



Mary Sheppard Riesenberg

October 13, 1931 - January 10, 2021

Mary Sheppard Riesenberg, 89, passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness on January 10, 2021. Mary was born October 13, 1931, to Lee and Nancy Sheppard in Burnsville, NC. She was the second youngest of 10 children. Mary graduated from Weaverville High School in 1950. She retired from the Buncombe County Tax Collectors Office in 1996.

Mary is survived by her husband of 65 years, Melvin(Buddy) E Riesenberg; her two daughters Jean Riesenberg Hansman of Asheville and Terri Riesenberg Baird of Weaverville. In addition, she is survived by her two sisters; Lettie S Ray and Emily S Braswell both of Weaverville. Mary is also survived by four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter whom she adored; Ashley Marder Bowman, Tessa A Hansman; Cameron E Baird, and Sarah T Baird and great-granddaughter Elena Baird-White. Being one of 10 children Mary is survived also by numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to the current pandemic restrictions and concerns, a private family graveside service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to Care Partners-

Hospice/Palliative Care, 68 Sweeten Creek Road- Asheville, NC 28803

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Sheppard Riesenberg*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time.*

Jenny and Jerry VeHaun

Jerry VeHaun - January 13, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ *My sincere prayers for your family Mary. You were loved by many.*

Sheila Tallant - January 12, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Dear Jean and Buddy, Doug and I are so sorry about the passing of your Mother and wife. Know that your family is in our prayers.*
Cindy and Doug Piercy

Cindy - January 12, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Sheppard Riesenberg.*



January 12, 2021 at 09:01 AM

DH

“ I worked with Buddy for many years. Buddy and Mary were like family to me. Even though work took me to another area for many years and I hadn't seen the Riesenbergs for many years, I shed tears when I read of Mary's death. Peace be with Buddy , Jean and Terri.

Dave Hogan

Dave Hogan - January 12, 2021 at 08:31 AM

DB

“ Remembering my “Aunt Mary” as my sister Tara and I called her. (Even though she was really our first cousin once removed). It's a long story. I loved to listen to her talk. She had such a sweet voice. Thinking about you “Uncle Buddy”! I sent a photo of her and Anna Kathryn “Aunt Annie” serving punch at my wedding in 1993. I think it is a great picture of both of them.

Deah Branson - January 11, 2021 at 08:45 PM

AK

Terri and Jean

Am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Losing a momma is the most painful experience we can go through and it seems we are going through that pain together. Be gentle with yourselves. Love and prayers to you both.

Andi Payne Kdan

andi kdan - January 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Deah Branson - January 11, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DB

“ *My heart is sad to hear about cousin Mary. I am remembering when we were kids. We were known as two peas in a pod. I will miss my friend. I am thinking of you Buddy and the girls. From Montez Blevins*

Deah Branson - January 11, 2021 at 08:02 PM

BD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Buddy.*

Frank and Becky Dosier

Becky Dosier - January 11, 2021 at 05:25 PM