



Mary Hamilton

April 22, 1945 - August 10, 2020

On August 10, 2020, Mary Jean Martin Hamilton, 75, passed away peacefully in Topeka, Kansas with her daughter, Jill Hamilton and close friend Jana Welch, by her side. Mary spent her last days surrounded by friends and family and full of love.

Mary enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, working in her cherished yard and laughing with those she cared about most. She had a quick sense of humor, unmistakable laugh, strong values of honesty, hard work and unconditional love for those closest to her. Mary loved her family fiercely and would always fight for what she thought was right.

Mary was born in Carbondale, Kansas to Clarence Odie Martin and Hazel Roberta Caldwell Martin. Her parents taught her the importance of hard work, kindness, compassion, and the significance of serving others. She married Edward M. Hamilton (deceased in October 2019) in 1971 and was the proud mother of Jill E. Hamilton. It was clear to all that knew her, how much she loved and cherished her only daughter. She would often tell complete strangers about Jill's adventures living overseas and how proud she was of her many accomplishments.

Mary enjoyed a 41-year career at Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, where she held numerous positions and made many lifelong friends. She was always described as the one that "would do anything" and was "always ready to help anyone in need." Following her retirement, she bowled on several Santa Fe league teams and kept herself busy with other retired colleagues.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister. She is survived by her loving daughter Jill and brother-in-law Ralph L. O'Dell. She was a loving mother, committed wife and friend. Mary will be missed by many and her absence will be felt amongst the countless lives she touched.

Mary's family will greet friends from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, August 22nd at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614. Graveside service will

follow at 10:45 a.m. in the Overbrook Cemetery, 1st St, Overbrook, KS 66524.

Memorial contributions may be made to Interim HealthCare of Topeka KS or The Alzheimer's Association - Heart of America Chapter, sent in care of the funeral home.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 08:00AM - 10:00AM

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AUG **Graveside Service** 10:45AM

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Overbrook Cemetery
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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 19, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Hamilton.



August 21, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Mary always had a welcoming smile when anyone approached her. She was fun to be around, loved to tease and was always anxious to hear about our family. We enjoyed seeing Mary and Ed at Jill, Jana and Jackie's ballgames. Going out to eat and talking about anything that had to do with our girls. She was a delight. She will indeed be missed. Rest In Peace sweet Mary.

Carla and Mike Welch

carla Welch - August 21, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Hamilton.



August 21, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Jill, I am so sorry for your loss. You parents were such kind people. I was lucky to have the privilege to know them through church. May God wrap his loving arms around you and provide you comfort.

Terry Martinez

Terry Martinez - August 19, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Jill your mom lived her life with such grace. Thinking of you, one of the two best things that the good Lord gifted to her. May you find peace in the days ahead, and feel both her and your dad unified together and near you.



Suzy Segelquist - August 16, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Dear Jill, as you know I have known your mother for over 50 years. Tom and I met her when your dad started dating her and we knew from the beginning she was the one for him. We did many things together as a foursome and I have been revisiting so many memories since you notified me. I will miss her greeting of Hello Kiddo, her laugh, her Oh, Ed, her smile, her kindness, her always asking about the boys. Her death is painful for me and for many. I will miss her the rest of my life but I know she, Tom and Ed are together along with Dorothy. My sons, Andrew, Chris and Nate and I send our love to you. Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones - August 16, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Jill, I have never met you, and I haven't worked with your Mom for over 30 years! But I worked with her at the Railroad and she was so special, that she is a co-worker that everyone remembers! She was so proud of you! She told me all about your travels! You were the light of her life! I'm sure that you have the instilled work ethic of your Mom! She was a caring, but hard worker! She was always there to help if needed. So sorry for your loss.
Sally Brooke

Sally Brooke - August 15, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Jill, I can't tell you how much I treasured my visits with your mother on our breaks at the Motive Power Building. We would arrange our breaks and go either outside or downstairs and the visits were mostly about you. She was so proud of you, and missed you dearly but understood that you had a life of your own to live. Your mother was a very fine lady a I treasure her a a friend of mine. I thought of her often after retirement. Best wishes to you Jill. You were raised by very good parents.

Larry Broadbent - August 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM