



## Mary Laura Ruff

April 25, 1946 - March 5, 2014

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Mary Laura Ruff died peacefully on March 5, 2014, after a short illness. She is survived by her companion and friend, Eddie Reno, of Marshall, her son, Michael Menig of Minneapolis, MN, her sister, Sue Ann Cocke, brother, Jon B. Ruff and his wife, Nancy, sister-in-law Martha Ruff Murray, and many nieces and nephews, all of Longview, Austin and Houston. She was preceded in death by her parents Wilma and Glen Ruff, and brother, Jere J. Ruff.

Mary was born on April 25, 1946, in Longview. After graduation from LHS in 1964, she attended North Texas University, and in 1983 earned her Bachelor of General Studies from The University of Texas at Dallas.

Those who knew Mary admired and loved her for her free spirit and caring nature. She was an artist and enjoyed teaching friends, nieces and nephews about various forms of art, literature, storytelling, and music.

Mary lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Kearney, Nebraska, and in, Dallas, Longview, and most recently in Marshall. In each place that she lived, Mary left a gift of herself through the art she created. While in Santa Fe, she wrote Sacred Poetry on the Path, under the name of Mary Rose – Gentle Doe.

In 1997 Mary became a Licensed Massage Therapist and in July, 2012, she completed certification as a specialist in Biofeedback and Stress Management. For the past nine years Mary practiced her massage therapy, Health Matters, in the office of Dr. Jeffrey Brady, D.C., in Longview.

There will be a celebration of Mary's life at 2 o'clock on Monday, March 17, at First Christian Church, 720 North Sixth Street, Longview, with Dr. Richard Emerson officiating. If desired, memorials may be directed to the Marshall Visual Art Center, Michelson

Museum of Art, or AI-Anon.

# Comments

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“ I have only found out about Mary Rose's passing and it has touched me more than I thought it would. I remember her as a wonderful if not legal grandmother to my daughter Marlana, Years have passed but she still has a spot in our hearts....

**becky randall** - February 03, 2015 at 10:21 AM

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“ Condolences to the family of Mary, whom I (Johnny) graduated with Longview High School. May precious memories comfort you through this difficult time. Mary will always be a special member of the LHS Class of 1964.

**Johnny James** - March 25, 2014 at 11:37 AM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Mary's recent passing. We grew up together at First Christian Church and graduated from LHS together. I will always remember Mary for her lovely dry wit and sweet smile. I know she will be greatly missed by family and friends. May God hold you close during this difficult time.- Jodie McLendon Holman

**Jodie McLendon Holman** - March 18, 2014 at 10:37 AM

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“ Very sorry for the loss of a gentle and comforting person. Went to Mary only twice but appreciated her knowledge and kindness. She will be missed. -Violet Gehrke, LMT

**Violet Gehrke, LMT** - March 17, 2014 at 02:26 PM

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**Alan Grantham** - March 16, 2014 at 05:23 PM

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“ Sue Ann, I am so sorry to hear about your sister. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Delores and David Morris

**Delores Morris** - March 16, 2014 at 12:57 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Mary. I remember playing with her as a child at Wilma and Glen's house when my parents were visiting with each other. I know she will be missed.

Pat and D'anne DeMoss McGown  
Beaumont

**D'anne McGown** - March 15, 2014 at 03:29 PM

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“ I was so sad when I read of Mary's death. She was a good and dear friend to me from elementary school through high school. Thank you to the Ruff family for all the wonderful childhood memories I have of many hours spent both in your home on S. Houston as well as the lake. She was loved by us all. My deepest sympathy to your entire family, Sue Ingram Rushing.

**Sue Rushing** - March 15, 2014 at 01:07 PM

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“ Mary, I am so sorry and so very sad. I'll keep your December smile in my heart. You knew well how to be a friend. Arches and altars and kitties and love....

**jackie glover** - March 15, 2014 at 12:20 PM

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“ Fond memories of Mary from high school. I was especially looking forward to, seeing her at upcoming Class of '64 Reunion. My sincere condolence to her family. As you know, Mary rocked! The world's loss, heaven's gain.

**pat ferchill** - March 14, 2014 at 07:10 PM