen) McLean Patterson and step-grandchildren Jordan and Hailey McLean and Emmanuel Patterson. She is also survived by her sisters: Kathleen, Joanne, Theresa, Sheila, Julie, Jane and Sharon; brothers: Pat, Jim, Terry and Michael.

She is preceded in death by her parents Michael and Gladys Hunt and her brother, Tom.

Mary's professional and personal life was dedicated to helping others. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Eastern Michigan University and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She was the proud co-founder of the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti, MI. Her other professional work included roles as a social worker and administrator at Child and Family Services, Northwestern Community Services, and Sanilac County Mental Services. Her final professional years were spent as the Director of Safe Horizons, Port Huron, where she oversaw two homeless shelters and a domestic violence shelter.

She was also active in politics and community organizations. She was elected

to serve as a county commissioner for Washtenaw County for 12 years, and served as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for five of those years. She also served on the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Boards in Washtenaw County.

Mary loved to travel, read, knit and cook. She always had a special place for children whether they were related to her by blood or by circumstance, and took great joy in mentoring them and seeing them grow and succeed. She is fondly remembered by friends and family for her twinkling blue eyes that could light up any room.

Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1331 7th Street, Port Huron. The reverend Zbigniew Zomerfeld will officiate. Inurnment will be in Riverlawn Cemetery Columbarium. Visiting will be from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at noon, in the church. Arrangements by Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th St. Port Huron.

Pallbearers will be her brothers, her godson and son.

Donations in memory of Mary can be made to the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti or Safe Horizons in Port Huron.

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1331 7th St.
Port Huron, MI 48060

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Swarbrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary G. Hunt - Patterson*



Matthew Swarbrick - November 29, 2014 at 03:55 AM

GG

“ *To Mary's family, we are so sorry for your loss and extend our deepest sympathy. Mary was a long time friend. She was involved in many activities during her earlier life in Ypsilanti. She was always kind, thoughtful, engaged and committed to helping to improve the lives of others. May the memories of her wonderful life help to ease the pain of your loss.*

*George and Judith Goodman
Mackinac Island, Michigan*

George D. Goodman - September 26, 2013 at 06:18 AM

VO

“ *I had the privelege to work with Mary many years ago at Child and Family Services. She was an inspiration and support to myself and fellow social workers. My memories of her are only fond. Her smile and laughter would light up a room and motivate us to keep going. To her family, may the Lord bless and give you comfort at this time of sorrow.*

Vonda Brakeman-LeSavage

Vonda - September 25, 2013 at 09:34 PM

MH

“ I would like to extend my sympathy to Jim, and to Bill, Tara and Libby- to all the Hunt family.
Mary was a wonderful kind woman who always made me feel welcome in an endless sea of cousins, Aunts and Uncles and I loved to listen to her latest political passion with her wry sense of humour and outlook on life.
Our family has many memories of happy times with all the Hunts.

with kind regards,

Maura Hagarty-Bannon

maura hagarty-bannon - September 24, 2013 at 11:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about her passing. I worked for her at Safe Horizons for many years. She was truly my inspiration. My prayers go out to your family at your time of sorrow.



Melissa Chachulski - September 24, 2013 at 07:59 PM

KC

“ Tara, Libby and Bill, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was a wonderful lady and mother. She brought great humor and warmth to raising children. I know both my girls loved spending time at her home with Libby and Tara. I will always have many fond memories of her and her family.

Kitty Coryell - September 24, 2013 at 11:31 AM

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“ Sarah Prout Safe Horizons purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary G. Hunt - Patterson.



Sarah Prout Safe Horizons - September 24, 2013 at 11:26 AM



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September 24, 2013 at 07:41 AM