



Mary F. Breidenich

February 18, 1938 - September 21, 2012

Lexington- Mary Frances Breidenich, nee Bailey, died September 21, 2012 in Port Huron Michigan at the age of 74. Mary was born February 18, 1938 to the late Adelaide (Carey) and Joseph Bailey. She married Richard Breidenich on February 9, 1963.

Mary graduated from Dominican High School in Detroit, and received her Bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights University in Adrian. She later earned a Masters in Reading Education and spent her career as a social worker and teacher in Detroit-area and Port Huron School districts.

Mary was a devout Catholic who dedicated much of her time and energy throughout her life to helping others, including serving as a first responder with the American Red Cross supporting rescue and relief efforts in New York City after 9-11. Warm and funny, Mary would always be the first to strike up a conversation with a stranger, make a joke to get someone to smile, and was the most loyal and giving of friends. Mary is survived by her husband, Richard, daughters, Clare and Kristen, sister, Ann Michaeleen Savard, and cousins Judy Engler and Marion Reed.

Visitation will be from 2-9 on Tuesday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington, with Rosary Devotions at 7 PM Tuesday evening. Funeral Mass 11 AM Wednesday at St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington, with visiting at the church from 10-11 on Wednesday. Fr. Robert P. Schikora will officiate.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ YOUR BROTHER, "JIMMIE"

JIM - March 11, 2013 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ So sad to hear of Mary's passing...I worked with Mary at Michigamme School in 1984. I was the Social Worker there and she often came to me with concerns regarding her students. She was a strong/passionate character and I admired her for that. What I loved about her most was her devilish smile, laugh, and sense of humor. She will be missed.

Debra Cone - September 26, 2012 at 06:28 PM

CP

“ Our sympathy to the Bailey/Breidenich family, especially Richard. To lose a mate in death is to also lose a best friend. We know that no amount of words can take away the pain and deep sadness you feel right now. We hope to encourage you and your family with the comforting and encouraging promises found in God's Word at Acts 9:36-41 and 24:15. You have a wonderful hope of seeing your dear Mary again in the resurrection to come.

CP - September 26, 2012 at 02:21 AM

SM

“ Our son, Scott, had Mary as a teacher in 4th grade. I believe it was Crull or maybe Mckinley. He had a wonderful year in her room. I remember volunteering to help with the Christmas craft Mary prepared. I helped the students in her room stain the wood pieces (cut out by her husband) to make a reindeer. Scott still has his. Her death saddens our family. She was a gifted teacher.

scott, sue and dick matzka - September 25, 2012 at 09:10 PM

FE

“ To the Breidenich Family: My sympathy and prayers at thie time of great loss. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries. "Eternal rest give to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her forever. May she rest in peace! May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace." Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock Retired pastor of St. Denis Church in Lexington

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - September 24, 2012 at 07:54 PM

CS

“ Oh, how shocked and sad I am to learn of Mary's death. She brought such vigor and delight and insight to our Book Club discussions. Last year she even brought Clare to my house for one of our meetings. Maybe she told you how I helped her finally spot an Alligator in the Bay. She was determined to see one there, so I would alert her to any I spotted. She was quite proud in reporting that she had seen the BIG one. I hope you are each comforted by loving memories of your very special Mary. Carolyn Saunders

Carolyn Saunders - September 24, 2012 at 03:41 PM