



Mary Lou McMahan McHugh

February 10, 1931 - July 18, 2014

Mary Lou (McMahan) Moore McHugh, age 83, a resident of Belleville and a native of the Tunnel Hill community, passed away Friday, July 18, 2014, at 10:44 AM at Relais Bonne Eau Hospice Home in Edwardsville.

Mary was born February 10, 1931 at the family home in Tunnel Hill. She was the daughter of Harry "Pete" and Carrie (Simmons) McMahan. Both parents preceded her in death. She was an exceptional caregiver to both her parents and her in-laws. Mary was a baptized member of the Community of Christ Church.

Mary was a loving and devoted wife. She was united in marriage to Robert Joe Moore, who preceded her in death in 1966. She was later united in marriage to Joseph Robert McHugh, who preceded her in death in 2010.

Mary is survived by her 6 children – Andy J. Moore of Belleville, Angie J. (Joe) Janton of Little Rock, Arkansas, Allen J. Moore of Belleville, Alex J. McHugh of Omaha, Nebraska, Anita J. (Tom) Steinmann of Edwardsville, and Amy J. McHugh of Florissant, Missouri; 8 grandchildren – Cara, Jessa & Amanda Janton, Robert Moore, McKenna & Payton Crump-McHugh, and Marian & Josie Steinmann; and a great granddaughter – Lucy Janton.

Mary was a graduate of Goreville High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts

Smith-Hughes Degree in Home Economics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Mary was a life-long educator with a teaching career that spanned 49 years. She began teaching in the Vienna and Goreville School districts, taught in Corpus Christi, Texas, and she dedicated 43 years to the Belleville School District 118 where she primarily taught 5th and 6th grade at Franklin Elementary School. She considered herself fortunate to have had the opportunity to touch the lives of so many students and their families. She believed everyone was gifted and she had a knack for identifying and encouraging those gifts. Mary cherished her Franklin and District 118 colleagues. She often referred to them as the siblings she never had.

Mary was a passionate community advocate and civic leader in Belleville. She had a vision of what her community could be and she worked tirelessly for positive growth and change. Her efforts earned her many accolades. Mary acknowledged these honors would not have been possible without the many quality people she worked shoulder to shoulder with to make her visions realities.

Foremost, Mary adored her family. She was a dedicated softball coach, Scout Den Mother, speech coach, dance mom, costume maker and fine arts supporter. Most importantly, she was the biggest fan of and cheerleader for every activity held dear to her children and grandchildren. Near or far, Mary rarely missed an event or celebration involving her family. Not only was she there, she was there with “bells on”.

Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. (Philippians 2:3-4) Job well done Mary! You will forever be loved.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 AM Thursday, July 24, 2014, at the

Community of Christ (Webb) Church, 5170 Tunnel Hill, Road, Tunnel Hill, IL. Dr. Glenn Webb will officiate. Interment will be in the Webb Cemetery near Tunnel Hill.

Visitation will be conducted Wednesday, July 23, 2014 from 5 PM – 9 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna and from 10 AM – 11 AM Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the church.

A Belleville celebration honoring Mary will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, 308 North 2nd Street, Belleville, IL 62220; The Center For Racial Harmony, 207 North 2nd Street, Belleville, IL 62220; or to The Optimist's Club of Belleville, P.O. Box 636, Belleville, IL 62222-0636;

"Above all else, strive to be faithful to Christ's vision of the peaceable Kingdom of God on earth. Courageously challenge cultural, political and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purpose of God. Pursue Peace." Doctrine and Covenants 163:3b

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Cemetery Details

Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of Christ Church
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of Christ Church
5170 Tunnel Hill Rd.
Tunnel Hill, IL 62972

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou McMahan McHugh*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Mrs McHugh was a good friend of my family. She taught my brother and sister at Franklin School in the 70's. She also did so much for the community of Belleville in trying to bring it together where it appeared divided. I work at a Prison in Greenville, IL and a inmate Mrs McHugh taught informed me of her passing. He said to me, Mrs McHugh always would tell him he was special and that meant allot to him. Mrs McHugh lived what scripture says in (Philippians 2:3-4) Be humble, thinking of others. She will be truly missed. She taught me allot about Belleville.*

Keith Chambers & Family

keith chambers - August 20, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ *I had Mary Lou as a home economics teacher in 1954, 1955, and 1956 at Vienna High School. She was loved by all her students and parents. I majored in home ec in college because of her. She played a joke on our class that I still repeat today. What fond memories I have of her. She left us to go to Texas. With warm regards, Rosa Stanley Basler*

Rosa Basler - August 10, 2014 at 03:28 PM

DK

“ *What a treasure trove of memories you, her family, have! She was my 3 children's sixth grade teacher--such a special teacher and always with a pleasant word and smile. Most recently I've looked for the matriarch on the St. Patrick's day float, or at a civic event. Her interests were widespread and of value. By now, she's surely found her niche in Heaven and is as busy as ever!*

Darleen Kraemer - August 04, 2014 at 12:17 PM

RH

“ *I am so sorry, I was out of town when the service was to pay my respects in person but I am so sorry.*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - July 30, 2014 at 11:00 AM

CB

“ *Mary was an inspiration to everyone she met. She blessed us with her energy and passionate spirit. Thank you Mary for sharing your gifts. This world is a better place because of you!*
God bless,
Connie Barre

connie barre - July 24, 2014 at 08:54 PM

BM

“ *Anita and Tom,*

I am sorry for you loss and am thinking of you. Miss you guys!

