



Mary Evelyn Dunnington

October 15, 2021

Mary Evelyn Kinnison Dunnington was born on May 27, 1944 to Homer and Lois Jean Kinnison and passed away at home on October 15, 2021 after courageously battling cancer for almost four years.

Mary was named after her paternal grandmother and her paternal aunt, two special people in her father's life. She grew up on a dairy farm outside of Mt. Moriah, near Bethany, Missouri. Her very first paying job was driving a farm truck for a neighbor. She grew up with three siblings, an older brother Larry John and two younger sisters Noma Rosella and Cathy Theresa. LJ, Rose and Mary had adventures on the farm and helped take care of baby sister Cathy.

After graduating from Mt. Moriah High School, Mary took classes at the teachers college in Maryville, MO and then moved to Kansas City where she met her future husband of 57 years, Kenneth Franklin Dunnington, on a blind date. They married on July 5, 1964. Through the years, they made their home in Biloxi, MS; Hastings, NE; Houston, Beaumont and Vidor, TX; Kansas City, MO; Colwich, KS; Aurora, CO and finally in Ft. Collins, CO.

It was while living in Colwich, KS that Mary trained in an orthodontist office in Wichita as an assistant, making a career in that profession and retiring in Aurora in June, 2008. She loved working with her young patients, and also

worked with young people as an instructor at Loveland Ski Area.

Mary and Ken had two children, Lisa Renee (Anthony Horsch) of Ankeny, IA and Kenneth Edward (Susanna Allen) of Ft. Collins, CO and six beloved grandchildren, Lauren & Ryan Horsch, and Alistair, Thomas, Natasha & Arabella Dunnington. Mary was a loving mother and grandmother who always attended ball games, concerts, plays and dance recitals for her children and grandchildren. She encouraged reading, intellectual pursuits and following personal passions in all of us.

One of Mary's passions was archeology, and she attended many events with the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. On one of her adventures to Pueblo country, she discovered an intact, newly unearthed pot that was estimated to be 1000 years old, which now resides in the Hopi Cultural Center on Second Mesa in Arizona.

Mary's other passions included art, music, travel and outdoor activities. She loved making things like ceramics, basket weaving and scrapbooking and supporting the arts through volunteering for the Loveland High Plains Arts Council, Loveland, CO and by collecting bronze sculptor pieces, pottery and paintings. She enjoyed theater, and was particularly fond of Wenton Marsalis, looking forward to his concerts when he came to this area. After retirement, she kept busy in Ft. Collins by helping with the Harmony Library used book store, volunteering at The Gardens on Spring Creek and in the acquisition room of the Ft. Collins Museum of Discovery where she put her archeology skills to use in cataloging and preserving artifacts for the museum. As a family we enjoyed many camping trips and other travels in the US and Europe. Up to her cancer diagnosis, Mary could be found with friends on various biking, hiking and snowshoeing trails and on ski slopes around Colorado.

Mary is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kenneth, her two children, six

grandchildren, 3 siblings, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial in honor of Mary Dunnington has been established with Ft. Collins Museum of Discovery, 408 Mason Ct., Ft. Collins, CO 80524 or donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, online at <https://donate3.cancer.org>

A celebration of life for Mary's family and friends will take place at a date to be determined next spring.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Evelyn Dunnington*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



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Noma Rosella Cornwell - November 19, 2021 at 07:22 AM



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Lisa Horsch - October 29, 2021 at 10:48 PM

CT

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cathy trimble - October 28, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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cathy trimble - October 28, 2021 at 08:54 PM

LH

Three beautiful sisters!

Lisa Horsch - October 29, 2021 at 10:50 PM

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cathy trimble - October 23, 2021 at 05:32 PM

CT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



cathy trimble - October 23, 2021 at 05:21 PM

MB

“ Many fond memories of Ken and Mary on hikes, breakfast out, and exercise class.

