



Mary Iris Roy

February 7, 2019

“There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved.” French novelist George Sand

If you knew Mary — or even if you didn't — those words could easily be assigned in describing her outlook on life. Mary Iris Roy, 62, passed away Feb. 7 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mary was quick on the draw with her wit, particularly when she displayed that famous crooked smile. Her charm, warm heart, crackling and infectious laugh, cleverness, sincerity, unabashed honesty and penchant for humor naturally invited people into her life. In short, as many who knew her always said, Mary was just a nice person.

She was an avid Razorback basketball fan. When summer drew near, you could find her eased into her patio swing, reading historical fiction. Mary wasn't shy about instructing her husband about how to go about doing any yard work. She was the daughter of a florist, but rarely gave plants, flowers and shrubs a lot of time.

She was the proverbial sweet tooth, never met a lemon square she didn't like.

Mary Loved being at the family cabin at Lake Norfolk and loved playing solitaire at the cabin there, but that was the only place she would play. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from Arkansas State University.

Mary was born in Harrisburg, Arkansas, and lived most of her life in Jonesboro and Little Rock. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Mike Roy, sons Jake Roy of Little Rock and Max Roy of Austin, Texas; her mother, Shirley Foust of Jonesboro; brother Roger Foust and sister, Candy Cobb, both of Jonesboro, and other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Foust.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb.16, at 1 p.m., preceded by visitation beginning at 11 a.m. at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Court (NW corner of I-630 and Barrow Road.) Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Food Bank Network, 4301 W. 65th

Street, Little Rock AR 72209.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501) 224-2200. Mary's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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FEB **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Margaret Cook lit a candle in memory of Mary Iris Roy



Margaret Cook - February 18 at 04:31 PM



“ I've known Mary Iris and the Foust family since the mid 60's. I have so many wonderful memories of Mary Iris from being little kids watching our parents enjoy life, to many great memories at Lake Norfolk. I can still hear her laugh and see her smile. I am so sadden to learn of her passing. She was a wonderful, dear person whom I feel so honored to have grown up with. God bless you Mary Iris and God bless and comfort your family. With much love to all, Becky Murray

Becky Murray Cater Adams - February 18 at 04:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Gayle Scott - February 16 at 06:13 PM



“ Photo video of my sweet sister and her family through the years, shown at her funeral service, Feb. 16. Miss you so much, Sis !!

Candace - Yesterday at 01:18 PM



“ Video of photos of my sweet sister, Mary Iris Foust Roy and her family that was shown at her memorial service on Feb. 16, 2019. Miss you Sis !!

Candace - 22 hours ago



“ I have so many happy memories of Mary. The time we spent together was filled with laughter & always fun. She was one of my all time besties. I think of Mary and I smile. She was just full of love . Always smiling. Always a friend. I see her smile, I hear her laughter & my heart is full. Saying goodbye is difficult so I will say until we meet again on the other side.
My prayers are with Mike, Jack, & Max & also with Mrs. Foust, Candace & Roger during this sad time.



Ronda Foster - February 15 at 07:59 PM



“ Lee Westerman lit a candle in memory of Mary Iris Roy



Lee Westerman - February 15 at 11:53 AM



“ I met Mike and Mary when I moved in next door to them in 1985. Many conversations on the porch. So sorry for this loss to Mike, Jake and Max. Rest in Peace and Love.
Lee Westerman

Lee Westerman - February 15 at 11:52 AM



“ I met Mike in my first full year of college ('75-76) at ASU and Mary the following year. I have so many memories with both of them. During college, living in Little Rock till 1980, and whenever I could return to my home state afterwards - I found the comfort and love of my friend a constant reminder of their steadfast character whatever my own faults. I have always felt welcome and cared for as a friend with Mary. She was a wonderful mother and wife. Mike was blessed with 35 years and more of love, caring, and partnership in life with Mary. Jake and Max were always in her heart and on her mind. These last few years have been a real struggle for Mary and Mike both.

My lasting memory with Mary will always be a visit to our family garden in Clinton and sharing time in the gazebo with my father. Mary's smile, wit, and affection I will carry in my heart and memory as long as I draw breath. I am a richer soul because of Mary. Thank you my friend.

Mark Mohr - February 15 at 10:23 AM



“ Mike I Am so saddened about your loss, I knew Mary since the first grade, many times I got in trouble in class because she made me laugh! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lane DeBruce - February 14 at 04:57 AM



“ I knew Mary Iris (and Candace and Roger) when she was just a young girl. I worked for her dad at Kenwards from 1964 until 1969 when I graduated from ASU. I picked up Mary Iris and Roger from East School several times. She always had a smile and enjoyed having fun. She had hundreds of “Jonesboro miles” under her belt from all the flower deliveries she made with me. She “hung out” at the flower shop a lot of the time. It is hard to imagine her being gone especially so soon after the nice Jonesboro Sun article about Roger. With deepest sympathy as you remember Mary Iris.

Richard Harris - February 13 at 06:29 PM



“ Some of the best memories I have include Mary. We lost touch after college, but I always remembered her and the times that we had together. Roy, I know your heart is breaking. Please know that there are folks out there that loved her and are sending peace and comfort to you and your family.

Monica Riefer - February 12 at 01:40 PM



“ Mary will be loved forever ~ and will always bring a huge smile to my heart. Wade Carpenter

wade carpenter - February 11 at 03:27 PM



“ Mark Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mary Iris Roy



Mark Alexander - February 11 at 03:24 PM



“ The world was a much better place with Mary in it. Lissa Houston



Lissa Houston - February 11 at 10:04 AM



“ Jeff And Lisa Neal lit a candle in memory of Mary Iris Roy



Jeff and Lisa Neal - February 10 at 10:33 PM



“ Mary was someone that you will never forget. Went to school with her and remember going to her house in grade school(east) for our end of the year picnic. Good memories! RIP Mary, you will be missed. Prayers for the family.
Mary Gammill-Cooper

Mary Gammill-Cooper - February 09 at 07:02 PM