



Mary Martha Messmore

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Mary Martha Messmore, 84 of Decatur died in her home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, August 18, 2006. Mary was born in Tuscola, IL. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Mrs. Messmore was a graduate of Millikin University. She was a retired teacher, having taught Title I reading at several Decatur schools.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. A family memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Thursday August 24, 2006. Memorial donations may be made to the Rock Springs Conservation Area, c/o Macon County Conservation District, 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL 62521.

Mrs. Messmore volunteered for over 24 years at the Rock Springs Center for Environmental Discovery in several capacities. Mrs. Messmore also gave her time to the DMH Auxiliary as surgery waiting room volunteer. She played the dulcimer and autoharp for over 20 years as a member of the 1860's period musical group, The Skiffles. She was also active in the Macon Co., U of I Extension.

Mary, affectionately known as Nina, loved her life as the center of a large family, volunteering, playing bridge, antiquing and enjoyed a good Manhattan.

Her six children, Sue Hurd of Pekin, IL; Jeff Messmore of Fredericksburg, VA; Tim Messmore of Decatur; Ann Lercher of Decatur; Jim Messmore of Wheaton, IL; and Kirk Messmore of Decatur survive Mrs. Messmore. She is also survived by her twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Bill and her grandson, Little John.

The family of Mary M. Messmore is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street. Send Condolences to the Messmore family and view the on-line obituary at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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LO

Larry/Shirley Oseland posted:

Both Shirley and I have known Mary for years from the old 'Skiffles' group at Rock Spring. I met her on occasion when our paths crossed at one of our assigned schools. She was a wonderful person to know, and to associate with. She will be dearly missed. We send our most heart-felt condolences. Decatur, IL US

August 22 at 7:00 PM

JV

John And Rosella Vohs posted:

We will miss Mary Martha in our neighborhood. She was such an active and special person to know. We especially enjoy her son, Jim, and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Decatur, IL US

August 22 at 7:00 PM

TW

Toni Westerfield posted:

Mrs. Messmore was my son's kindergarten and 1st grade Title 1 reading teacher, he's now entering Jr. High. She was a wonderful woman and was great with all of the children; she always had a bright smile on her face. I'm so glad my child was blessed to have worked with her. Please know that the Messmore family are in our thoughts and prayers. Decatur, IL US

August 21 at 7:00 PM

PI

Pcm Fabrications, Inc. posted:

Kirk- Our condolences at the loss of your mother. Sincerely, Eric, Jim, Mark, and the employees of PCM Fabrications, Inc. Decatur, IL US

August 21 at 7:00 PM

SP

Sid And Debbie Partridge posted:

As friends of the Hurd family, we have met Mary a couple of times and she was a dear soul. She played a big role in her grandchildren's lives and we are sure she will be fondly remembered and missed. We are very sorry for your loss and pray that the memories you have of her will comfort you. Love, Sid and Debbie Pekin, IL US

August 21 at 7:00 PM



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LT

Larry Troy posted:

To the Messmore Family,I'm so sorry for your loss. Although I didn't know Mary, it seems that she lived a very full life and had a great sense of compassion. I've sent a donation to Rock Springs in her name.Larry Troy Decatur, IL US

August 20 at 7:00 PM

DS

Dr Mary Cole Dr Robert Farrington's Office Staff posted:

On behalf of Dr. Cole and Dr Farrington we just wanted to express our sympathy to you all. Please know we will be thinking of you all and are sorry for your loss.We always enjoyed Mary when she came to visit in the office. Dr. Mary Cole and Dr. Farrington's staff Decatur, IL US

August 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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