



## Mary Alice Greenberg

May 15, 1946 - July 20, 2020

Mary Alice (Norton) Greenberg, of Allenton, Michigan died on July 20, 2020.

She was born in Detroit on May 15, 1946 to Gladys (St. Pierre) and Michael Emmett Norton, Sr., the youngest of four children. She grew up in St. Clair Shores and Harrison Township and graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School in 1964.

Mary was married to Daniel Lyle Greenberg in 1965, and they achieved 55 years together as of June 12, 2020. She was a devout Catholic and a long-time member of St. Thecla Catholic Church in Clinton Township.

Dan and Mary lived in Harrison Township and Macomb Township before moving to their happy white house in the country in Allenton. It was in these houses, along with their cottage in Hawks, MI that Mary and Dan created a legacy for and with their family: the places where they celebrated Christmas, Easter and birthdays, had cookie exchanges, egg hunts, barbecues, badminton tournaments and movie days.

After staying home with her young children, Mary worked as a secretary for St. Mary's School in Mt. Clemens, but worked the majority of her career at Lakeview Public School's Ardmore Elementary in St. Clair Shores.

Mary will be remembered by friends for her sense of humor, her kind and generous heart and her ability to make everyone, at any age, feel special and heard, because she would remember the small details.

Her family will remember her as the light of their lives, the planner who made every event memorable and the magnetic force that created the familial closeness they share today. She will also be remembered for trips up north, her thoughtful surprise gifts and her adventurous spirit, particularly during her casino and shopping trips. They will miss her inner MacGyver, her mad crocheting and sewing skills, her snarky responses to ridiculous media, being with her at Anchor Bay varsity football and basketball games and the every day love she bestowed upon those closest to her. They will feel her presence on the beach up north, when they see hummingbirds and any time someone says, "I know a guy," or "I'll see you soon." They look forward to playing Pit and Yahtzee, watching Little Women and having a Heineken or a glass of Jack with her when they are reunited.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents and her in-laws, Lyle and Geraldine Greenberg and brothers-in-law, Dewar Bosel and Larry Greenberg.

She is survived by her husband Daniel and her two children: Dannette (Matt) Simon and Derrek (Virginia) Greenberg and five grandchildren: Amanda, Emma, Joshua, Katherine and Ryan. She is also survived by her siblings, Michael Emmett Norton Jr., Gladys Bosel, and John (NanSea) Norton, her sister-in-law Sandi Greenberg and her brothers-in-law, William (Bev) Greenberg and Gary Greenberg and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. She will also be well-remembered by numerous friends and former colleagues.

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dear Derrek, Virginia, Joshua, Katie, & Ryan; Deepest sympathies and condolences to you all for your loss. You are in my thoughts.

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - July 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

July 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Mary in the Lakeview District. She was such a nice, caring person. My sympathy to the family. Sharon Vaught.

July 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget her.

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Dan, Dannette, Derrek and family I send you my deepest condolences with a heavy heart. I have so many great childhood memories to look back on. These past few years Aunt Mary and I would email back and forth to catch up on things. Recently she shared with me that she still had the little bottle of perfume I brought back from Paris for her my sophomore year of H.S. That was 30 years ago and to know she still had it meant the world to me. She was always so kind and loving, I will miss her deeply. I love you all!!

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy for your loss. Holding you close in our thoughts and prayers!

Arrive in Style - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mary, my MFH. You are my ALL IN ALL. I will miss you forever. I love you and the person you always were. My condolences to your wonderful family! Linda Pelloni

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Mary. How lucky am I to have you for my Godmother? And luckier still to grow up with you and Uncle Dan right next door. A million memories of love and fun and feeling safe knowing you were there. I am honored to share your name and blessed beyond all measure to have you. I will never stop missing you and I will love you forever.

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Derrick, Danette and family. I am so sorry for your loss. My wife, Frann and Mary spent many days last summer playing Words with Friends. The important words there were "Friends". I am encouraged by the fact that today they are still playing the game but in a far, far better place. May God's Strength be with you all during this time. In His Love, Tom DeMay, Sr.

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Mary's family. Please find comfort in the fact that she is now at peace. When I started at Lakeview Mary was already there. I was sending things through inter office mail and mistakenly addressed hers as Mary Greenwood, which is the name of one of our elementary buildings. Mary called me to tell me what I had done and we shared a big laugh. That was the beginning of an over 30 friendship. RIP my friend. I'll truly miss you. ♡♡ Jan Elliott

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, my dear pal for all these years. Snapshots of our time spent being neighbors come flooding back like it was yesterday. You showing me something you'd purchased through your door wall window, me doing the same from my kitchen window, all the while gabbing on our long phone cords. The poker games, with your keen, sharp card-playing skills, appreciation for a well-mixed cocktail, New Year's Eves, exchanging recipes, and, for all of us, a killer sense of humor and the best hugs, I will never forget. I will miss your kindness, good advice and love. To Dan, Dannette, Derrek and Family, I am so sorry. I know Mary is dancing with the angels.

July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ You are in our thoughts. Love, Dee Dumas and family.

