



Mary Ellen (Schwandt) Muxlow

December 14, 1982 - October 11, 2010

Mary Ellen Muxlow, 27 of Richland, a Richland Elementary School teacher, passed away Monday morning, October 11, 2010, at the St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, as the result of injuries sustained in a two vehicle accident near Eureka, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 15, at Memorial Chapel of Richland. Burial will follow in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 14, at the funeral home.

Mary is survived by her husband: Chad; three children: Chase, Anna and Tyler Muxlow all of the home; her mother: Rita Shoemaker (George) of Dixon; her brother: Michael Peterson (Michele) of Crocker; her sister: Lacy Davenport (Heath) of Kansas City, MO; her in-laws: Ralph and Patti Muxlow of Richland; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mary Muxlow for a fund for the Muxlow children.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen (Schwandt) Muxlow*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Tom & Jennifer Ortiz Santa Fe, NM (Tito & JoAnn Ortiz's son)##imported-end##*

October 30, 2010 at 01:28 AM



“ *Our Mary Ellen, that is what we liked to call the special girl with the pretty smile at the family gatherings. But we could see from the comments and at the visitation she is more than Our Mary Ellen. There are so many people saying Mary was my friend, my teacher, my neice, my cousin, Plus the family who can say she is my sister-in-law, my daughter-in-law, my daughter, my mother or my wife. We are so privileged to have her in our lives and to have her as "My Mary". Always be proud that she was yours in some special way.##imported-begin##Uncle George H Schwandt##imported-end##*

October 24, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ *The Michigan Muxlow's send their deepest condolences. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers
Doug & Shari Muxlow and Family
Paul & Liz Muxlow and Family
Keith & Virginia Muxlow##imported-begin##Doug Muxlow - Brown City, MI##imported-end##*

October 20, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Mary while she was going to school to be a teacher. She was a treasure to be around. She always had a smile and you could see her love for the students all the time. My prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Denise Pare##imported-end##

October 20, 2010 at 09:45 AM



“ Chad and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to have Mary Ellen in preschool my first year of teaching. She was bright and cheerful and made teaching fun. I celebrate that you grew into such a great person and am saddened that your life was cut short. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Miss Amy##imported-end##

October 17, 2010 at 08:29 PM



“ My husband and I were about 1/4 mile behind the accident on hwy. 44 last Sunday evening. I too am a teacher and travel that stretch of hwy. to get to work. Mary, as a fellow teacher, even though I did not know you, you will forever be in my thoughts. What a tragedy and such a senseless accident. My thoughts go out to Chad and the children. Also, blessings to the students that have to deal with the loss of a great teacher!Bless all of you at this tragic time.##imported-begin##Janet Weiss##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ I do not personally know the Muxlow family. I was traveling home from work on Hwy 44 the day of the accident, and saw the signs indicating the highway was closed, so I knew the accident was bad. I simply wanted to let the family know that I was praying, along with other acquaintances that were closer to the scene of the accident. As I sat down for dinner with my husband and children that evening, we prayed again. I have continued to pray for your family ever since. God Bless and keep you, and may He give you peace, comfort, and healing during this time of great loss.##imported-begin##Vickie##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 07:23 PM



“ Chad, you and your children are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. The Lord is with you.##imported-begin##Phyllis Shelton##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 06:24 PM



“ God Bless You!!!##imported-begin##Brittnie (Ogle) Blackburn##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 05:57 PM



“ Mary and family,

Thoughts and prayers go to the Muxlow family sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##TeAnna Van Horn##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal. May you find Peace in Gods presence as he gives you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.##imported-begin##Steve, Sheila, Shantel and Scott Baranowski##imported-end##*

October 15, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the family. I am Carla, Bob and Clara Peterson's daughter.##imported-begin##Carla A. Peterson##imported-end##*

October 15, 2010 at 11:08 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lose. Mary was a ray of sunshine and touched the hearts of all she met. God Bless##imported-begin##Cynthia Mccurley Brownlee##imported-end##*

October 15, 2010 at 10:48 AM



“ *Mary was a Beautiful, Loving and Caring Individual. She was always positive about life. Her smile and spirit could light up a room. She will be missed sorely by everyone who's heart she touched.##imported-begin##Haley Simmoneau##imported-end##*

