



## Mary Ruth Leftwich

November 9, 1947 - May 6, 2018

Ms. Mary Ruth Leftwich, Age 70 of Carthage, TN, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Mary Ruth was born November 9, 1947 in Nashville, TN, the daughter of the late Ray Leftwich and Mary Lancaster Leftwich. She was also preceded in death by Brother; John Wayne Leftwich, Sr. Mary Ruth was a 1965 graduate of Two Rivers High School. She then attended Middle Tennessee State University where she earned her undergraduate degree in Education before attending Tennessee Technological University where she earned a Master's Degree in Education. Mary Ruth worked as a teacher and librarian for the Smith County School System. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and National Park Service. Mary Ruth attended Carthage United Methodist Church.

Ms. Leftwich is survived by Two Daughters; Abby Shivers and husband Tim of Dixon Springs, TN, and Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Pierucki and husband Matt of Lebanon, TN. Grandchildren; Taylor Shivers, Emily Shivers, Emma Pierucki, and Meg Pierucki. Nephew; John Wayne Leftwich, Jr. of Smithville, TN.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the DAR or the

National Park Service.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ I will be forever be grateful to Mary Ruth Leftwich (known to me a Ruth) for reuniting her brother, John, and me after many years of no contact. John and I were best friends in high school and remained close during college years even though we were a different schools. Our lives moved in separate directions after college and we fell out of touch. Ruth found me somehow and called me out of the blue some time about 2011 or 2012 and told me John would like to here from me. After that John and I communicated regularly. John, Ruth, my wife, and myself met face to face on the occasion of my mother's funeral in August of 2013. A very pleasant reunion on a sad occasion. Ruth is the one who called me after John's death. I had no idea she had passed until I discovered it while thinking about John and searching his name tonight -- December 2, 2023. I was at Verizon this week to buy a new cell phone and noticed that John was still in my contact list. Now he's in the new phone as well.

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**Stephen Prater** - December 02, 2023 at 08:33 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Doug W. McDonald** - January 22, 2021 at 12:58 AM

DM

“ To my esteemed & kind Cuz Mary Ruth Leftwich - to her family & friends & colleagues - sending my sincere prayers and condolence - RIP - God Bless dear Cuz ! Only discovered Mary Ruth passing today 1/21/2021 - when her Christmas card came back in the mail today - return to sender. Mary Ruth and I were friended on FB around or before 2011 - and for many years. I was not informed of her passing - I am deeply saddened by her loss & passing ! I - "Doug" (Doug McD #2) Wade McDonald - met my dear Cuz - first meet - at The McDonald Summit / Genealogy meet (Clan Donald relative search) - held at Sue Maggart's residence in Carthage TN. - invitation Aug. 1999 - in attendance with my wife - Lisa Kay McDonald - (now deceased 9/23/2004). Mary Ruth and others in attendance - "Doug" (Doug McD. #1) Frank Douglas McDonald - Dr. Michael Maggart MD - Ray Leftwich Sr. - Frank Thurston McDonald Sr. - Prof. Mike Ray McDonald. So very sorry for your loss - Love To All - God Bless ! Sincerely: Doug W. McDonald / Tacoma WA.

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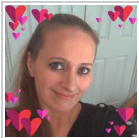
**Doug W. McDonald** - January 22, 2021 at 12:56 AM

PJ

“ One of the sweetest girls I ever knew. I remember in high school, on weekends, my girlfriend and I would always run into her and some friends down at the 'Harveys' lunch room, the one downstairs with the surrounding photo of the Cumberland River on the wall. MaryRuth always had an impish grin on her face, like she had just played a practical joke on someone. You will always be loved and missed, MaryRuth. Randy Jones

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**Paul R. (Randy) Jones** - June 16, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ I will never forget her. She was the BEST librarian ever. She helped me so much not only with school, but life in general. I could ALWAYS go to the library and talk to her. God Bless and Rest In Peace.

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**Joy Barnes Yates** - June 14, 2018 at 09:42 PM

AJ

“ *A beautiful lady. Met her while hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2005. She always said something funny that made me laugh. She loved teaching and her students. I have been blessed knowing her.*

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**Aneda Johnson** - May 15, 2018 at 08:59 PM

LM

“ *So very sorry to hear of MaryRuth's passing, she was a wonderful cousin, loved her laugh and sense of humor. She is missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Lisa and Howell Medley.*



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**Lisa Medley** - May 15, 2018 at 11:47 AM

 Carol McGuire

“ *I met you on a camping trip, and cherish the memory! So sad!*

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**Carol McGuire** - May 15, 2018 at 10:42 AM

 Jennifer Honey

“ *Jennifer Honey lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich*



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**Jennifer Honey** - May 14, 2018 at 01:08 PM

SB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sherry Bellenfant - May 10, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Leftwich.



May 09, 2018 at 02:03 PM

 Sarah Peveler

“ Sarah Peveler lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich



Sarah Peveler - May 08, 2018 at 09:18 PM

 Sarah Peveler

*This candle is almost the Girl Scout green that I shared with MaryRuth for so many years in Troop 155. Camp outs, summer camp at Woodhaven, the Alley Oop Group that was born there and unleashed on Two Rivers. There is so much more but this gal was a friend from 4th grade on. We reconnected a few years ago and she was so generous in supporting our cat rescue group in eastern North Carolina with food shipments from Amazon. Thank you, MaryRuth, for being a golden friend. "Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold."*

Sarah Peveler - May 08, 2018 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ So lucky to have met this special lady. She was my sister’s good friend and spent Christmas with us! She and I shared a love of the outdoors, National Park’s, RV traveling and dogs! She loved the crazy antics of my boyfriend and I and became “The Cliner’s“ biggest fan. She will be truly missed! R.I.P. Mary Ruth!

DeLacy Bellenfant - May 08, 2018 at 05:28 PM

EB

“ Oh Mary Ruth...our family will miss you! Was so sad to hear of your passing on to a much better place but we are so glad you got to spend a Christmas with us! It made it such a special day having my sister’s sweet ol’bestie with us! We love you so much! May you Rest In Peace!  
Proverbs 15:20



Emy Joe Bellenfant-Bilbrey - May 08, 2018 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ My heart is filled with special memories of my high school classmate, and I am grateful always our paths crossed in this life. Her constant joy and zest for people and life have brought much joy and inspiration to my own heart all the times our lives intersected. MaryRuth truly makes this world a better place for having been in it.

Janice Best Bright, a friend  
TRHS/ 1965

Janice Best Bright - May 08, 2018 at 09:36 AM



So true. She was a jewel!

Jane Caplenor - May 08, 2018 at 03:35 PM

BB

*When I moved to Donelson my senior year, Mary Ruth, was so welcoming. Her dad worked with mine. She was so broken-hearted about the recent death of her brother. Hope they had a great reunion!!*

**Barbara Blake** - May 08, 2018 at 03:37 PM

DM

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**Don Manning** - May 08, 2018 at 08:59 AM

EB

*A beautiful tribute from those that loved her !*

**Emy Joe Bellenfant-Bilbrey** - May 08, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ *Mildred Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich*



**Mildred Baker** - May 08, 2018 at 08:35 AM

LB

“ *Linda Billingsley lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich*



**Linda Billingsley** - May 08, 2018 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ *Class Of 1965-Two Rivers High School, lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich*



Class of 1965-Two Rivers High School, - May 08, 2018 at 07:25 AM

PT

“ *Pam Stuby Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Leftwich*



Pam Stuby Turner - May 08, 2018 at 07:10 AM

RW

“ *Mary Ruth was a class mate and dear friend when we were at Two Rivers High School class of 1965. She always had a smile and sense of humor. She will be missed by all of us at TRHS. We had a great time at our fall camp out. We will meet again so save us a seat up there.*

Ronnie Woods - May 07, 2018 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ *I just loved you so much and was thrilled to call you friend and share holidays....I will miss your funny self and true friendship. RIP forever, sweet Ruthie. 💕*



Sherry Bellenfant - May 07, 2018 at 06:42 PM

TG

“ *I will always think of Mary Ruth as a smiling face, a caring heart, and a little red Volkswagen.*

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**Tillie Graves** - May 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM

SB

“ *I've never had such sadness in my life. I loved my Ruthie. We just got each other. May she now have forever peace. I love you sweet friend*



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**Sherry Bellenfant** - May 07, 2018 at 04:41 PM