



Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey

January 1, 1952 - June 11, 2011

Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey, age 59 of Liberty, Missouri, formerly of Odessa, Missouri, died on Saturday, June 11, 2011 in Levasy, Missouri.

Born Tuesday, January 1, 1952 in Higginsville, Missouri, she was the daughter of Alvin Deatherage and Carol Wegener Deatherage. Her father preceded her in death.

Mary worked as a real estate agent for various real estate companies, retiring in 1985. She lived most of her life in Odessa, living in Levasy for ten years, moving to Liberty in 2010. She was a graduate of the 1970 Odessa High School.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandson, was a longtime horse enthusiast and loved to play piano.

Surviving are her mother, Carol Deatherage of Higginsville; one daughter, Dena (J.J.) Suftko of Wentzville, Missouri; one brother, David (Sue) Gant of Kansas City, Missouri; and a grandson, Grant Suftko.

A Funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Hoefer Chapel located at 1600 Main St. Higginsville, with the Rev. Cliff Caton officiating. Interment will be in Higginsville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. on Saturday at Hoefler Chapel. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be sent to American Diabetes Association or National Kidney Association.

Casketbearers are John Brayley, Larry Turner, Don Wegener, Steve Wegener, Matt Wegener, Art Wegener and Wesley Wegener. Honorary pallbearers are Grant Suftko and Andy Gant.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeflerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mary Gail Deatherage Willsey*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Dena, I'm so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I was there to give you a big hug!*
~Julie Schelin Lindberg

Julie Schelin Lindberg - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *I shall always remember Mary Gail as a kind, happy, and fun-loving lady. My heartfelt sympathies to all.*

Sandy Willis Barker - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

AF

“ Mary Gail was a cousin, but more like my best friend all our years growing up. She always could make me laugh and we had the most fun riding horses, skipping school and "riding around" back in the day. She was dedicated to her family and friends and would do anything she could for you. You will be sorely missed by all. Amy

Amy Gash Frett - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JE

“ So sorry for the loss of Mary Gail. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Jean Endsley

Jean Endsley - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

DR

“ I have so many great memories as a child. Mary Gail would always let me spend the night with her and we would go horseback riding or I would just sit beside her at the piano and wish I could play it as good as she. Didn't get to see each other as much after we grew up. But I will miss her dearly. And cherish those memories forever. RIP dear cousin. For there will be no more pain or suffering.

Doreen Montgomery Rollins - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

SB

“ I have so many warm memories of time spent with Mary Gail and her family on the hill in Odessa. It was always a loving and welcoming place to be! We are so sorry for your loss and you will be in our prayers daily. Mary Gail was such a loving, talented gal that will be missed so much and remembered always!

Susan Gash Bowland - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ Dena,

I just loved your Mom in the short time I knew her. She was always so friendly and always had a smile on her face even though at times you knew she was hurting. I know she is at peace now but she will truly be missed. Hugs and prayers out to you and your family.

*Your Friends,
Debbie Stapleton (and my husband John)*

John and Debbie Stapleton - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

MM

“ Oh Mary Gail---I miss you already... Mary Gail was one of my very best friends. I have such wonderful memories growing up with Mary Gail - there in Odessa. Mary Gail was fun and mischevious - smart, thoughtful and talented - sweet and serious. She loved her horses! One time, she rode her pinto horse down to my house on 3rd street from her house up on the hill - and took me for a ride. I remember she used to write poetry. She did love to play the piano - I remember the piano lessons we both took from Lila Schloman. Today I attended Mary Gail's funeral - the last song that was played was "Happy Trails to You" (Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans) - the tears started to flow - "Until we meet again" my dear friend...

Marilyn (Meyer) Moots - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM

EP

“ Dena,

*I'm so sorry to hear about loss of your mother. She was a wonderful person that was full of life. I'm there if you need. My condolences.
Everett Preyer & Elaine Moel*

Everett Preyer - April 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM