



## Mary Elizabeth Hudson

December 24, 1937 - August 15, 2019

The world is a less interesting place as of August 15, 2019 when Mary Elizabeth (Crotts) Hudson, 81, of Searcy died in Little Rock. She fought through a number of health challenges in recent years, kicking cancer's ass twice in the process.

She was born in Kensett, AR, on Christmas Eve in 1937, never having a "real" birthday celebration until she was in her 20's. Times were tough in rural White Co. in those years, although she didn't complain about the unfairness of her birthday being overlooked during the traditional holiday season. Her parents were Odis Cecil and Clara Bell Crotts.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Helen Crotts and Norma Burgin. She is survived by a sister, Hazel Girkin, a brother, Charles Crotts (spouse Jessie), sons Tim (spouse Charlotte) and Ric (spouse Gaye), grandsons Renwick, Richard and Jack Hudson, nephews Terry Murphy, Larry Barnett and Mike Barnett, nieces Debbie Barnett, Karen Gossett and Lisa Crotts, numerous grand-nephews and nieces, and a large number of people who consider her their "Aunt Mary."

A number of notable events occurred in her life including dancing with Elvis Presley in Newport, AR, in the 1950s, winning the "quick draw" championship at a gun club in Miami, FL, taking Caribbean and South American cruises in the 1960s, telling off the then-mayor of Searcy in the 1970s, and helping run a successful antiques business with her sister Norma in the '80s.

As "Aunt Mary," she helped many friends and family with childcare, as well as lending a sympathetic ear or shoulder to cry on during difficult times. Even in the midst of her own challenges, she was always concerned about others.

In keeping with her very specific wishes, there will not be a funeral or memorial service. However, she agreed to let friends and family gather for a party, which will take place at a later date. Memorials can be made to a charity of your choice or, better yet, do something nice for someone else in Mary's memory.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

# Comments

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“ I am so sad that I didn't get one more chance to hug her. As a little girl growing up she was the one that kept us all laughing. I loved her very much.

**Deborah Barnett** - September 20, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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“ It was such a pleasure knowing Mary. She had a heart of gold & was adored by many. She will truly be missed!!

**Janet** - August 20, 2019 at 07:40 AM

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“ I worked with Mary at ITT, she was such a pleasure, we became friends, I later moved to NC , talked to her Via phone, she will truly be missed, Rip my dear friend, My sympathy to her beloved family, whom she adored.  
Lyn Hogan Lexington NC

**Lyn Hogan** - August 19, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Lyn- My brother Ric & I were talking about Mom's time at ITT last week. That was a long time ago. So nice of you to share your thoughts and memories.

Tim Hudson

**Tim Hudson** - August 25, 2019 at 10:08 AM

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“ Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Hudson



**Leah Brooks** - August 19, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Thanks Leah.

**Ric** - August 19, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Tim and Ric - I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was one of a kind and I thought the world of her. She will be missed.

Renee Joyner Norwood

