



Mary Frances Murphy

September 6, 1960 - July 3, 2021

Cedar Falls - Mary Frances Murphy, 60, of Cedar Falls, passed away July 3, 2021 after a brief and courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She was born September 6, 1960, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Kenneth and Frances (Smith) Murphy and graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1978. Mary was self-employed owning the Cedar Falls Cleaning Company. Over the years, her loyal customers became more like family. Mary showed compassionate care for her clients through their own difficult times and had an uncanny ability to sense what people needed before generously providing, which made Mary a beloved friend and caregiver.

As hard as she worked, Mary had a fun and adventurous side too, and you could hear her laugh from the next block over. She loved to tailgate at Iowa State football games, cheer on the Cubs from the bleacher section in Wrigley Field, host her and Pat's annual Sturgis Falls parade party, and travel with her friends and family. She especially enjoyed her trips to New Orleans, Houston, and Jamaica, but her all-time favorite trip was to Memphis, to walk in the footsteps of Elvis. Mary was incredibly lucky to have many close friends who shared her sense of adventure and were always up for some shenanigans. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

Mary is survived by her sister Pat Murphy, brother Tom (Jill) Murphy, cousin Julie Friis, all of Cedar Falls and sister-in-law Mary Murphy of Marion, IA as well as her nieces and nephews: Sandi Murphy, John (Sarah) Murphy, Fr. Mark Murphy, Megan (Jerad) Hail, Keith (Megan) Murphy, J.J. (Rebecca) Friis and Jamie Friis. Mary is also survived by many grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Mike Murphy.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11am Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at St Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family for a scholarship fund in Mary's name to benefit her grand nieces and nephews.

The family would especially like to thank the staff at University of Iowa Hospitals leukemia unit for providing such wonderful, personal care and a comforting space in the chaos of her disease and the compassionate staff at MercyOne-Cedar Falls that cared for Mary in her final days.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Burial

JUL 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery
the end of College St, north of First Street
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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about Mary's passing. Mary was a very nice person. Her and Pat got a miniature schnauzer from me. Linda Jacobs

Linda Jacobs - July 07, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JD

“ Mary was one in a million. She helped me with every project and event I had. If she couldn't do something she would make sure and find out who could. If she needed help she would call on Pat and Tom and Jill. The Murphy's were always ready and willing to help others. I so enjoyed spending time with her and had so many laughs. I will miss her so much! RIP dear friend 🙏

Jodi Deery - July 06, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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“ The extended Smith Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Frances Murphy.



The extended Smith Family - July 06, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Murphy.



July 06, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ So many tears today, but many laughs, so much fun, and happy memories of Mary, Pat and the “hood” for over twenty years.

We cherish memories of the rabbit on the snowpile, the inflatable snowman, bat thirty and so many more.

We shall miss you always.

Bob and Nancy



Nancy McCullough - July 05, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Murphy.*



July 05, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Mary and the Murphy family was part of growing up in Cedar Falls and part of being the family of Saint Patrick school and Saint Patrick's Church. For my whole life she was just around the corner from other family residences, and a reliable presence during the Sturgis Falls parade and a rock solid part of Cedar Falls. Rest in peace Mary.*

Sam Zubak - July 04, 2021 at 06:40 PM