



Mary Howard

July 17, 1967 - August 25, 2021

Mary Lynn Howard, 54, of Marion, passed away Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, IL.

Mary was born July 17, 1967 in Centralia, the daughter of Richard and Laverne (Mercer) Bowlby. She married Keith Howard in Centralia on October 24, 1992 and he survives her in Marion.

In addition to her husband Keith Howard, Mary is survived by one son: Corey Bowlby of Marion; one daughter: KyLee Howard of Marion; one sister: Nancy Bowlby of Marion; two brothers: Richard Bowlby and fiancé Ruth Ann of Odin and John Bowlby of St. Louis; two brothers-in-law: Timothy Atchison of Centralia and Charles Atchison of Centralia; three nieces and nephews: Timothy Bowlby of Centralia, Brittani Bowlby of Centralia, and Bradley Bowlby of Centralia; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents: Richard and Laverne Bowlby; one brother: Tracy Dale Bowlby; grandparents: George and Viola Mercer; mother and father-in-law: Brenda Ann Lambert and Earl Edward Howard, Jr.; two grandmothers-in-law: Alvera Lambert and Clythera Howard; and one brother-in-law: William Atchison.

Mary attended Cross Community Church in Marion. She was an awesome soccer mom and completely devoted to taking care of Corey. She enjoyed crafting door wreaths and knitting. She loved dragonflies and her cats: Willow and Bella. She was strong willed and independent. She loved her family and will be dearly missed by them.

Services for Mary Howard will be held on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Sutherland Garnier Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Visitation will be held Monday, August 30, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. till time of the service at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Due to the recent CDC Guidelines, facemasks and social distancing will be observed while in the facility. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be received by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Howard family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.
235 North Sycamore
Centralia, IL 62801

Service

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM.

Sutherland Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Howard*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 28, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LH

Our precious daughter from another mother. Love you with all our heart and soul. R.I.P sweetheart until we meet again. Love MOM AND JACK.

Lou & Jack Hamburg - August 29, 2021 at 08:49 PM

TT

Such a beautiful video. She will be missed dearly. Fly high my beautiful dragonfly friend

Tia Tarlton - August 30, 2021 at 02:09 AM

LW

“ *I got to know Mary when she worked at Clark Gas in Centralia and then I was lucky enough to work with her for a while. She was so much fun to be around. I am so sorry for her family to have to endure such a great loss. May she Rest In Peace.*



Lisa Williams - August 30, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DM

Mary was married to my 1st cousin Keith. Her father in law was my uncle but I was very young. I didn't really have a chance to get to know Mary much but I feel would have been enjoyable to hang out. I'm sad by her passing and pray for the family. May god bless them all. Rest In Peace.

Debbie Moulder - August 31, 2021 at 04:10 PM

RB

“ You were my first friend when I moved to Centralia in 1979. I will never forget all the fun we had and all the things we shared. You never have friends like you do when you're 12... The night sky shines a little brighter now, rest in peace sweet girl. You will be forever missed. PS... Hug Mom for me. 🤗

Renae Bauer - August 29, 2021 at 11:14 PM

KS

“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard



Kathy Smith - August 29, 2021 at 04:03 PM

CM

“ May you be peaceful. Prayers for your kids, your sister and your family.



Cindy Munoz - August 29, 2021 at 01:09 AM



“ Audrey Durall lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard



Audrey Durall - August 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Mark Lee lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard



Mark Lee - August 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ Marsha Cook lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard



marsha cook - August 28, 2021 at 11:12 AM



Keith, Corey and KyLee my heart is breaking for you guys💔 but they say God only takes the best!! Myrtle was so kind and gentle and loving so hard to believe this has happened! Stay Strong!! Just know that your mom was truly loved and she will be missed!! FLY HIGH WITH THE ANGELS MARY!!

marsha cook - August 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers.

David & Faye Durall - August 27, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JH

“ So very sorry for your loss, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.



Janet Finley - Huffman - August 27, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Keith, Corey and KyLee. I am so sorry you all are having to endure this nightmare. Mary was a special person with such a bubbly personality. She was loved by so many and will be missed by those many too. Keep her close to your heart with all the wonderful memories you have created as a family. I love you all and may God wrap arms of comfort around each of you.



Aunt Audrey

Audrey Durall - August 27, 2021 at 11:15 AM



I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. There is truly no greater loss. I lost my mother when I was 18. She is in your heart and inside of you and she watches over you now and always will. Praying that God keeps you close and watches over you until the day he reunites all of you. With deepest condolences, Debbie Hugg

Deb Hugg - August 29, 2021 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ *Bo White lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard*



Bo white - August 27, 2021 at 01:28 AM

PL

“ *Peggy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mary Howard*



Peggy lane - August 27, 2021 at 01:23 AM

VA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was such & sweet & caring person. Keeping all of you in my thoughts & prayers*



Val(Garren)Matthews - August 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM

JW

“ *Nancy, Keith, Kylee and family , I'm so very,very sorry for your loss. Mary was such a wonderful sweet person. There are no words to comfort you in this time of grief,my heart hurts for you all. Love,hugs and prayers. If you need anything please feel free to contact me.*



Jeanna Winegarner - August 26, 2021 at 06:32 PM