



## Mary J. Ashby

January 19, 1937 - October 18, 2020

Having lived a long and blessed life with lots of loving family and friends, Mary Janice David Ashby has passed from this earthly life October 18th, 2020, to join many of them with our Lord in heaven.

Born to Jim and Carrie Grosheart in Evansville, Indiana, she graduated from F.J. Reitz High School. Mary was always up for an adventure which took her from California to Montana and finally settling in Norman, Oklahoma being a military mother. She loved people and maintained life long friendships wherever she went. She eventually made her way back home to Evansville, Indiana after marrying Jack Ashby, who preceded her in death. They both belonged to the Riverbend Association where they had so many laughs and adventures. Thank you so much for those friendships.

Mary loved to travel. One of her favorite places was Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. It was like her second home. After they would load up the buses (plural) with as many people as they could, they would hit the beach for a few weeks, twice a year. "Sociable" was the word and fun was the goal. Any place was fun if Mary was there. Only one of many places Mary traveled to, the one common occurrence was Mary's ability to make people laugh while creating new and lasting friendships.

She is survived by one son, Tom (Mike) David and his wife Lisa; one sister, Carolyn Gilmore; two grandsons, Chad Ford and his wife, Kara; Joshua Hinkle and his wife Chelsea; eight great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved parents; one sister Juanita Rueger; two brothers, Clifton Grosheart and his wife Mary Lotus, Bill Grosheart and his wife Bonnie; two daughters, Debbie Dickens and Tammy Ford; and brother in law, Eddie Gilmore. She was a faithful member of Forest Hills Wesleyan Church. Thank you so much for those friendships.

If you knew Mary, you know the Parkinson's fight has ended and the Clabber tournament has begun. Her laughter and her smile has now been added to the joy in heaven.

The family would be grateful if you would take a moment to add a happy or funny story you shared with Mary in the memory section since we won't get to see you in person due to COVID. A collection of those would be so uplifting for the family. We're sorry we won't

be able to see you but we understand. Mary would want you to stay safe.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Pierre Funeral Home, Pastor Randy Gilmore officiating. Burial will follow in Locust Hill Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 until 1:00 PM on Saturday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street. Masks should be worn by all who attend.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

Condolences may be made online at: [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## Locust Hill Cemetery

3800 Kratzville Road  
Evansville, IN,

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

**24**

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Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN, US

**OCT** **Funeral** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Pierre Funeral Home** - October 24, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ Mary and I had a close bond we would walk together and talk and laugh I feel blessed to have got to know her

**patty Head** - October 26, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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“ What a beautiful lady, inside and out. Thought so much of her. Her wonderful smile and personality. We have an ice cream freezer (and use it!) that she and Jack gave us as a wedding gift. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Nappy & Beth Lovell

**Beth Lovell** - October 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ I worked at the Heritage Center where Mary was for a time and I will never forget the bond that her and my daughter shared. Emily would come to work with me on the days that I worked late and her and Mary would spend hours playing games, working on crafts or just sitting in her room talking. She was a wonderfully beautiful person and we will miss her terribly!



**Erika Green** - October 25, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Delores Bender** - October 25, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ I attended elementary school with Mary Janice and considered her my best friend. No doubt, others felt the same way. I am seated to the left of Mary Janice. I remember playing records on an old victrola upstairs at her house when we learned of our president's death. (FDR)

Even though I moved to Indianapolis in the middle of my freshman high school year, I attended the 50 Retiz H.S. Reunion and was able to see Mary Janice and visit with her and former classmates.

A life well lived. The reward is hers. She will be missed by so many.

**Delores Bender** - October 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ Due to being ill I am so sorry I could not be at the funeral home, it breaks my heart Jack and Mary were wonderful friends of ours and I have such great memories of our bus trips with them. Our two Jack's keep us entertained and the fun clabber tournaments we looked forward to everyday. God bless your family Mary, now you can be at peace.

Love Sandy

**Sandy Worthington** - October 25, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ We love and miss you, Sandy. I'm sorry we couldn't visit with you.

**Mike and Lisa David** - November 16, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary J. Ashby.



October 23, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ Mary was a very special lady. She always made me feel like part of her family. She will be missed dearly. I'm the mother of her sister Juanita Rueger great granddaughters . We love you Mary and we are very thankful you are not suffering anymore

Thoughts and Prayers,  
Jaime, Hanna, & Haylee

**Jaime Hamilton** - October 21, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Mary at the Heritage Center. Ill never forget her morning routine helping her put on her make up every morning and helping her pick out her snazzy clothes to wear. She was such a light in our facility. Prayers to the family and condolences from myself and the staff at Heritage Center. She is definately missed and loved by all of us

**Jennifer Tuck** - October 21, 2020 at 08:18 PM