



Mary E. Taylor

June 11, 1930 - January 26, 2007

Mary Ellen Theresa Provencher Taylor, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away January 26, 2007 in the comfort of her home and care of her loving family, ending her valiant fight with breast cancer. She was born on June 11, 1930 in North Adams, Massachusetts to Dr. Desire and Nora Provencher. She graduated from Drury High School, next obtaining her teaching degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. After teaching several years in New England, she met her future husband, J.V. Taylor, a Texan, and moved to Savoy, Texas. After a couple of years in the Texas Panhandle Dumas, the family moved to a farm outside San Antonio where she raised her seven sons and enjoyed her role developing young children's lives as a teacher at John Glenn Elementary. After raising her family and teaching for twenty years, she dedicated the rest of her life to her family, the community, helping others find God. She was instrumental in establishing the Coalition for Children, Youth, and Family now San Antonio Child Abuse Resource and Education Services as its Executive Director for many years, and led or supported other family support organizations, including Any Baby Can. She was recognized at the local, state, and national levels for her contributions. She had a unique ability to make everyone she touched feel very special and was loved by all. Family, friends, and Church were dear to Mary, and she enriched our lives and she will be remembered by

all for her kind and generous spirit. She was a very devout Christian and was proud to be an Oblate, supporting the Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters in Boerne, Texas. She was a very active member of St. Brigid's Catholic Church and supported and participated in RCIA, Tuesday morning Bible Study, the St. Brigid's Development Committee, provided support and instrumental leadership on many church retreats, was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Her interests were wide and varied, and she enjoyed travel back to her native New England where she was affectionately known as "Bootie" and international travel with family and dear friends. She rekindled her talents as a painter in her later years, painting landscapes and other subjects as her father had done. She is preceded in death by her parents Desire and Nora Provencher, her sister Anne of Tampa, Florida, and her brother Don of Florida. She is survived by her former husband, J.V. Taylor of Kingsland, Texas; sons and their spouses, Michael Wayne and Elizabeth Taylor of Minneapolis, MN, Stephen Paul Taylor of Dallas, Texas, Christopher Lee and Susan Taylor of Sutherland Springs, Texas, Andrew Martin and Sherry Taylor of Spring Branch, Texas, Gregory James and LaVern Taylor of Boerne, Texas, Kevin Francis Taylor of Divide, Colorado, Scott Evan and Valerie Taylor of Bulverde, Texas; 18 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of dear friends.

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Kevin,
Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.
Carolyn

Carolyn DeSharnais - February 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ We are very saddened to learn of Mrs. Taylor's passing. She was a generous woman who hoped her contribution to the Women's Health Initiative study would improve the lives of women in future generations. Her family can be proud of the important role she pl

Women's Health Initiative - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Children and Grandchildren of Mary...My heart goes out to you, and I extend sincere sympathy. Mary was a dear friend and changed my life and the lives of so many Texas children forever. We worked side by side with a team of volunteers to create Any

Marian Sokol - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ I would like to extend my family's deepest sympathy to the entire Taylor family. The true measure of a person is not the material possessions left behind... it is the people.

Lynn - January 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *TWO SISTERS*
Two sisters were nearly one
once
so very young

Two sisters grew far apart
once
at an awkward age

Two sisters rediscovered each other
once
after mothering was mastered

Two sisters became strong
once
as intertwined branch

Anita R Smith - January 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *God bless the Taylor family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

James and Holly Beall - January 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *Mary E. Taylor*

Walter & Kathie Lyssy - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Mrs. Taylor was my science teacher and one of the first teachers I had in public school who seemed to care about each individual student. I will never forget her kindness and how she made each student feel special. She was an extremely special person.*

Karen A. Kosub - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ So many wonderful memories of our times together over a span of twenty years. The past two years when our health problems prevented either of us from making the trip between San Antonio and Austin to visit we talked on the phone every Sunday. I will tru

Patsy Haskell - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I just finished a 2 mile walk around the track thinking of Mary all the time because it is the time you are all mourning her loss at her Service of Resurrection. The picture of her I love was taken on a beautiful fall day many years ago. There she is surr

Ruth Bartling - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Taylor Family,
Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We all loved Mary so much. She will be sorely missed.
A friend of mine shared a story with me that compared life to a journey on a train.
At birth, we board a train at the main train station for

Sharon & Deacon Tom Billimek - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear loving family of Mary Taylor,

I am deeply saddened by the death of our sweet "grand Mary" - that's what our little family called her, and was she ever that! She was the grandest person I've ever met, but in the most gracious and humble way. She w

Leah Guzzardo Faucett - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Taylors,

While I have seen Mary several times over the years, the most lasting images are from Betsy and Mike's wedding rehearsal almost 20 years ago. Mary stood among all her boys seeming so proud of them and they adored her back. Her generosit

Stephanie Bartling - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Mary was a very special lady to me and I loved her very much.*

Al Odell

Custodain at St Brigid.

