



## Mary Terrell

November 1, 1935 - November 12, 2017

Mary Minervia (Atherton) Terrell, 82, of Franklin and formerly of Martinsville, peacefully passed away while surrounded by loved ones at 5:30am, on Sunday, November 12, 2017, in the Franklin United Methodist Community. She was born on November 1, 1935, in Martinsville, to the late Ralph and Minervia (Elsbury) Atherton.

A native of Morgan County, Mary graduated from Martinsville High School in 1955. She fell in love with a young and handsome soldier and married John Henry Terrell; to whom she was blessed with life's greatest purpose of three beautiful children. Always putting God and family first, the Terrell's are past members of the Mt. Olive Methodist Church on Wilbur Road. A bubbly, friendly, outgoing, kind and generous woman, she was an accountant at Indiana Bell for over 30 years. After John's passing, Mary relocated to Franklin and took permanent residency in the United Methodist Community. A reputable resident at Otterbein Senior Living Community, she worked in the giftshop for 15 years. Her hobbies included baking cakes and cookies, collecting fenton baskets and Thomas Kinkaid calendars. Mary was a devoted wife, a loving mother and an adored Granme to many. She will be deeply missed.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Henry Terrell and beloved daughter, Pam Roten.

Survivors include her loving children, Tim Terrell (wife, Lana) of Wilbur and Betsy Hatley (husband, Jim) of Bloomington; siblings, Bob, Dan, Roger, Bill, Richard and David; 8 grandchildren, Heather, Autumn, Dylan, Dalton, Julie, Trenton, Cody and Hayley and 11 great grandchildren.

Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will begin at 7:00pm, on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at Light Memorial, with calling beginning at 6pm. A private inurnment with family will follow at the Mt. Olive Fairview Cemetery in Wilbur. To share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence or light a candle in her memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

# Previous Events

## Friends & Family Gathering

NOV 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello to all the family, sorry to hear of Mary passing  
She and I would share our news of being pregnant to one another  
we had some nice times together while John and Steve we still alive  
loved sitting on the back porch watching all the hummingbirds  
gather around the feeder. God Bless you Tim and Betsy  
Sharon Rike now living in Texas

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**Sharon Rike** - November 16, 2017 at 12:21 PM

PM

“ Deepest Sympathy. Mary was a cousin of mine, her mother Aunt  
Jane, was my dad's sister. I have many childhood memories of  
visits with the Atherton family. I am sure she will be sadly missed.  
Suffering no more she is now with God.  
Phyllis Elsbury Moeller

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**Phyllis Moeller** - November 15, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ Those who knew Mary won't be surprised by this but I'll have to say  
she was the **ABSOLUTE BEST MOTHER-in-LAW EVER** ❤️ She  
**LOVED CHRISTMAS** time and our kids always had the best times  
looking inside their stockings from her and John. Christmas tradition  
was always to get up early and then go to John and Mary's for an  
absolute awesome Christmas morning breakfast!!! She loved  
playing with our kids and if my house was messy (usually was/is 😬)  
she always said "I'd rather see you playing with the kids and taking  
care of them instead of always doing housework "!! **WOW did WE**  
ever love her so much. She is so much at peace now and it's such a  
blessing to **KNOW** that she **KNEW JESUS** and has now seen the  
face of **GOD** 🙏

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**Lana Terrell** - November 14, 2017 at 06:52 PM