October 15, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ *To the Muxlow family---we are sorry for your loss. I know Mary will be missed by everyone. You all will be in our prayers during this time.##imported-begin##Dennis&Sue Hutton##imported-end##*

October 15, 2010 at 09:56 AM



“ Dear Muxlow family- My thoughts and prayers are with you. I recently received a Flat Stanley from Mrs. Muxlow's class here in Youkosuka, Japan where I work. Just last Friday Mary and I exchanged emails regarding some ideas for extending this project for her students. It is so amazing how God makes our world so small at times. One can be half a world away and still feel the impact at such a loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tiffany Runyon##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 05:05 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Muxlow, Schwandt, and Peterson families in your time of sorrow. May God comfort you in your loss.##imported-begin##Richard and Shirley Profest##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 10:50 PM



“ Rita, Michael & Lacey- we were very sorry to hear about Mary Ellen and what a great loss it is to everyone. We pray for you, Chad, the children and all of Mary Ellen's families. We love you and may God bless each and everyone. Mary Ellen will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Ken and Karolyn Reiter & boys##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 09:25 PM



“ My heart is saddened by your loss. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. God will guide you threw this terrible time in your lives. God Bless you Muxlow family.##imported-begin##Kristina Beery-Doerr and Family##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 09:23 PM



“ Thank you so much for helping Adam to come out of his shell, despite his autism you brought out the best in him and he has blossomed because of you, your smile and wonderful smile and personality will be missed so much! God bless you and keep you forever! Our love goes with you, Adam and Nikki Roberts!##imported-begin##Nikki A Roberts##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all.May god bless you all.##imported-begin##Dawn Pierce##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 08:06 PM



“ I did not know Mary personally. I grew up with Leonard and Rita in Crocker. I just would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Peterson, Schwandt and Muxlow families. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Kala Frye (Bomar)##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ I am very saddened over the loss of Mary. She is a wonderful mother, teacher and wife. She is an inspiration to many and will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Muxlow and Schwandt families.##imported-begin##Emma Engelmeyer##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 03:18 PM



“ My heart goes out to the entire family. I cannot imagine suffering such a loss.##imported-begin##Lissa (Patterson) Uder##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 01:10 PM



“ I sat there on I-44 on Sunday praying that everyone would be okay. I still pray for everyone involved that God will grant each of you peace and healing. My deepest condolences on the loss of Mrs. Muxlow to all her family, friends and students. May God grant you peace.##imported-begin##Karla Marshall##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 01:09 PM



“ i met mary a few yrs. ago as tyler and my grandson austin played on the same ball teams.what a wonderful lady she was.my grandson loved her so much.she will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her!! god bless all her family!! the last time i saw her was when we went to school for grandparents lunch,and when i came in the room she gave me a hug and said "im so glad u got to come".what a sweet ,kind lady she was!!##imported-begin##karen beasley##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 11:55 AM



“ We do not know Mary but are saddened by your loss. According to all the posts she must have been a beautiful person. God Bless your family.

Fred and Pj Cole###imported-begin##PJ Cole###imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 08:02 AM



“ Chad, we are very sorry to hear about Mary. You are in our thoughts.###imported-begin##Billy & Brenda Wood###imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 05:35 AM



“ There are not enough words to express what a truly precious person Mary was. She was a wonderful blessing to our daughter at school. Grace beamed every day and was so proud to show us her papers with the kind things Mary had taken the time to write. We had so much fun watching our boys play baseball the last three summers (with their matching mohawks!). You were always such a precious and patient, loving and gentle mother. I was always so happy to see your big smile and I never heard you say anything negative about anyone or any situation. You were such a blessing to everyone around you. We will do anything we can for your precious kids! We will continue to pray for your family. The Lord is truly the only way we can make it through something this tragic. He will never leave you or forsake you. God bless you all!###imported-begin##Jennifer, Zandy, Grace & Ethan Vandall###imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:19 AM



“ I am so very saddend by the loss of Mary! She was a wonderful women and a GREAT teacher. Richland school will never be the same. I am praying for her Family. I know she is in Heaven with GOD.
I pray her Family will find peace and comfort in this sad time. God bless you##imported-begin##MARY NUNLEY##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:12 AM