Al Odell custodian - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Steve and Mike, I knew both of you personally through our daughter Lynda in College.*

I send Bill and my love, thoughts and prayers. Mary was a very extraordinary lady raising such wonderful boys and families.

May you live in peace and memories

Wm. & Peggy Bates - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ To Mary's family,
We are so sorry to hear of Mary's death. She was our very dear friend, and we are all better for having known her. I will miss being in touch with her when I come to SA, but we have beautiful memories. I wish I could be there for the

Peggy & Dennis Zezula - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My condolences to the family of Mary Taylor. She was a very special lady and I am grateful to have met her. God's blessings to the family.

Linda Drye - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ I only met your Mother once ~ she treated me and my Mother as if we were her closest friends/family. We are cousins through the Taylor side and I wanted to say that I am sorry for you loss, she was truly a wonderful woman of God.

Ken Taylor - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dearest Stephen & Taylor Sons & Families:
My last visit with Mary was on Thanksgiving weekend. In spite of her pain, she was her usual gracious & loving self. I admired the recent family photo and told her how young she looked. I wish I could have know

Molly E. Beall - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mary E. Taylor

Cheryl Morrison - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *No amount of time can prepare us for loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Roger & Cheryl Troue and Hazel Foster - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Stephen, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charles & Virginia Beall - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *From Victoria, Mike's sister-in-law,*

I remember so vividly the companionship Mary and I shared in the summer of 2001 when, at Auger's resort in Brainerd, each of us received a phone call from our respective physician's--I heard that my leukemia was in

Victoria Bartling - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Mary Taylor was an outstanding friend when we worked together in the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. What an inspiring life of service she has led. God bless her and bring peace to her loved ones.*

Ruth Lofgren - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Chris, Susan and Family, I am very sorry to her about your loss. You are very special people and are in our prayers. God bless! Scott & Molly Seibert*

Molly Seibert - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ All our love and sympathy goes to the Taylor boys and families. Only you guys and God knows just how deep that love existed. She was so proud of you all.
Mark & Anita Necessary

mark & anita necessary - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Taylor Family,
We had the privilege of meeting Mary at St. Brigid's and were always blessed by her warm smile and genuine hug. She always made us feel like she was thrilled to see us. We will be forever grateful to have met Mary and will always re

Robert and Jennifer Maldonado - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Larry and Linda Schievelbein - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Chris, Susan, and the whole Taylor family. Chris, your mother was an enjoyable, friendly person. I will always remember her beautiful smile! It was a great privilege of mine to have known her.

Wanda Calhoun - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Chris & Susan, We were so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.
Love, Sam & Ida

Sam & Ida Rogers - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Chris, Susan, Jake, Josh, Hannah & Carly: So sorry to hear the news. She was a beautiful lady and I am honored to have met her. When we got home from Georges' funeral, I added her name to our book of petitions at our church and everyone has been p

Helen Sturgis - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Linda Colema - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Our deepest Condoulances to you and your family.

Lester&Barbara German - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Mary, Thank you for having positive influence in my best friend's life Jonathan.

Jared&Monique Nuss - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ She was and is the best , and I will allways Love and miss my "Grandma"
JT

Jonathan Taylor - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mary was always so friendly and supportive- happy to see others happy. Her strength and her dedication to getting things done- not just talking about making change but taking action and getting it done - inspire me and will always be remembered. She is an

Tawnya & Anna Brigman - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry for the loss your family is going through. May God Bless each of you in your time of need.

Deborah & Brett - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Dear Taylor family,
Our whole family sends it's love.
The MOST anyone can ask is that they are thought well of by those around them and they leave this world better it was before they got here. Mary Taylor was a great success in both.
We are all bles

Debby Holmes Zambotti - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ To Chris, Susan and the entire Taylor family, my sympathy is with you in your loss.

Evelyn Mazur - January 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM