



Mary Davis

March 26, 1955 - May 10, 2024

Mary C. (McSweeney) Davis, 69, of Monrovia, left this world unexpectedly on Friday, May 10, 2024. The daughter of an airman, she was born on an Airforce Base in Peru, IN on March 26, 1955, to the late Frank James and Helen Adele (Laffiteau) McSweeney.

Raised with strong Catholic beliefs, Mary proudly graduated from Ladywood Catholic School with the class of 1973. Brought up in the era of the hippie generation, she was known to burn her bras and participate in protests. A stay-at-home mother, she also worked as a special needs assistant, later as a medical records clerk for IU Health, retiring in 2016.

Set up on a blind date, Mary met the love of her life, Leon, later in life. After a short courtship, the pair were joyously united in marriage on December 24, 1984, with a simple ceremony. Originally settling in Indianapolis, they later packed up and headed to the serene country life of Monrovia to be closer to their kids and get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. The ultimate matriarch and wife, Mary continuously put her family's needs above her own, selflessly caring for them with true diligence. Blessed with the gift of whipping up scrumptious meals, dinner was hot and ready every evening, and dessert was a must. A master baker, store bought cakes were a definite no no, as she made the kids and grandkids homemade cakes for every birthday. She loved to spoil Leon and was a huge advocate for his health care, once shutting

down a million-dollar company due to their contamination of the environment.

Mary and Leon adored riding their Harley Davidsons regularly, and when the kids were little, they even had a side car, enabling the family to cruise together with the wind in their hair. The couple had date night weekly, visiting casinos to hit the slot machines, and hit she did, twice hitting big in a months' time! Generous by nature, Mary was hard-working, determined, and a real spitfire. Her small stature of 4'11" was deceiving, as she never took any gruff from anyone. She enjoyed working in her yard, spending quality time doting on her grandchildren, and talking on her phone. She never met a stranger and was fortunate to possess the gift of gab. Although she left this earthly world too soon, she left a legacy of light and love, and her family and friends will miss her desperately.

Along with her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph McSweeney, and nephew, Joseph McSweeney.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of nearly 40 years, Leon Davis of Monrovia; children, Heather Rutherford (William) of Monrovia, Carissa Kemp (Israel) of Cloverdale, and Leon Davis, III of Indianapolis; siblings, James "Jim" McSweeney and Charles "Charlie" McSweeney, both of Oregon; grandchildren, Skylar Kemp (Carley) of Noblesville, Jacob Rutherford of Monrovia, Brice Kemp (Autumn) of Paragon, Billy Rutherford of Fishers, Hunter Rutherford (Mallori) of Greensburg, Tyler Kemp of Cloverdale, Matt Rutherford of Fishers, and Grace Kemp of Cloverdale; along with her precious kitties, Muffy and Dancer.

Cremation and Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation on Saturday, May 18, from 1pm to 3pm at the funeral home, with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 3pm, and Mike Boling will officiate.

When services are complete, a procession will take Mary on her last ride on the 1 More Ride Harley Hearse with a pass by her home, and fellow Harley riders are encouraged to come ride along. As Mary loved a good fireworks show, her family is planning to have a big party to celebrate her life later in the summer, complete with a grand pyrotechnics display. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Last Ride

MAY 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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The family will be going in procession by Mary's home in procession when services are complete, taking her last ride on the 1 More Ride Harley Hearse.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Love, Harold and Dorry Glover purchased the Fair rest of All for the family of Mary Davis.



Love, Harold and Dorry Glover - May 18, 2024 at 07:27 AM

LG

“ Love, Harold and Dorry Glover planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Davis.

Love, Harold and Dorry Glover - May 18, 2024 at 07:27 AM

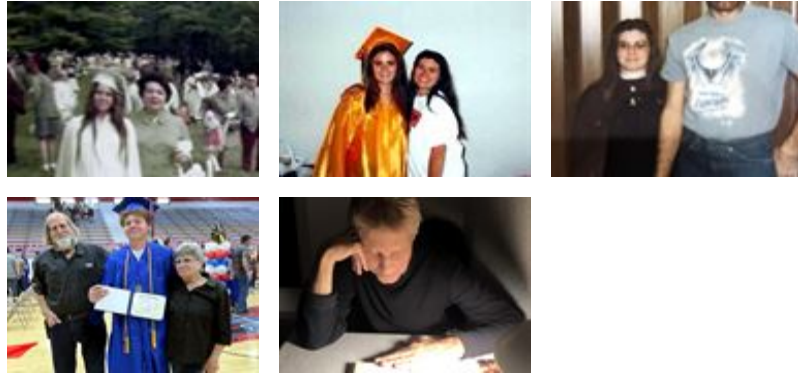
SC

“ Sympathy to all. We always enjoyed your light-hearted spirit when our musicians would play. Blessings & hope to you in your time of sorrow. Steve Campbell (artistsbyte@yahoo..)

Steve Campbell - May 18, 2024 at 06:47 AM



“ 324 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 17, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ Love, Linda Thatcher purchased the Dawn of Re
membrance Basket for the family of Mary Davis.



Love, Linda Thatcher - May 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM



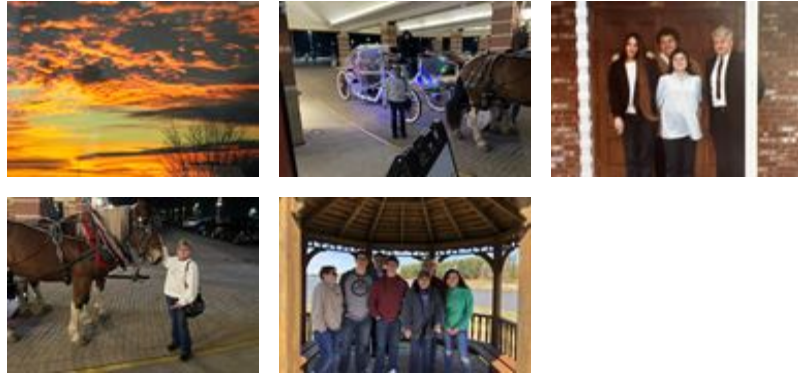
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Mary Davis.



May 16, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 16, 2024 at 06:06 PM

HK

“ *Hayden & Kelsie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Davis.*



Hayden & Kelsie - May 16, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AH

“ *Heather-please know that my heart, prayers, and thoughts are with you* 💕💕

April Hettwer - May 16, 2024 at 10:49 AM

MP

“ *Started out a sister in law, but became a beloved sister. Will miss her. Martha.*

Martha pierce - May 16, 2024 at 09:48 AM

LS

“ I was fortunate to meet Mary a few years back when we discovered that Leon is my mother’s half brother so she was an added aunt that I never knew I had. We used to talk a lot on the phone and would meet on several occasions at various casinos. She would tell stories of the Davis family to catch us up and of her children and grandchildren.

I last saw her in March and was so glad that I did. I will miss talking to and seeing her smiling face. I am sure that she will connect with my husband Don on her heavenly journey. She will be missed by so many.

Lisa Sexton Stout - May 16, 2024 at 08:08 AM

AV

“ Ally Cass Kayla Mattie Ben Riley Vincent purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Davis.



Ally Cass Kayla Mattie Ben Riley Vincent - May 15, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DH

“ Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, HRH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Davis.

Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, HRH - May 15, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Davis.*



May 15, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ *Heather & family--I am so sorry for your loss and regret I never had the opportunity to meet your mother. She was obviously a grand lady who will be missed by so many.*

Libbe Hughes - May 15, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Our condolences go out to the Davis family. My aunt Mary was a loving, caring and giving woman. Although I didn't see her much after I established my own life. When I would see her she was always happy to see me. May her heart and soul be in heaven doing what she can there. Once again our condolences Alan and Jo Snyder.*

Alan Snyder - May 15, 2024 at 05:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Davis.*



May 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM

BS

“ Branton Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Davis.

Branton Sanders - May 14, 2024 at 03:11 PM

BS

“ Branton Sanders purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Davis.



Branton Sanders - May 14, 2024 at 03:11 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Mary. She definitely was a huge help to her sister-in-law Teresa, one of my very best friends, after her Cancer diagnosis. My thoughts and prayers go out to Leon and the rest of the family. 🙏
Tricia Haynes Bannon

Tricia Haynes Bannon - May 14, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SC

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Sue Cooper - May 14, 2024 at 10:55 AM

DT

“ Dave & JoAnn Tessmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Davis.

Dave & JoAnn Tessmann - May 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM

DT

“ Dave & JoAnn Tessmann purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Davis.



Dave & JoAnn Tessmann - May 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM

PD

“ I will miss my calls with Mary talking about everything... 30 yrs of friendship has given us lots of things to talk about! She was one unique lady, she liked to put on a hard front, but she was a softy at heart. She loved her family & friends & would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. Sending hugs & prayers for you all ❤️
Love Patti & George Daviau

Patti Daviau - May 13, 2024 at 08:18 PM

CZ

“ So sorry for your family's loss, Prayers

Crystal Ann Zoller - May 13, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TF

“*Mary was such a special lady. A neighbor of my parents turned friend. My children loved Mary and always look for her outside to wave or walk down to say hello. Our turn onto the road will never be the same again as we will always want to wave and yell "Hi, Mary" out the window. We are grateful to have known her and she will be missed.*

The Reese family - May 13, 2024 at 04:00 PM

ER

“*I can't not remember when Mary has not been in my life. She has been my mother's best friend forever. She has been one of my rocks this last year. I am not sure what I am going to do without are weekly talks. She ment so much to our family. We love you and will miss you.*



Ericka - May 13, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“*0 file added to the tribute wall*

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 13, 2024 at 01:09 PM