



## Mary Martin Glah

August 2, 1934 - August 21, 2015

Bluefield, WV – Mary Louise Martin Glah, 81, of Bluefield passed away on Friday, August 21, 2015 at the Bluefield Regional Medical Center.

Born August 2, 1934 in Pottstown, PA to Paul and Edna Ford Anders, she spent her childhood in eastern Pennsylvania. A talented athlete, Mary excelled in numerous sports including field hockey, tennis, and track, and was asked to participate in Sprint Trials for the 1952 Olympic Games. After high school, Mary attended Davis & Elkins College.

In 1955, she married Thomas Vernon Martin, Sr. with whom she had three daughters and one son. The family lived in California, Connecticut, New York, Montana and West Virginia. Mary's passion was her family, and she devoted herself to raising her children. After her husband's death, Mary returned to Pennsylvania where she met, and later married, Robert Glah. The couple moved to Bluefield in 1990 to be closer to some of their grandchildren. Mary was a devoted grandmother to 10 grandchildren, nine of whom were boys. She enjoyed teaching them everything from how to pitch a ball to return a serve.

In Bluefield Mary was active in Christ Episcopal Church where she served on the Altar Guild, and at Westminster Presbyterian Church as a member of the Ladies' Circle. A master gardener, Mary was active in the both the East River Garden Club and the Bluefield Beautification Commission. Anyone who visited her home could testify to her magnificent flowers. Mary's other interests included reading and writing poetry, traveling, cooking and quilting.

But to most who knew her, Mary will be remembered as a caring neighbor, nurturing friend, sympathetic listener, and an optimistic, energetic woman who loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Mary will be greatly missed by her surviving family members, which include: her daughters, Cindy Stonestreet and husband Wayne of Bluefield, Carolyn Light and husband Randy of Clarksburg, WV and Christie Englesby and husband Lee of Boise, ID; her son, Tom Martin and wife Nicole of Castleton, VA; two sisters, Helen Kho of Freehold,

NJ and Paula McNerney and husband Bob of Stafford Spring, CT; nine grandchildren, Bryan Stonestreet and wife Laura, Matthew Stonestreet and wife Brittany, Chas Stonestreet, Ryan Light and wife Sarah, Craig Light and wife Dawn, Reed Light and wife Kelly, Jennifer Englesby, Connor Martin and Hollis Martin; two great-grandchildren, Chiara Stonestreet and Emma Quinn Light; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husbands Thomas Vernon Martin and Robert Glah; a sister, Jeannie Sarra; a brother-in-law, Tong Kho; and a grandson, Thomas Englesby.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 29, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Westminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. Chad Slater and Rev. Jonathan Rockness officiating. At a later date, a second memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Exton, PA. Burial will follow at the George Washington Memorial Park in Plymouth, PA.

The family has suggested that memorial donations be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Youth Program, P.O. Box 1258, Bluefield, WV 24701 or the Christ Episcopal Church Youth Program, 200 Duhring Street, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mary Glah.

# Cemetery

George Washington Memorial  
Park

Plymouth, PA,

# Events

<b>AUG</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>	11:00AM
<b>29</b>	<hr/> Westminster Presbyterian Church 2005 Washington Street, Bluefield, WV, US, 24701	

# Comments

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“ Beautiful, sweet, funny friend. Thank you family for a beautiful service which brought peace, love, and a laugh to all present. Love and prayers to all.  
Nancy Roten

Nancy Roten - September 01, 2015 at 06:37 AM

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“ I was so sad to hear of Weezie's passing. Yes, I am one of those cousins who knew her by that nickname my dad gave her, as my sister Ellen Mitchell explained earlier. Unfortunately, I never did spend much time with her because our family moved to Miami when I was only four. But I will remember her as a person who always had a smile on her face and a warm, caring nature. I pray her children, grandchildren, and sibling will know the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, which will guard your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Love, Christina Sullivan Woodside

Christina Woodside - August 30, 2015 at 01:23 PM

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“ My fondest memory of Mary is from 2006 when she saw my restored 1936 Dodge at the post office. She sat behind the wheel and asked a lot of questions. I believe she would have eagerly taken it for a spin if I'd offered. But the car had a lot of quirks making it difficult to drive. But I did pick her up later and took her for a ride. Mary was a generous, friendly person and it was my supreme pleasure to consider her a good friend. I'm sorry I couldn't attend the funeral today. I have a lot of difficulty walking these days.