Becky McGarrity

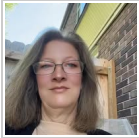
Becky McGarrity - July 23, 2014 at 09:33 PM

BR

“ Bobby And Debbie Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou McMahan McHugh



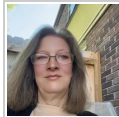
Bobby and Debbie Rentfro - July 23, 2014 at 02:06 PM



“ Christie Krusch-massey lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou McMahan McHugh



Christie Krusch-massey - July 23, 2014 at 02:12 AM



She was my 6th grade teacher many years ago at franklin and she was the best teacher i have ever had and she was the sweetest and kindest person you could ever meet. i am so glad that i add the opportunity to have her as a teacher. Sjhe will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Christie Krusch-massey - July 23, 2014 at 02:14 AM

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Dennis Dvorachek - July 22, 2014 at 11:03 PM



“ There will be many posts on this site stating the same thing, that this was a wonderful woman who made a huge impact on those children's lives that she touched. I was one of those children that walked away from her class having learned more than just the basic curriculum. I came to Mrs. McHugh's class with below average grades and a basic dislike of school. Mrs. McHugh took a special interest in me, as I'm sure she did with her other students, and I began to blossom. I left her class with the love to learn, and the feeling that I could do anything that I set out to do. For this, I am eternally grateful. I will truly miss you Mrs. McHugh!



Sincerely,
Tina Grossmann Romanic

Tina Grossmann Romanic - July 22, 2014 at 10:53 PM

MF

“ Mrs. McHugh and my mother, Madge Sperry, were teachers together at Franklin School for many years during the 60's, 70's and 80's. They were co-workers and good friends outside the classroom. She was amazing and had the great gift of making everyone feel good about themselves. My sympathies to Mrs. McHugh's family and friends. She was a great lady who will be truly missed.

Sincerely,
Mona Sperry Fishbein

Mona Sperry Fishbein - July 22, 2014 at 10:07 PM

MR

“ I'm very sorry to hear about her passing. She was a wonderful teacher. She really cared for all her students. She taught me a lot of things about life. She was a terrific roll model for anyone who met her. I appreciate everything she did for me. When I struggled in school, she took the time to explain my work where I can understand. Thanks for being an awesome inspiration!!!!

Michelle Dees Reese

Michelle Dees Reese - July 22, 2014 at 09:09 PM

BD

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person and a great inspiration for the Dees children and grandchildren. She will be missed, but never will be forgotten. She will be smiling down on her family and her friends. Bev Dees

bev dees - July 22, 2014 at 08:57 PM

VV

“ I met Mary at local community meeting and from that moment on she was a constant encourager to me and always spoke highly of our church in her community. Our church had an opportunity to clean up some brush around her home a couple of years ago, and we were blessed beyond measure to serve a woman who served so many. Mary always had a kind word to say about everyone she met, and she had a way of making you feel special. I will miss you Mary McHugh. Thanks for encouraging me!!!

*Vance Vyers
Damascus Road Fellowship-Pastor*

Vance Vyers - July 22, 2014 at 04:07 PM

TF

“ *For He Will Raise Her Up On Eagle's Wings,
Bear Her On The Breath Of Dawn,
Make Her To Shine Like The Sun,
And Hold Her In The Palm Of His Hand.*



The Bourgeois Family - July 22, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ *I knew Mary for many years and did volunteer work with her on Racial Harmony projects. A local educator said it best, "if you met her, you loved her." Our most heartfelt condolences to all of her family and friends. With love, Dale and Donna Zink.*

Dale Zink - July 22, 2014 at 08:42 AM

AJ

“ *I am one of her past students. My other three siblings had her as a teacher also . She always cared for her students. I hope her family finds peace at this time knowing all of the lives she has touched. If you want to really want to know the impact she had you can go onto Facebook and look up the page "I went to Franklin and I was a hooter". I remember at field day our school would always win because she would have us out there practicing as soon as the weather was fitting. I will always remember her.*

Amanda Jarrett-Mensen - July 22, 2014 at 06:40 AM

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Nancy - July 21, 2014 at 10:54 PM

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Nancy - July 21, 2014 at 10:37 PM

 Kari
Tutza

“ *My sincerest condolences to Mary's family. She was a great, great lady! I feel so very lucky to have considered her a friend. We'll miss you Mary! (And I still hear my little Cardinal that you gave me.) :)*

Kari Tutza - July 21, 2014 at 11:27 AM

MI

“ *Sending prayers and comfort to the family....she will always live on in your heart. Love always Michelle and Patti*

Michelle - July 20, 2014 at 10:06 PM

KR

“ As much as my heart is breaking for the passing of this wonderful woman, i know that her children and family are in more need. I am so very sorry for your loss McHugh family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Even In her passing she has brought people together to help her family, by remembering and sharing stories of her as the greatest teacher we will ever know.

kristie - July 20, 2014 at 01:17 PM

KK

“ So sorry, Matt and all of Mary Lou's family and loved ones, for your loss.

Krissy Klabacha - July 20, 2014 at 01:02 PM

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Dennis Dvorachek - July 19, 2014 at 03:54 PM

NR

she was the greatest substitute and best teacher ever she will be missed by everybody in the community of district 118

natasha roesch - July 24, 2014 at 11:42 AM