“ No words can begin to express how sadden my heart is. I just can't believe that God has called you home. You seemed to have so much to do and live for her on earth. I suppose He has a plan, but my mind just can't seem to process why you had to go so soon. I know you loved the Lord and I know you are now sitting on the clouds looking down smiling on us all saying, "I'm ok friends." Even though this may be true, it's still hard for those you left here on earth to say good-bye. You were truly the sweetest person I've ever meet and I will miss you. But I'll always have my memories and they will always bring a smile to my face. Until I see you again my friend.
R.I.P
Marcy, Thomas, Carson & Cameron##imported-begin##Marcy Cavalier##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:05 PM



“ Joe, John, Tina and the whole Schwandt family, we're so sorry for your loss and are praying for a speedy recovery for the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Mike and Linda Knudson##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ Our sunlight is gone with out your face to greet use every morning when we walk threw the doors at school. We Love U Aunt Mary U will always be our hearts. Love Makayla,Remi, Layton Jennings Your Neice , Nephews###imported-begin##Makayla, Remi, Layton###imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 06:01 PM



“ You where a angel here on earth and now u are a angel in heaven I was glad u where in my life and mant others and will pray hard for your family Love u Mary U keep the sun shining above as u did here!!!!###imported-begin##Lisa Jennings###imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 05:47 PM



“ MARY, To our wonderful niece. Watched you grow into a very beautiful person. NO words can be said to express how deeply you will be, and our already missed. Don't understand why you, and never will. The tears shed of our loss to you. Our hearts and love will be with Chad, Chase, Anna & Tyler. Mary lots of hugs, kisses and love for you forever. .Love Always Uncle Charlie & Aunt Rey###imported-begin##Rey Peterson###imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ The Schwandt family is so sadden of our loss of our niece, Mary Ellen. We were so proud of the yourng lady she had grown into. Mary Ellen followed her Grandmother Mary's legacy as a 3rd grade teacher and that made us all very proud. We were in awe of her postitive attitude and the way she lived each day with joy and a grateful heart. She loved life and was a devoted mother to Chase, Anna, and Tyler, and a wonderful wife to Chad. Mary Ellen will live on in our hearts always. Aunt Tina, Ken, Leah and Emma##imported-begin##Tina Schwandt Uridge##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this family member. My prayers go to Rita and her family along with the hopes of recovery for Mary's husband and children. This is a huge loss to so many people in the community. Find strength in each other and comfort in the love that Mary shared with those around her.##imported-begin##Tammy Schafer (Meler)##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 03:36 PM



“ We're so sorry.##imported-begin##Bobby and Peggy Layman##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 02:42 PM



“ Went to school with Mary. My heart goes out to her family. Y'all are in my thoughts during this sad time. Aaron Doc##imported-begin##Aaron Dochterman##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 01:33 PM



“ Though we did not know Mary well, she always had a ready smile, a word of encouragement, and a pat on the back for children and adults alike who came in contact with her. Her sweet spirit will live on through her family. We are praying for all of you now and in the difficult days ahead. May God truly bless you with the peace and strength that only He can give.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ Mary you will be thoroughly missed by all of the people that you touched which by all accounts was anyone in your path your smile and always having a nice word to anyone...My prayers for your family that will find the strength to go on with out your physical presence in their lives...God Bless##imported-begin##Mayra Preble##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 11:57 AM



“ My deepest thoughts and prayers go to the family during this difficult time. Our lives change in an instant and we can never be prepared.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 11:15 AM



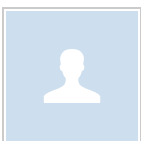
“ Mary, to me you were always little Mary Ellen. Becky and I were always so excited to get to play with Michael, Lacy, and Mary Ellen when we came to Crocker for all the various Schwandt family functions at Grandma Mary's. We certainly had our run of the place! It was a great place to play and grow up close to cousins. In recent years, I have seen Mary grow into a fantastic mother absolutely devoted to her family and become an inspiring teacher. Despite this incomprehensible tragedy, she has indeed left her children with the grace, peace, and love that was Mary Ellen. We are praying for Chad's recovery so he may continue to surround the children with the love that is Mary's legacy to her family.##imported-begin##Sarah Schwandt-Lemons##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ Mary always had a big smile and a bubbly personality. Kailey was looking so forward to having her as a 3rd grade teacher someday. She told me the first day that she saw Mary that I want Mrs. Muxlow to be my teacher because she is so nice and so pretty. She's prettier than a Christmas tree mommy you have to see how pretty she is. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.##imported-begin##Melissa and Kailey Douglas##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Kevin and Tina Millsap##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:43 AM