Mike and Sue Barratt

Mike and Sue Barratt - October 22, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LH

Thank you so much for the video you put together of pictures of Mom on hikes. That was fun to watch!

Lisa Horsch - October 24, 2021 at 08:47 PM

MB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Barratt - October 22, 2021 at 07:36 PM

KF

“ We enjoyed many hiking and biking trips with Mary and Ken in Colorado. We also played lots of card games with them on Friday nights for MANY years. Is it alright to say the women usually won?!! One time our card/hiking/biking group all spent the night in Winter Park. We cleaned out the refrigerator in the morning and Mary insisted it was very appropriate to eat the leftover ice cream bars for breakfast. And so we did! She enjoyed life!

Karen and Jerry Fulner - October 22, 2021 at 06:51 PM

LH

Mom always said the car knew the way to Baskin Robbins and we needed to go get our shot of calcium.

Lisa Horsch - October 24, 2021 at 08:49 PM

CT

Your mom thought Ice Cream as a food group! Aunt Cathy

cathy trimble - October 26, 2021 at 08:01 PM

LH

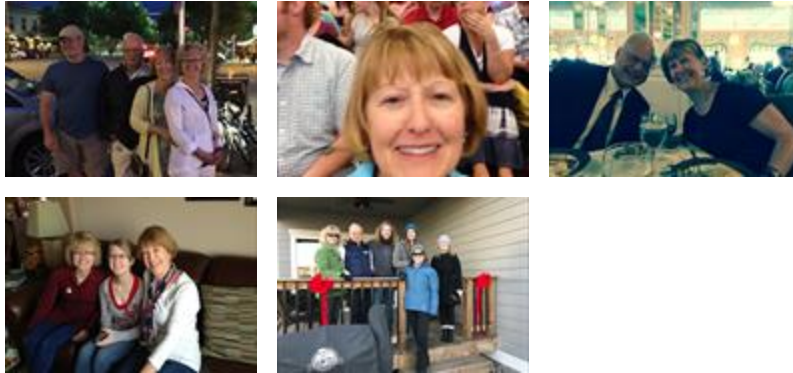
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Lisa Horsch - October 22, 2021 at 05:56 PM

LH

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Lisa Horsch - October 22, 2021 at 11:39 AM

FM

“ I wanted to add a picture but couldn't figure out how to do it. I loved Mary and she loved me. I loved to go to the Kinnison farm when we were in junior and senior high. She and Rose and Cathy and I would ride ponies to the cabin in the woods that LJ and Ronnie Camp built and then ride the ponies back to the barn. We rode bareback and the ponies would go faster going home than they did going to the woods and us giggly girls would start laughing (I always rode Ruby) (they were laughing about the way I rode) and by the time we got back to the house I would be laying flat on my stomach with my body from the waist down hanging off her rump. We would practically fall down with laughter. Simple fun, but eloquent joy! I'll always miss you, Mary! Love.

Freda Miller - October 21, 2021 at 09:22 PM

LH

You were a wonderful, life-long friend, Freda. Thank you for sharing the pony stories; I had no idea Uncle Larry had built a cabin, let alone allowed you girls to get near it:). Mom talked about how ornery her pony was. Thank you, Freda!

Lisa Horsch - October 24, 2021 at 09:24 PM

AH

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Anthony Horsch - October 21, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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Anthony Horsch - October 21, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CT

“ Mary was a great big sister and a second mom to me in those young years. She tolerated me with little complaint. Mary took me to my first movie...the outdoor theater at Bethany where we saw Blue Hawaii. I cried when she went away to college. And today I cry but that is only because she is loved, and missed. We all should strive to bring as much joy into this world as she did.

Cathy trimble - October 21, 2021 at 02:36 PM

LH

Aunt Cathy - thank you for your kind words, sharing memories of seeing Elvis on the big screen, and reminding us of the reason for our tears.

Lisa Horsch - October 22, 2021 at 11:33 AM