



Mrs. Mary Louise McKay Hurst

April 18, 2020

Mary Louise McKay Hurst, 87 passed away at her home on April 18th, 2020 after a hard fought two year battle with cancer.

Mary was born and raised in St. John's Newfoundland, Canada and was the eldest daughter of William James and Hannah "Anna" Moss McKay. Mary loved "home" and cherished her lifelong friends from the St. Patrick's Catholic School for girls in St. John's.

On February 23, 1954, Mary married Willie T. "Reb" Hurst and they began their life together here in the United States. Mary was later blessed with two loving and devoted sons, Geary, and John. The family traveled the world where Mary experienced many wonderful times with her military husband and their sons. She loved the Air Force family life and lived in places such as France which she often said was her favorite "assignment" of them all. During her time as a wife and mother, Mary earned her degree from Auburn University at Montgomery. She worked in the health care field and was a dedicated assistant to various physicians in her career. When Mary was not working, she loved growing roses and other flowers in her yard. She was always quick to give a rose or two to a guest that may have stopped in for a visit.

Mary was a dedicated sports fan and a loyal Cubs supporter. She also loved to watch the Red Sox, Canadiens, and owned stock in the Green Bay Packers. Mary loved watching her son's play sports as they grew up and she attended every game possible. She could often times be heard rooting her

teams on from her seat in the stands. Over the years she affectionately became known by her sons teammates as " Mom".

Later in life, Mary often reminisced about baseball games and "her boys" at Troy State; Craig, Scott, Tim, Jeff, and Greg. Mary also loved her time watching games at Maxwell A.F.B and cherished her memories of "Cliffy", Robbie, Ronnie, Mike Zambiasi, along with David, Brent, and Tommy Heidemann. Seeing them all play, and later grow up into good men, made her heart "smile". Mary's love for sports continued throughout her life with her latest love whom she named "her Little Mustangs". They brought joy during her last three years and she loved hearing about their games.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents William and Hannah McKay, husband Willie (1988), one brother William Moss McKay, and sister Elizabeth Amanda McKay.

She is survived, and will be missed by her loving family, Geary, John, and Cynthia, along with sister Catherine, brother Sandy, and two granddaughters, Kelly, and Amanda.

The family would like to thank the loving friends that provided comfort during Mom's incredible fight; D.G. Shaner, Father Jimmy Dean, the Mims Family, Pastor Peter Cova, Randy, Dennis, Brookside Funeral Home (Chris), The City of Millbrook, and Baptist Hospice; Allyson, and Tracy, you were wonderful, and kind. Thank you also goes out to those friends and family that stood strong with support and love; Jim, Darlene, Chris, Beverly, the Chancey family, Thomas, Lu, Jules, Dennis, Randy, Joe, Mark, the IHS coaches, and players. The family plans to announce a memorial gathering for a later date. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor and remember Mary ("Mom"), she requested that each of you plant a beautiful shade tree so that it may be enjoyed for many years to come.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Mrs. Mary Louise McKay Hurst*

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“ *Mom loved her Mustangs*



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She loved you all.

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