



## Mary Temus Ness

January 11, 1947 - January 10, 2023

Wanting to spend her birthday with the Lord, our beloved wife and mother, Mary Temus Ness, entered eternal life on Monday, January 10, 2023; one day before her 76th birthday.

Mary was born to Joseph and Eleine (Greely) Temus in Puyallup, Washington. She spent her early years on a small hobby farm where she enjoyed gardening and animals of various sizes. In 1965 she graduated from Puyallup High school and then off to WSU for two years.

It was at WSU she found her love, Don. This young, good-looking man swept her off her feet and would drive many a mile to court her. She found herself in Chicago, IL to further her education in floral arranging and cake decorating. With this in hand, she graced many weddings, including her very own children and brother. Her flower arrangements brought many smiles to many people. 1969 was the year that Don got down on one knee. Not quite two years later, with a nine-month-old baby boy, Don moved her to Denver, Colorado to live for the next eleven years. There she gave birth to two more sons and adopted two wonderful daughters. 1982 They moved back to her home state.

Floral shops, cake decorating, and meat packing were a few of her jobs she took on. Her love for rabbits made her a tireless promoter of 4H and other youth programs. She raised, sold, showed, and judged rabbit shows for many years, always helping younger ones learn all she could teach them. She generously shared her vast knowledge of rabbits with old and young alike - and she encouraged us all and cheered us in good times and bad. She will be

deeply missed!

She is survived by her husband Donald Ness,; children Raymond (Janet) Ness of Monroe, WA; Jonathan (Marcia) Ness of Colville, WA; Alice Ness, of Moses Lake, WA; William (Barbara) Ness, of Wasilla, AK; Rosemary (Kirk) Wells, of Moses Lake, WA; eight grandchildren, Mackenzie (Marshall) Miller of Ellensburg, WA; Ethan Ness of Monroe, WA; Rebekah Ness of Colville, WA; Kaitlyn Ness of Monroe, WA; Jonah Ness of Wasilla, WA; Camryn Ness of Monroe, WA; Henry Ness of Wasilla, AK; and Christina Ness of Wasilla, AK; and a brother, Charles Temus, Puyallup, WA.

We invite you to join us and celebrate Mary's life at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at St Martins Episcopal Church, 416 E. Nelson Road, Moses Lake, WA.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
416 E. Nelson Road  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I babysat the boys for Mary and Don in colorado. Mary got me and my brother into 4H. I had learned how to cook and make cakes. I'm so sorry for your loss. Terrie Morgan Sutton

Terrie Morgan Sutton - December 15, 2023 at 05:26 AM

DR

“ There are so many memories of Mary that I have. Seder dinners at church, those big turkeys' at potlucks, flowers on the Altar at St. Martin's, 4H and so many gifts that she shared. But most of all was her kind and loving spirit to everyone. She will be greatly missed.

Doris Ryan - January 26, 2023 at 01:46 AM

LL

“ News flash: Flower arrangements in heaven recently took a sharp upturn!  
We estimate that we marveled at the beauty of over 500 of Mary's floral arrangements at St. Martin's over the 28 years we attended there. And so many of them were flowers from her extensive garden!  
We took a number of bible studies & similar classes with Mary. I (Louis) always enjoy a lively theological debate. With Mary I was never disappointed!  
Breaking news: If rabbits weren't in heaven before, they are now!  
We miss the days at the Grant County Fair when we went to the rabbit barn and Mary could identify every breed of rabbit and tell us at least 10 things about each one.  
Mary was mother to five mannerly, well-behaved children. I (Louis) enjoyed teaching two of you. Ray, Jon, Bill, Alice & Rosemary, please accept our condolences. You, too, Don!  
Louis and Bonnie Logan

Louis Logan - January 16, 2023 at 02:30 PM

JF

*Mary worked for me at the florist. She was always a pleasure to work with and I could ask her last minute to help on flower holidays and she always helped me out and I will miss her smile and talent.*

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**Jeff Flinders** - January 16, 2023 at 09:20 PM

PS

*“ I taught Alice and Rosemary in first grade. I got to know Mary as a wonderful mother and person. So sad for your loss.*

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**Patricia Simmons** - January 15, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DB

*“ I was a 4H student and worked with Mary with my rabbits. She was a wealth of knowledge and great support with my rabbits! I learned a lot from Mary. She will be missed.*

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**Denise B** - January 13, 2023 at 01:16 PM