**Garden To Go Basket** - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ You knew I'd want something green for you, Aunt Mary. You've always been there for me. I'm so grateful for the love you and Uncle Dan shared with us.

**Emerald Garden Basket** - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *I will carry you with me always. Love, Ross and family*

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**Enchanted Cottage** - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Mary, Always a true and caring friend.*

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**Ocean Breeze Spray** - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aww, Mary. Your passing has left a hole in our hearts. Steve and Diane Linton.*

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July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Mom Mary Corbin knew her although I don't remember everything, I know she was a very sweet person.*

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July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan, Danette, Matt, Derrick, Virginia and Family, I wish I had the words to adequately express my sincere love, respect and admiration for Mary. Being a young, new teacher at Ardmore, and there were many of us, Mary took us all under her wing and was a guiding hand to help us and a trusted ear to listen. She made each and every one of us feel so special. I loved her taking her lunch when we did. She would often speak of her family, trips up north, grand children as they came, and her own children, all four of them as she would say. I spoke with Mary personally, about many life decisions. She would always share her own experiences, and then would give me the piece of advice that I needed at the time. I believe I am a better educator, husband, father and man because of many of those conversations, and I am forever grateful! Your family remains in my constant thoughts and prayers! Peace and love Mary.  
Justin Cabe

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“ Mary Mary! God this woman was so much to SO MANY! Never in a bad mood always smiling and making us laugh. I was so blessed to have worked with her at Ardmore as a college kid coming back to my roots trying to do things to help in the office to me getting my dream job right next to her office! She will be truly missed!  
RIP....love you! - Carolyn Liolli

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“ Mary was like a second mother to me at Ardmore. I remember many conversations we had about life and I enjoyed her wisdom so much. She was a classy lady and truly one of the best. I am a better person for having Mary in my life. God Bless you Mary.

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“ Sincere condolence from the St. Pierre family in Ontario

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“ As a former Lakeview HS teacher, I didn't know Mary. But I got to know quite a few of Ardmores grads. My condolences to the family, friends, and community.

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“ Mary was one classy lady with a heart of gold. She was full of fun yet always professional. She was a wonderful friend and I will miss her. May her family find peace with the fact so many people loved and adored her. May the Lord grant peace and comfort to her loving family . You have your wings Mary ❤️🙏

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“ I developed a special bond with you from the moment I joined you at Ardmore. It's a bond that I've always cherished. When I spoke of you with my family, I always referred to you as "My Mary." They always knew who I was talking about whenever I said My Mary. As a true professional in the workplace, you were the calm amidst the storm when things got a little crazy. To me, you were the real boss. Your kindness, patience, and strength never went unnoticed. You were always a favorite with parents and kids. The younger kids called you Mrs. Greenbird. Whenever I needed help, you did not hesitate to come to my rescue. I always ended my cards to you with, "You're simply the best." No truer words could be spoken. I am grateful that we had several lunches and dinners together the past 3 years and that you got me to play Words With Friends. Those times will surely be missed. To me, you will always be "My Mary." Debbie Tomich

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July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary was truly one of a kind. As Ardmore's secretary extraordinaire, Mrs. Greenberg was realistic, efficient, creative, organized, friendly, fun, and despite juggling a million tasks...never rattled. Her wonderful sense of humor was a gift to all. Mary was a wonderful colleague and person. Heaven has definitely gained a special angel. Holding her family, and all who are grieving the loss of this wonderful earthly being, in my thoughts and prayers.

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July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss you already. We love you, Mary! Janet Norris, Diane Smale, and Debbie Tomich

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**Serene Retreat** - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Dannette, Matt, Amanda, Emma and Greenberg family: Thinking of you - we're very sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort and peace.*

Gracious Lavender Basket - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *My wonderful friend since we 15 years old. How I will miss you. I am so grateful you were my best friend. Hours, days, years talking, laughing, planning time together and Dan too. I look forward to seeing you again in the rooms above prepared just for us. Love, Dee*

July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mary Alice Greenberg*

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *"Aunt Mary Greenberg" will remain in our hearts forever.*

Secret Garden Basket - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *In loving memory of our dear Aunt Mary. We will hold you in our hearts until we meet again in heaven. Love and prayers, Jeff, Kerri & family*

A Full Life - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ When we were kids we used to play in the vacant lot behind our house. One day Mary stepped on a broken mustard jar (they were made of glass back then). She got a pretty bad cut on her foot. When Mary was in the hospital in May 2020 I sent her a text and told her "it all started with that darn mustard jar". She immediately replied, "yes, and you got me home as fast as you could run". We hadn't discussed this throughout our adult life. Great memory. Great sense of humor and full of love.

July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am honored to have known Mary. She was secretary at Ardmore when my children went there. She then became my coworker when I got hired. She was a wonderful mentor and friend. My condolences to her Loving Family ❤️🙏

July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ With love and prayers for a beloved Godmother and dearest friend.

**Serene Reflections Bouquet** - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Dannette & Family Wishing you peace & comfort during this difficult time. With love & sympathy

**Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet** - July 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM