



Mary Ference

September 16, 1930 - April 8, 2023

Mary L. Ference, 92, of Bobtown, PA, passed away on Saturday, April 8, 2023, with her loving family at her side. Born in Maidsville, WV, on Sept. 16, 1930, she was the daughter of the late James and Blanche (Taylor) Bierer.

Mary loved spending time with her family at every opportunity, and never failed to let us all know how much we were loved and appreciated. She was a past member of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church, where she volunteered her time whenever she was needed, and was a past member of the Rosary Altar Society.

In her later years, she attended the Bobtown United Methodist Church with her twin sister, Margaret. They made her feel very welcome and continued to support her with cards and prayers, even after she was no longer well enough to attend.

She loved her volunteer work with the Dunkard Township Food Pantry and the Bobtown Shannopin Civic Club, where she helped to secure grants to improve the building and was instrumental in starting a town library in the basement of the club.

She was previously employed and worked with her childhood best friend, Louise Prete, at Prete's Twin Twister in Dilliner, and later was a custodian for

the St. Ignatius Church.

Surviving are her children, Shirley (David) Mefford of Westover, WV, Steve Shuppe and Sue (Jim) Hall, all of Dilliner; and Michael Ference of Waynesburg; grandchildren, Erica (Bobby) Barnett, Stacey (Calvin) Fox, Dianna (Vaughn) Jackson, Steph (Logan) Utzman, Jimmy Hall, Amy Yakubik, Steven (Jenn) Shuppe, Jessica Shuppe, Travis Shuppe, Nicole Logan; 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by husband, Stanley J. Ference, Jr., her first husband, Stephen Shuppe; two brothers, Ernest and Thomas Bierer; four sisters, Lenora Wolfe, Olive Reeder, Margaret Vincie and Loretta Beward; a special niece who was more like a sister, Judy M. Mathews; and step-brothers, Hoy, Eugene and Raymond Reeder.

Family and friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion on Thursday from 4 – 8 PM., and Friday from 10 until the 11:00 AM hour of service, with Pastor Ed Hanley officiating. Interment follows in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the Bobtown United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 172, Bobtown, PA 15315, or the Dunkard Township Food Pantry, % Dotty Shuppe, 480 Budapest Road, Dilliner, PA 15327.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice of Masontown, Pa., (especially Amanda, her bathing aide, who she always love to see coming), and the Cath Lab & Infusion Center at Mon General Hospital, who made her many visits easier by their wonderful care.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road
Point Marion, PA 15474

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
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<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

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APR **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ She always remembered the azalea trees her me and my mom planted up the driveway to club there is one still standing all the the elders are leaving us so sad love and hugs to family

Dawnet - April 13, 2023 at 07:57 PM

MS

“ I loved her from the day I met her❤️ Best mother in law a girl could have. Sweet kind and easy to talk to. She taught me so much. Mary was like a mother to me. Always in my heart ❤️

melinda shuppe - April 13, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Ference.



April 13, 2023 at 07:01 AM

JS

“ Joyce Shuppe lit a candle in memory of Mary Ference



Joyce shuppe - April 12, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ference.* ”



April 12, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Dixie purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Ference.* ”



Dixie - April 12, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sandi and Gerald Bell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Ference.* ”



Sandi and Gerald Bell - April 12, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Terry & JoAnn Barzanti lit a candle in memory of Mary Ference* ”



Terry & JoAnn Barzanti - April 12, 2023 at 08:03 AM

KF

“ My family has known Mary and her family for as long as I can remember Stevie always delivered our newspaper to us Mary always gave us our key to the community hall when we were having our wedding showers or baby showers that's mainly how I remember her but I remember seeing her out in a yard.. Frenchy was my close friend. I feel your pain.. love to you all.. from the BELLIS FAMILY.. AND ME KIM... ESPECIALLY ❤️

Kim Bellis Riggelman and Family - April 12, 2023 at 08:02 AM

SP

“ I stayed at Mary house a lot when I was growing up,love her

Sharon price - April 11, 2023 at 10:14 PM

LA

“ I loved this sweet woman.. when I moved here in1976 from california, she made me fell welcome and important RIP sweet lady!

laura - April 11, 2023 at 08:41 PM

SW

“ I may not have as many memories as I would've like with my great gram, I do have a few great ones. An a true deep appreciation for the way she helped mold my mom into who she is today. I remember when I was about between 10-12 my grandma would always take me to have my orthodontist appointment with my grandpap. Well after we would always go to peachins the store the liked so well when I was a kid. Well we were grocery shopping & browsing the store. I remember grabbing this pair of strawberry socks. Pink and red I knew I had to have them so I tell my gram that I loved them so they bought them for me. Am I still have them to this day in pretty fair condition & love them no less then the day I got them. You will be missed and loved forever

Shelby Wright - April 11, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SF

“ My grandma was a great person and she taught me so many things from sewing to cooking and baking and anything time I had a problem with anything she and pap were always there for me no matter what. She helped me through a lot of things and she always made me feel special and loved. I remember going to work with her at the twin twister and helping her out in the kitchen at the civic club during bingo. We went to the beach alot when I was a kid and had some of my favorite memories with my grandma Mary! I'm going to miss her! Love you

Stacey Fox - April 11, 2023 at 07:56 PM

DD

“ Mary was one of my many mentors who taught me how to cook and a inspiration to me learning how to live a good life. She was a woman I will never forget. We shared many laughs and tears but we were good friends through the years. I'll miss you Mary but I am sure I'll see you again. May the gates of paradise open wide, and your soul be with the Lord. Your love will last forever. Thank you Mary for a life well lived.

Denise Desmet - April 11, 2023 at 04:05 PM



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



April 11, 2023 at 09:10 AM

LV

“ *Forever in our heart and forever missed by so many. She really left her mark in Bobtown! A joyous day in heaven when Aunt Mary joined her loved ones once again. Love and prayers to Shirley, Susie, Steve and Michael. We're sure going to miss all the stories about growing up in the hills of West Virginia!*

Larry & Judy Vencie - April 10, 2023 at 10:15 PM