



Mrs. Mary Tunson

May 11, 1931 - May 26, 2022

Mary C. Tunson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Luther Haven Horizons Hospice. The family thanks the staff at Luther Haven Horizons Hospice for their dedicated care of Mary, a beloved aunt, grandmother, and friend.

Before her admission for hospice care, she was under the devoted care of her youngest brother, William (Little Brother) Campbell as she battled Alzheimer's disease. She was 91.

Born Mary C. Campbell in Helena, Arkansas on May 11, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Excell and Emma (née Williams) Campbell, who originally hailed from Duck Hill, Mississippi.

Mary is predeceased by Everett Tunson, her husband and loving friend of 59 years, daughter Helen Washington, three sisters, Thelma Hudson, Ruth Carey and Edna Swanson, four brothers, Cullen Campbell, Excell Campbell, Clarence Campbell and Floyd Campbell, and cousin Wesley

Berryhill, who was raised from infancy following the childbirth death of his mother and the elder Excell's sister, T. Campbell Berryhill.

She is survived by her sister, Ernestine Gibson, brother William Campbell,

granddaughter LaToya Green, grandson Everett Washington, four great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, extended family members, colleagues, and friends.

After spending part of her childhood in Arkansas, the family moved North to Milwaukee, where Mary attended school at St. Benedict and Lincoln High School. She later attended Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing, graduate school at Marquette University, and Cardinal Stritch University.

Having earned her license as a registered nurse, Mary served for 20 years as head nurse at Milwaukee Children's Hospital (now Children's Hospital of Wisconsin). She went on to work with State of Wisconsin for 4½ years, and at Luther Manor in Wauwatosa for 10 years. She retired in 1991.

The Tunson family loved traveling and sailing; fishing was a favorite pastime for both Mary and Everett.

After prevailing in her battle against breast cancer, Mary dedicated her time helping others as a mentor with After Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD). She also was a founding member of the organization's Milwaukee board of directors.

In recognition of her work on behalf of ABCD, she was the 2004 recipient of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation's Champions in Women's Health Award.

Charitable donations may be sent to After Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD), the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

5402 N. 91st Street
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ My Aunt Mary was a formidable woman. She was kind, intelligent and classy. Aunt Mary's many accomplishments as well her service to the community are unmatched. She leaves a legacy that epitomizes the type of person I and so many aspire to be. I'm honored that she is my Auntie.

Jennifer Jones

Jennifer Jones - June 10, 2022 at 02:50 PM

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“ Mary was my mentor and good friend for 15 years at Luther Manor and continuing with visiting her in Milw. after we both retired. She was always so encouraging, kind, and faithful to our nursing commitment. I loved her laugh when when unusual situations presented themselves to us and always had an answer. I had a chance to meet Mary's family through the years and recently her devoted brother. Wonderful people. So warm and welcoming. I will miss our visits and reminiscing but will never forget her friendship and support during a challenging job and our shared love of nursing.

Linda Trotter

Linda Trotter - June 09, 2022 at 10:06 AM

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“ From the Nairne Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Tunson.



From the Nairne Family - June 06, 2022 at 04:18 PM

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“ I am sorry to learn of Mary’s passing since I knew her as a fellow nurse for mss as my years, though have not seen her for several years. Now in her heavenly home, may she Rest In Peace 🙏
Dr. Carrie Weddle, RN, PhD

Dr. Carrie Weddle - June 05, 2022 at 01:52 PM