



Mary Catherine Pulliam

July 25, 2002 - January 9, 2022

Mary Catherine Pulliam, 19, died January 9, 2022, in Searcy. Born on July 25, 2002, in Searcy, Mary was the daughter of Jeff and Barbara Gateley Pulliam.

Mary graduated as an honor student from Searcy High School in 2020. She performed on both the cheer team and Lionsteppers in addition on to being an active member of the Searcy High School Choir. Mary attended Arkansas Tech for one year before transferring to the University of Arkansas for her sophomore year. She strived to follow in her father's footsteps and was working towards a degree in social work. She is survived by her brother, Jackson, his partner Dr. Levi Watson of Little Rock, her sister, Victoria Gambill, and her husband Taylor, of Lubbock. She is also survived by grandparents, Mary Ann Gateley of Searcy and Jawanda Pulliam Smith as well as her husband LeMoyne of Little Rock; aunts and uncles Jacqui and Doyle Whitehead, Jill and Randy Eschbacher of North Little Rock, and Johnny and Angela Gateley of Russellville. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Raymond Gateley and Jack Pulliam, both of Searcy.

Mary had a beautiful soul to match her beautiful voice. She loved animals, especially her cat, Sugar. She found a perfect place to live in Fayetteville, where she felt free to express herself and her beliefs. A true activist, she believed in treating all people as equals regardless of their color, creed, or sexual orientation. Mary loved all kinds of music – from the Rolling Stones to

Kacey Musgraves. She loved to travel with her dad to a multitude of concerts around the country. She also loved to watch movies. One of Mary's favorite quotes was from the Lord of the Rings which said, "Even the smallest person can change the course of a lifetime."

Visitation on will be held on Friday, January 14th, from 5-7 p.m., at Powell Funeral Home, 2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expwy, Searcy. Funeral will be Saturday, January 15th, 2 p.m., at Trinity Parish Church (Episcopal), 200 N. Elm St., Searcy. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either of the following organizations: Planned Parenthood or The Humane Society of Searcy.

"His grief he will not forget; but it will not darken his heart, it will teach him wisdom." J.R.R. Tolkien

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." JK Rowling

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JAN **15.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Parish Church (Episcopal)
200 North Elm Street
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 14, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.



January 28, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ May God's peace and grace rest upon you Jeff and Barbara and family throughout the time ahead. Our sincere condolences, Mark and Debbie Green and family.

Debra Green - January 28, 2022 at 01:41 AM



“ Debbie Samra lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam



debbie samra - January 18, 2022 at 09:56 PM

JM

“ *Judy Maddox lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Judy Maddox - January 15, 2022 at 02:31 AM

KS

“ *Kim Moser Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Kim Moser Smith - January 14, 2022 at 11:20 PM

CL

“ *Mary loved to use the house, barn and bamboo for her photo shoots. The pictures are beautiful but not near as beautiful as her “old soul” and magical spirit. Her Aunt Cathy and Uncle Randy adored her!!*



Cathy Liles - January 14, 2022 at 11:19 PM

RS

“ Jeff and family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. I understand what you are going through. Praying for your family.

Rita Strickland- Barry's mom.

Rita Strickland - January 14, 2022 at 09:12 PM

JH

“ Jo Walker Hines lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam



Jo Walker Hines - January 14, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SE

“ This sweet, beautiful girl grew up in Meadowlane and was one of my kids. She loved to play in our backyard with Jackson and Victoria and gave me joy! They climbed trees and swam in our pool and shot basketballs. What a gift and my heart breaks for all who loved Mary. My deepest condolences to each one of you. May God grant you Peace and understanding.

Sincere Love,

Mama Sue and Sonny Ekdahl



Sue Ekdahl - January 14, 2022 at 11:15 AM

CA

“ *Carly Adams lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Carly Adams - January 14, 2022 at 10:07 AM

MT

“ *Mary had a beautifully sweet smile. I never witnessed her being anything but kind to her classmates at SHS. I also remember how spunky she was when she and Jessica cheered together in the 7th grade when I first began to know her. I will continue to pray for your family. My heart hurts for all of you so much.*

Mica Rose - SHS Teacher - January 14, 2022 at 12:13 AM



“ *Mary had the most beautiful soul. I have the privilege of getting to call her one of my childhood friends. Every time I think of Mary I think of music, dancing, art, expression and true joy. The most contagious smile.* 🕊️

Jaycie Stafford - January 13, 2022 at 11:44 PM

PH

“ *Pat Lowery Hambrick lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Pat Lowery Hambrick - January 13, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Jeff, Barbara and the entire family please know you are being covered in prayer for strength, courage and comfort in your time of great loss. Your beautiful daughter Mary clearly touched many lives. It takes an extraordinary person to leave such an impact on so many in such a short time on this earth. Truly your Mary was such a person. To be taken at her most beautiful, Heaven surely needed her radiant smile. I know your hearts are breaking and yet rejoicing that she is at home with our Lord and Savior. May you take this journey with the assurance you will be reunited with her again one day. Please know that you all are loved and held dear. May your precious Mary walk the streets of gold and worship in the true presence of the most Holy God. Certainly the day of one's death is truly the day we begin to live. May God be with each of you in the way you need him most. Love to you all sweet friends! You are loved. Always, Carmen Gentry Janis*

Carmen Gentry Janis - January 13, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I was Mary's advisor at the University of Arkansas, and we didn't get to interact much, but she had a very sweet soul, and I was looking forward to her career in Social Work. You have my prayers.*

BJ Northington - January 13, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.



January 13, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Oh how I love this precious family and their sweet Mary Catherine. My favorite thing about her was her ability to find the beauty in everything. She was talented beyond measure and wise beyond her years. Her and her family's love of music poured in to all of those around her...I'm not sure I would have had my passion for choir without her. My heart goes out to the Pulliam's.



Chloe Long - January 13, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ Dearest Barbara--Life is precious. I know your mother's heart is hurting, and I wish you the comfort, peace, and love only God can deliver. Sending warmth and prayers. Love, Dixie (Trawick) Keyes

Dixie Keyes - January 13, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ Jeff and Barbara was so sadden to hear of Mary passing you are in my Prayers>
Bob Scott

Bob Scott - January 13, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Jeff and Barbara, Our hearts are broken for you and your family. We will continue to keep your all in our prayers in the weeks and months to come.*

Robert and Lisa Roberson - January 13, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 12:58 PM



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January 13, 2022 at 12:57 PM

LB

“ *Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Leah Brooks - January 13, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MD

“ *I am so sorry and we are praying for you and yours. Peace and Comfort!*

Melissa Moody Daniel - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 PM

TF

“ *The Young family purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



The Young family - January 13, 2022 at 11:51 AM

GH

“ *GINA HEAD lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



GINA HEAD - January 13, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.*



January 13, 2022 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ *Lora Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam*



Lora Brown - January 13, 2022 at 10:20 AM

LC

“ Lana Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Pulliam



Lana Clark - January 13, 2022 at 10:18 AM

Pj
Arellano

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Pj Arellano - January 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM

DL

“ David Laffoon purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mary Catherine Pulliam.



David Laffoon - January 13, 2022 at 09:02 AM

AB

“ My prayers are with the family during this time.



Addie Banks - January 12, 2022 at 08:23 PM