



Mary Elizabeth Ridge Howard

August 15, 1926 - March 5, 2015

Mary Elizabeth Ridge Howard, 88, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at her residence.

She was born on August 15, 1926 in Greensboro, NC, to the late Stamey Branson and Myrtle Pritchett Ridge. Mrs. Howard was a graduate of UNC Greensboro, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma. She taught Home Economics at Goldsboro High School, North Mecklenburg High School and Mooresville Middle School. Mrs. Howard was a member and officer of the NC Vocational Teachers Association. She was also a member of Central United Methodist Church in Mooresville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Howard.

She is survived by her children, Jane Moore and husband, Bill, John Howard and wife, Myra, Jimmy Howard and wife, Daisy; grandchildren, Grace Howard, Branson Howard, Amy Saowski, Elizabeth Moore, Amelia Moore, Jack Moore; and great grandchildren, Londyn and Robert.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 8 at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Sherrill officiating. The family will

receive friends following the service in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800 and/or the Backpack Buddies, c/o St. Paul's UMC, PO Box 909, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 and/or Central United Methodist Church, 214 N. Academy St., Mooresville, NC 28115.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Ridge Howard*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Ridge Howard*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Ridge Howard*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Jane, John, Jimmy Sorry to hear of your loss. Aunt Mary Lib was a very special lady.*

Betty Jo Major - May 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bill, Jane, John, and Jimmy: My deepest sympathy in the loss of Mary Lib. She was one of my best friends in Mooresville. I lost my own Mom last year, so I understand your grief. I remember all the good times we had back when you kids were in school!! Love and prayers...Willie Beaver*

April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane, John, and Jimmy, So sorry for you loss. You are all in my prayers. Pam*

Pam Rink (Neill) - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Sorry for your loss.

Emory, Cynthia McLaurin - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My dad (Paul Ridge) and his sister Hilda always spoke so fondly of Mary Lib. It was so nice to see her at Daddy's service 2 years ago. I hope it is of some comfort to know others are thinking of you during this sad time.

Carol Ridge Sugg - March 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss, I knew Mary Lib from work at the hair salon, I always enjoyed her so much, Heaven has gained an angel

Diane Sloop - March 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jane, John, & Jimmy, I am saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. May God comfort you during this time.

Boyce Sherrill - March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Offering my deepest sympathy for your great loss. May Almighty God provide peace and strength as you endure this difficult time.

Rose Sterling - March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Lib, held a special place in our hearts. The Julian Lindsey family has many happy memories of her family in Gibsonville and in Mooesville also. The Stuart Lindsey family and extended family.*

March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Great teacher at North Meck.*

Clydia Seymour - March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane, John, & Jimmy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss of your Mom.. All those years spending time at your house are very special memories for me. And your mom was my 'other' Mother and I loved her dearly. Thinking of you all.*

Joy Smawley Derda - March 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane, I was sad to hear of your mom's passing. My first teaching job was at Mooresville Junior High. Your mom took me under her wing and made me feel welcome. She was a wonderful mentor and I was very thankful for her help. She was a great lady.*

lorraine grant - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *John; Growing up as a close friend of John's, I remember those visits at his farm. Spending time with his family I fondly remember the warm talks I had with his mom. She was a calming presence in my life. My thoughts are with you, Jane and Jimmy.*

Phil Gibson - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane, John and Jimmy --I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mary (Martin) Waller

March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ John, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers-many wonderful memories of Mary Lib! She was a very special lady and friend! Suzanne Markofski

Suzanne Markofski - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane, John, and Jimmy, I am sorry to read of the loss of your mother. She was a great educator and friend to many. May family, friends, and a higher power be of comfort to you. God Bless you, Debbie Gilley

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March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to Mary Lib's family! She was truly one of a kind, always a Southern Lady! May she Rest In Peace!

Cindy Baker - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Howard was my home ec teacher at Mooresville Jr. High. I enjoyed her class and remember her fondly.*

March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Some of my fondest childhood memories center around visits to Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary Lib's home in Mooresville. She was a kind and gentle person who made everyone around her feel welcome.*

Suzanne Haffner - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM