



Mary Porterfield Baldwin

March 22, 1931 - June 2, 2022

Mary Baldwin transitioned from this earthly life into the fullness of God's Love on Thursday, June 2, 2022. She valiantly battled Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia. She fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. [1 Tim 4:8]

Mary was born, March 22, 1931 in Princeton, WV. She lived in Prices Fork, VA until she was 7 years old when her father George A Porterfield died. Her mother moved back to Princeton and later moved to Bluefield in Mary's middle school years. Mary graduated from Bluefield High School and went to work for Bell Telephone as an operator.

She met the handsome Bill Baldwin at Frankye's Restaurant and though his stint in the Army was an interruption in dating, all good things are worth waiting for. Mary and Bill were married for 59 years before Bill's death in 2012. Theirs was a relationship of authentic love. Family adventures were a way of life. In retirement they hit the road in an RV for months of the year. You must really like someone to enjoy living that close together...and they did.

Mary worked for several years at Which Craft and learned to make almost every craft the store sold. But her greatest vocation was mother. There is no higher calling and Mary loved her children well. She freely expressed her pride in them. What an incredible gift and blessing she has given. All who

knew her enjoyed her warm, chatty, witty way of interacting. She was fun-loving and faith-loving. Always in our hearts, she will be deeply missed.

The family is grateful to Karen Friedberg and Amedisys Hospice for their excellent care and support.

Mary is preceded in death by her loving husband: William H. "Bill" Baldwin. She is survived by daughter, Tricia Baldwin of Fort Worth Texas; son, Stan Baldwin. (wife Teresa Wriston Baldwin) of Bluefield, WV; brother, Scott Collier (wife Wanda) of Bluefield; grandson, Austin Baldwin; 3 great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Gifts in-lieu of flowers may be given to Trinity Terrace Chapel, 1600 Texas St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, Amedisys Hospice, 545 Airport Rd Suite 201, Bluefield, WV 24701 or the charity of your choice.

The Remembrance Gathering will be at Mercer Funeral Home, Thursday, June 9. Visitation at 1:00pm; Service at 2:00pm

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mary Porterfield Baldwin.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Porterfield Baldwin*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Stan & Teresa,
We're so very sorry to learn this sad news. We've been out of town
& just found out today. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.
Randy & Mary Beth*

Randy & Mary Beth Lusk - June 12, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Some of my fondest early childhood church memories are of Mary
Baldwin who was a wonderful Sunday School teacher and such a
good person who taught me the love of God. She will be missed by
many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.*

Elaine Hawkins Pedneau - June 08, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Mary Porterfield Baldwin.*



June 08, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *So many memories particularly of our mother's together at church
and now they are together again. Love you. Praying for you.*

Karen Blackburn - June 08, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Porterfield Baldwin.*



June 08, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. She and Bill were special people and I enjoyed the many camping trips with them.*

W. DALE ELLIS - June 08, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Porterfield Baldwin.*



June 07, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Many thoughts and prayers she was a wonderful lady with a beautiful heart and soul love to you both*

TINAPERDUE - June 07, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Porterfield Baldwin.*



June 07, 2022 at 06:51 AM



“ *Trish and Stan,
So many years have passed since we grew up at Cumberland Heights Baptist, but I could always count on your Mom for a hug and a big smile every time I saw her, no matter how many years had passed since I had last seen her. I didn't realize your dad had been gone so long either, I'm sure my parents told me but it was still a shock to see. I feel your loss, and I know what you've gone through- I lost both my parents to Parkinson's/Dementia/Alzheimer's in the last few years. Please be comforted by knowing that her suffering is over and she is in a much better place now. God bless you both.
Steve Proffitt-Bristol, VA.*

Steve Proffitt - June 07, 2022 at 06:43 AM



Thank you Steve. I remember your parents fondly as well. Jack always the teaser and your mom the picture of a classy lady. I actually visited your mom a few years ago when my dad was at Westwood. Even in the midst of the real challenges we have been blessed. Best to you.

Tricia Baldwin - June 07, 2022 at 12:30 PM