



## Mary Harvey Fortanbary

April 19, 1939 - June 15, 2020

Mary Harvey Holshouser Fortanbary, passed away on Monday, June 15th at Autumn Care of Cornelius, NC.

She was born April 19, 1939 in Union, SC, the daughter of the late Harvey Clarence Holshouser and Mary Elizabeth Holshouser. Mary was retired from the Duke Power Company's Energy Explorium after 18 years of service where she enjoyed interacting with the community, allowing them to learn about the nuclear plant and Cowan's Ford Dam on Lake Norman. She especially loved it when children came to the Energy Explorium. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC. She was active in various church activities such as Logos, Women's Circle, Lent in the Livingroom Bible Studies, Saints Alive and served as an Elder. She was an avid Clemson Tiger fan and would often tell people "her blood ran orange." She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Limestone College in Gaffney, SC.

She was preceded in death by her husband, love of her life & childhood playmate Edward Richard "Dick" Fortanbary. She is survived by her children Kimberly Fortanbary Bremer and husband, Emery; Lynn Fortanbary Scott and husband, Greg; grandchildren, Eddy Marie Rich and husband, Cody; Tabor Gregory Scott and wife Shyanne; great grandson Kaiden Scott and great granddaughter Kinsley Rich; sister-in-law Jean Amos Fortanbary and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Due to these unprecedented times, the family will be having a private graveside service on Saturday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m. at Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Sharon, SC. Reverends Dave Rockness, Jason Santos and Craig Marshall will be conducting the services.

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2mqm72mc8c>

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association – Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Rd, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209 (<https://alz.org/northcarolina>).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Fortanbary family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

Sharon, SC 29742

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

JUN **20**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery  
7386 Lockhart Hwy  
Sharon, SC 29742

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Harvey Fortanbary*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Harvey Fortanbary*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Harvey Fortanbary*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *We have spent many years of family gatherings and celebrations. Mary's delicious angel food dish and Dick's famous pimento cheese, You are so missed and we love you. So thankful you two are together in heaven. Love to you always, Lester and Barbara Riggs,*

**Riggs** - June 29, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Mary was my second mom on Island Dr. and then band mom in high school. I miss those days of lime floats on her screened in porch, her wisdom and the love she gave. Kim & Lynn - prayers for you both.*

**Melissa Rogers** - June 27, 2020 at 07:19 PM

GV

“ As a beginning biologist with Duke Energy in 1980, I was informed by this unknown lady that there was an osprey going wild at the Energy Explorium. I called Mary and she said there indeed was a wild osprey at the Explorium. I kind of questioned her identification and although she said she did not necessarily excel in bird identification, she was fairly sure of what she had seen. I told her I would come over and take possession of the bird. After a while I captured the bird and put it in a birdcage. Mary was a great sport, a bird in the hand you might say, and did every thing she could at the Explorium to protect the birds.

*This bird ID remained a source of Mary's identification and there was hardly a day that didn't go by that she was reminded of the SEA GULL.....*

*I miss you Mary. You were a great sport and there was hardly a day that we didn't remind you of you identification. Thanks for your friendship.*

*Gene Vaughan*

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**Gene Vaughan** - June 26, 2020 at 07:01 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**michael Roberts** - June 23, 2020 at 12:51 PM

RJ

“ *Family of Mary Fortanbary, My deepest sympathy in your loss. I knew Dick and Mary when I lived there through our membership in First Presbyterian Church.*  
*Robert Holshouser, Jr.*

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**Robert Holshouser, Jr.** - June 19, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Harvey Fortanbary.*



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June 18, 2020 at 06:36 PM

GR

“ *Lynn & Kim,*  
*Sorry to hear of your loss. I know MH will be missed.*

*Guy Rogers*

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**Guy Rogers** - June 18, 2020 at 11:46 AM

WR

“ *I took a lot of visitor groups through the Explorium in the 1980's, 1990's and 2000's. Mary was a joy to work with-friendly, professional and knowledgeable. When I saw her on arrival, I knew it would be a good day for my guests.*  
*Bill Reeside*

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**William Reeside** - June 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DM

“ *David & Kitty, Charlie & Jon, John & Leslee, Mike purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Harvey Fortanbary.*



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**David & Kitty, Charlie & Jon, John & Leslee, Mike** - June 17, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Lori Underwood lit a candle in memory of Mary Harvey Fortanbary*



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**Lori Underwood** - June 16, 2020 at 04:12 PM