



Mary Elizabeth Blossom

July 23, 1927 - February 13, 2021

Mary Elizabeth Tuckerman Blossom passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 13, 2021 in Jackson Michigan. She was 93 years old. After graduating from Cement City High School in 1945, Mary finished a 1-year rural teacher program at County Normal College in Blissfield Michigan. At age 19, Mary started teaching at the same one-room country school she attended in Somerset. While teaching full time, Mary earned a BA in Education from Eastern Michigan University and married her high school sweetheart, Maynard Blossom, in 1951. They spent their life together in Jackson, Cheboygan, Sparta, East Lansing, and finally Manchester, Michigan. Mary, being a kid-at-heart, succeeded in making the learning fun. For example, each fall she solicited transformed her 3rd grade classroom into a Halloween fun-house; she organized field trips for the students to watch plays and musicals in Detroit, Lansing and elsewhere; she procured handmade marionettes for the children to create and perform their own plays; she hosted migrant farm workers children to annual summer swimming parties; and she organized countless classroom adventures. Mary was an active member of The Emanuel United Church of Christ and a lifelong volunteer of numerous causes. She has baked over 500 cherry, peach, and apple pies in these volunteer efforts. Mary was awarded the coveted Clare Reck Volunteer-of-the-Year award in 1972 for outstanding community service. During a 20-year period of volunteering at the Chelsea Community Hospital, Mary purchased two life size "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" piñatas in Houston and engaged the flight crew to help her safely transport these very large attention-getting items to Michigan. Mary donated these piñatas to a fundraiser at the hospital, which were the most profitable items that year. Finally, a note about Mary and Maggie Tapping. Special friends until the end. When residents saw Maggie's white car with elderly Maggie driving and Mary barely seeing out the passenger seat, they knew to stay away. Maggie didn't look when backing out of her parking spot. She just put the car in reverse and hit the gas.

Mary is survived by three children and their spouses: Liz Blossom of Manchester, Cindy and Gary Pilbeam of Jonesville, Tom and Laura Blossom of Lafayette Louisiana, and Debbie and Bill Kastanis of Manchester. She also is survived by 9 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard, her

parents, Ray and Blanch Tuckerman and her son, Garry Blossom.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Blossom family has decided to postpone a memorial service for our mother until we can safely gather together. We look forward to reminiscing with friends and family when that time comes to celebrate her happy, full life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested the Emanuel United Church of Christ, Manchester. Please visit www.themanchestermirror.com for a more detailed summary of Mary Blossom's wonderful life or leave a message of comfort for Mary's family or sign her guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.

Comments



“ What a very special lady. Always enjoyed being with her. When we think of Mary a smile can be found on our faces. Fun, great sense of humor, a great person and fantastic teacher. RIP Mary you earned it. Our Prayers and thoughts are with her family.

David and Charlene Goodell

David and Charlene Goodell - February 22 at 11:09 PM



“ One of my favorite teachers from elementary school. She was an amazing teacher and always so generous and enthusiastic. We made so many amazing things in her class and I remember a special valentine wall where we could drop our valentines into individual pockets for each other. The pool party for our class at the end of the school year was amazing. She made all of her students feel special. I love reading about her other volunteer endeavors. A life well lived...

Charlotte Myers - February 15 at 07:19 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Stay safe. - Kent Blossom

Kent Blossom - February 15 at 06:14 PM



“ I remember when I had Mrs Blossom as a teacher and towards the end of the year she would invite her whole class over to her house for a pool party. She would supply snacks and drinks and she even had blow pool toys , we would do a barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers. Then for years she even if you weren't in her class anymore she would say we were always welcome to come over to swim as long as she was home. She was such a caring person and an awesome teacher who cared about her students if one was struggling she would help one on one and even tutor if needed. Rest in peace Mrs. Blossom you will always be remembered. Prayers to the family.

janey s koch - February 15 at 05:49 PM



“ Janey S Koch lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Blossom



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