

NORTHWEST HORSE SOURCE CELEBRATION OF GIVING

A Tribute to a Giving Person Mary Trout – 1965 - 2006

*For my friends, about my friend...
I sat and watched the sunset... My friend
is a part of that now... I wondered if she
was watching me... As I wept, wondering
why and how... He had taken my friend...
now he must deal... With this sobbing man...
We realize our friend may seem gone, but
she is not... For those who have faith...
Know God will reunite us to praise him in
glory and song... Thank you for being
my friend. God bless you... -Bear*

*She didn't care much about material
things, but what meant everything was her
faith, her family, her friends. Mary loved
animals, always wanting to bring home more.
I know that she is in a far greater place and
gets to ride the most beautiful horses.
-Melisa Vander Stelt, Mary's Sister*



*Mary taught me how to love, deeper
than I thought possible. She enjoyed
extending God's grace to others, even
when it appeared they didn't deserve it.
She had warmth that disarmed us. I
miss her more than I can comprehend,
yet, I know I will see her again on the
other side. Yep, there's horses in heaven.
If there weren't, she'd be back by now.
-Bob Trout, Mary's Husband*

*Whenever I would go to family
gatherings I would hear Mary's definitive
laugh - and one could not help but smile.
- Aunt Eloise*

*Mary was a warm, caring, loving
person who touched many lives. I am so
lucky to have known her. -Kim Winjum*

*When I think of Mary Trout, the
first thing that comes to mind was her
smile, it was always present.
-Karen Younkins*

*I can't think of Mary without the
word 'joy' coming to mind. It poured
from her soul like sunlight on a darkened
world and all who were near to her were
touched by its warmth. -Sandra Frost*

*Mary's life was summed up for me
in one phrase: "courageous grace under
pressure." Mary refused to allow the
tumor to either dominate or define her.
She was above her sickness. She owned
it, rather than it owning her. I will
carry her courage, her passion and her
focus for the rest of my life.
- Grant Fishbook, proud to be called
"Mary's Pastor"*

I think of the times that we all had growing up. She was a good and caring person and a fine cousin. -Bill Lea

Mary was a treasured friend and co-worker. Her presence brightened any room with a quiet calmness about her. I miss our trail rides and campouts. Her love of God, family and friends was very apparent. I will treasure knowing her forever. If only for a moment, it was truly a moment to behold. -Karen Pickering

One of my fondest memories of Mary is of her sitting on the ground making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. She had a big smile on her face and she was glowing. -Lucian Stacy

The last few months it wasn't what I was giving her; it was what she was giving me. Mary taught me that the most important thing in life is to love greatly, when you don't think you can find a way. And yes, Mary is healed and riding horses again. -Sue Stacy

She never let a stranger feel unwelcome. Mary never had a bad word to say about anyone. Her character is just as Jesus set for us. Mary set the bar for the rest of us on how to treat each other. -Kim Schnackenberg

I know Mary is smiling down on all of us and will be with everyone on our barrel runs and grand entry at the next rodeo. She is watching over us and waiting for us. -Tish Lagerwey

I don't think she ever met a person she didn't like. She was one of the best "huggers" I have ever known. Her giggle was so infectious she could start up a whole room. -Auntie Em

The Fair just didn't feel the same without her laugh and smile around! Our thoughts and prayers are still with Bob, Cody, and her family and close friends. -Justin and Kristi Merrill

You could not help but like her. She had that contagious smile and genuine friendliness. -Arie & Mary Van Weerdhuizen

She was a person that always set an example for how we wish we could be. Her smile could brighten the darkest day and spread warmth like the sun rising. Her laughter was a pleasant song. And when you needed a friend she was there. Randy Travis sings, "It's not what you take when you leave this world behind, but what you leave behind you when you go." -Rick Todahl

I never quite figured out whenever I saw Mary if I saw her smile first or heard her laugh first!! -Linda Davis

If we would all look at the world through Mary's eyes it would be very difficult to find someone you didn't like. -Evy Mann

Thirty years of friendship may seem like a long time but I wish that somehow there could be more time. -Erinn Cherochak

We'll always remember Mary for her kindness and smiles. She was always willing to help. Her life on earth left such an impression on so many people. -The Tuckers

Mary was able to show God's love to all in her actions. She treated everyone she came in contact with with love and respect. -Tracy Deering

She taught us grace, compassion, strength and what true laughter really sounds like. We feel so blessed that our journeys on this earth touched each other. -Chuck, Kim, Andy & Kailey Olson

Mary was so inspiring and joyful. Her courage during this hard time in her life and her great love for God left a deep impression on my heart. I'm looking forward to seeing her again. Maybe the Lord will have something for us to do together up there. -Esther Bell, co-worker