Robert L. Perry III

Robert Perry - August 29, 2015 at 11:20 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Mary's family!will be with you in prayers. I wish I could be there today to say my last goodbye.  
I was able to spend 1wonderful year with Mary! I'm absolutely grateful that I found a home here and made some wonderful memories with her.  
I will so miss you my American grandma.

sina beichel - August 29, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family, Mary's greatest treasure. Tom and I are lifting you all in prayer during this very difficult time. Mary was very special to us and made Bluefield feel like home from the first moment we met her. She will always be a family member to us and our children. I have never met anyone with a bigger heart than Mary, and I doubt I ever will. We miss her and I suppose we always will. Someone like Mary makes the world a sweeter place, and without her here with us it just feels like there's a big part of life's sweetness missing. She has touched sooooo many lives! What a wonderful legacy! Today, we will celebrate her LIFE with you all, and the way she lived has taught us more about how to live...loving the Lord and loving others, sweetly. Our loss is certainly heaven's gain...until we meet again, sweet friend.xoxo

**Debbie Price** - August 29, 2015 at 07:58 AM

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“ Sincerest sympathy on your loss .  
Frances Auville

**Frances Auville** - August 28, 2015 at 02:04 PM

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“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Mary Martin Glah.



August 28, 2015 at 10:05 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Martin Glah.



August 27, 2015 at 12:43 PM

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“ As President of the West Virginia Garden Club, I am sorry to learn of the death of Mary. Although I did not know her personally, all Garden Club members are important to me, and I know East River Mountain Garden Club will miss her. She has been District Director for Greenbrier District, and has always shared her love of flowers and gardening.

Judy Guye, WVGC President

**Judy Guye** - August 27, 2015 at 11:04 AM

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“ Sarah and I were saddened to learn of cousin Weezie's passing. Being a distant cousin (miles-wise), I was privileged to meet her only a couple of times and talk with her on the phone. She was a memorable lady and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Cousin Al Ford, Jr. and Sarah

**Al & Sarah Ford** - August 26, 2015 at 10:41 AM

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“ Mary was such a sweet soul, she loved everybody especially the less fortunate women from the New Opportunity School for Women at Bluefield College. Her smile made a room shine and her heart renewed your faith that there are good women who do nothing but love life.

I pray for peace and understanding for her family. She is just right over your shoulder when you see that little bird or that flower that is so beautiful watching over all of those she loved.

Rest in peace and the world was good because you were part of it. Thank you for your friendship. Bless you always.

**Connie Saunders** - August 25, 2015 at 08:27 AM

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“ Connie Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mary Martin Glah



Connie Saunders - August 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

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“ Helen Kho and Paula McNerney and families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Martin Glah.



Helen Kho and Paula McNerney and families - August 24, 2015 at 10:37 PM

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“ I will never forget Mary....she was such an inspiration to everyone....prayers for her children and grans....they will miss her deeply....

faye darby - August 24, 2015 at 02:19 PM

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“ I love this Woman of God! She was full of life and brought great encouragement to me and so many others. A true "Life Lifer" in every since of the term! Though she has moved on to a heavenly place, her legacy remains alive and well. I honor you today "Woman of God", and I thank our Great God for the opportunity to have known you this side of glory.

My prayer is for the family today, oh God. Lord grant your peace and promise and fill the void that Mary's family is experiencing. May they all sense the warmth of your presence and may they find hope in the One, who's name is above every name - Jesus.

Pastor Doug McDaniel / FCC Bluefield, WV

Doug McDaniel - August 24, 2015 at 10:08 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Mary's family. We will always treasure memories of her kind and generous spirit and her enthusiasm for life. She was truly a special woman and will be greatly missed. Much Love, John, Cindy, Ryan and Mark Sampson

**Cindy Sampson** - August 23, 2015 at 08:33 PM

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“ Cindy, Carolyn, Christie, and Tommy:

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have such fond memories of her during her time in Cross Lanes and at Perrow Church. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this time. I pray you have peace and find comfort in the many memories of her life and the love she had for her family.

Dave Bowling

**Dave Bowling** - August 23, 2015 at 07:17 PM

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“ I knew Mary from Perrow Church. Mary was always smiling---full of energy. She made everyone around her feel empowered to love and be loved. My condolences to the family.

Sandy Harrison

**sandy harrison** - August 23, 2015 at 05:39 PM

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“ It was very sad to hear about the loss of my first cousin, Weezie. This was our family nickname for her, instead of Mary Louise. My mother Mary and her mother Edna were sisters. Our two families spent many times together when we were children in Philadelphia. It is with fond memories I recall my family staying during the summer with the Anders in Chestnut Hill in their big house. Weezie, Helen and I had such fun times together running, biking, hiking and exploring all the nooks and crannies of the house and surrounding areas. Some of our memorable adventures together were sneaking up into the attic and playing the old wind up Victrola, running around the hotel and probably driving Weezie's and Helen's father Paul Anders nuts. And, Helen, do you remember how on really hot days we would take great delight in popping the asphalt bubbles in the hotel driveway? Ah, the things that kids did back then! Weezie was always eager to have fun whether it was singing or dancing or just being silly. You will be missed by many family and friends, Weezie, We all loved you.

Ellen Sullivan Mitchell

Ellen S. Mitchell - August 23, 2015 at 02:21 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this, Ellen!

Erin McNerney - August 24, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Cindy, Carolyn, Christy,  
Sorry for your loss of your Mother. Just reading what people wrote below, I can tell why all of you turned out so well but having such a great mother. Cindy-someone wrote below about working with your Mom for your wedding. I remember attending your wedding and that was the first wedding that was very religious based and not just 5 minutes of wedding vows.

What a nice obituary that was written for your Mom. Trying out for the Olympic trials was very impressive but also was the love/caring she gave to all 4 of you and her extended family (and friends). Kristi George sent me the link. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Carroll (Wilcox) Enterkin  
wilco001@yahoo.com

Carroll (Wilcox) Enterkin - August 23, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ Mary was such a kind and loving lady. I enjoyed seeing her at the state tennis tournaments since we were no longer Westbrook neighbors. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sharon George Griffith - August 22, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ My sister.

We were so different...like two pieces of the same puzzle. But we shared a desire for education, beauty and truth. Altho sometimes our truths were truly different too! Weezie was a super athlete. Me...I couldn't run or hit a ball with the side of a barn door. But, I could play the piano! And she could dance! And we shared a gift of music nurtured, perhaps, by the selections of classical music we heard every day, including some in Grandad's lounge in his hotel, and our opera singing Auntie. We learned to love nature as we started our life on a huge farm where we lived for a few years and every summer until we were 18. And we learned parenthood by helping to care for the two little sisters who followed us. Ah, the memories. It could take a book. But in this small space, I will only say...I love you, my darling sister, and always you will be part of this puzzling life of mine!

**Helen Kho** - August 22, 2015 at 09:02 PM

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“ Loved your mom. She always had an encouraging word. So sorry for your loss.



**Dave Rothrock** - August 22, 2015 at 08:41 PM

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“ Mary was always such an encouragement to me during the years we attended church together at Perrow Presbyterian in Cross Lanes. I cherish every moment that we spent together, especially during the preparations for Carolyn and Cindy's weddings, as well as Tommy's. Being asked to sing for them was an honor that I have cherished to this day. I also treasure the friendships between the Martin family and the West family. You all are much loved, especially at this time.

**Duane West** - August 22, 2015 at 08:05 PM

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“ Mom was part of the Anders family, Martin family, and "PopPop" Glah's family. She touched many lives! She remained close to all her sisters and their children. She lost her sister Jeannie when we lived in Billings, Montana. Mom cultivated relationships with all of Aunt Jeannie's children. Family was her first priority! She was so full of love!

Christie Englesby - August 22, 2015 at 07:53 PM

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“ Christie Englesby lit a candle in memory of Mary Martin Glah



Christie Englesby - August 22, 2015 at 07:47 PM

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“ Thinking of all of your family right now, Tommy. Mary's life touched many people - her spirit for fun and giving. When I think of her, I see her right in the middle of the action - surrounded by family and friends - encouraging conversation, laughing, playing hostess. She always seemed genuinely interested in your life, no matter how peripherally she may have known you. My own children probably only saw her on a handful of occasions and she always treated them as if they were her own grandchildren. Here is to a lovely life well lived!

Pamela Lovell - August 22, 2015 at 07:30 PM

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“ Mary was a wonderful, warm, caring and considerate person! She always had a beautiful smile on her face and enjoyed keeping up with friends and family! I feel honored to have known her through her lovely daughter, Carolyn. Mary has had major health struggles in the last part of her earthly life. She is now pain free! What a joyous celebration they are having as Mary reunites with loved ones and friends she has missed! We shall all miss her and will see her someday soon! My sincerest sympathy goes out to all her family! Trina Light Melody

Trina L Melody - August 22, 2015 at 07:27 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. What a beautiful person she was! Always brought a smile to my face just to be around her. Our deepest sympathy to all her family and especially to Cindy!

**Becky Harden** - August 22, 2015 at 01:22 PM