“ In addition to all her many duties, Mary took time to tutor adults that wanted to learn to read. On Friday October 8, Rotary gave all the third graders in Richland dictionaries for each child. Both teachers were very grateful and they both had wonderful rapport with their students. I was especially touched by Mary's willingness to send e-mails of success stories about the kids using those dictionaries. She was a special lady and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Linda Gifford##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ May your beautiful smile and ray of sunshine brighten Gods Gardens as you walk through them as they did here on Earth. Mary you will be greatly missed. May God be with Chad, Chase, Anna and Tyler in this time of need. We love you!##imported-begin##Patrick and Tanya Shoemaker##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 09:32 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you and yours.##imported-begin##John and Shannon Huff and Family##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 08:51 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless you!##imported-begin##Jimmy and Judy Walters##imported-end##

October 13, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ To the Muxlow family and the Richland Elementary family....you are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven has gained yet another terrific teacher from Richland Elementary School.....##imported-begin##Vicki Jo Weinpert Kurz (Kissel)##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 10:39 PM



“ If anyone ever met Mary, they would immediately be drawn to her awesome ability of being one of the best! Not only was she an amazing educator, she was an amazing co-worker and dear friend. I will never forget her positiveness and her uplifting spirit that she brought out in our school. She was one of the people that would lift your spirit no matter what was going on! I will deeply miss her; as well as many of you will. We are all praying for Chad, Chase, Anna and Tyler. They are extremely fortunate to be part of her legacy of life. We all love and will miss you Mary! God has his own classroom waiting for you so you can be another favorite teacher and legacy in heaven.##imported-begin##Lesley Rogers##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 10:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Schwandt/Muxlow families. I had the honor of being Mary's counselor through high school. She was the sweetest, funniest, most caring student I think I have ever known. I was so proud of the person she had become and the life she had built with her family. May you find strength in God's love and compassion during this time. May God wrap His arms around her children and protect them. God bless you all!##imported-begin##Ann (Hanger)Stevenson##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ YOU WERE LOVED BY MANY. YOU WILL BE MISSED FOREVER. ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.##imported-begin##KIM WALTERS##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 06:40 PM



“ Mary was my neighbor for a couple years and she was a wonderful friend during that time. Little Anna Banana was just a toddler at the time and I have never seen a mother with more patience than Mary. She has left her children with memories that will last them a lifetime. She made the most of everything. I remember her buying a bedroom set that was really pretty ugly, but she painted it black, put new knobs on it and called it beautiful. That's just the way she was. Chad, Chase, Anna and Tyler you were blessed to have had this wonderful person in your lives, if only for a short time. She will be remembered with love by everyone who knew her.##imported-begin##Linda and Faith Daniels##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 06:28 PM



“ Our family is at great loss by Mary's passing. She was full of life, joy, and a blessing to our family. The Lord has called her from this life and we will miss her greatly. We believe in the Lords promise and know she has been welcomed at the gates of heaven. Her love, spirit and generosity will live forever in our hearts by her memory and the blessing of her children. We love you Mary,

Eddie and Bea Duran

Sam and Cathy Garcia and family

Phil and Angela Duran and family

Dave and Loretta Apel and Jordan

Joe Lujan and Diana Duran and family

Nanetta Vela and Family

Your family in New Mexico##imported-begin##Duran Family - New Mexico##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 03:20 PM



“ Mary you will be missed so much. I know that we do not understand why this has happened to someone so special. God has a special plan and needed a special person to do this he could not have picked a better person. You have impacted so many children in your classroom and will be missed so much. You were that teacher that every child talked about and every child wanted to have. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to have such a great friend. I always enjoyed talking to you and seeing your beautiful smile that could make everyone around you smile. You have brought beautiful children into this world and they will grow up to know what a wonderful mother they have and how special you were to everyone.##imported-begin##Heather Smith##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ Mary will be greatly missed in our school and community. I only met her a few times but my grandson Carl Welch is in Tyler's class. He is worried about Tyler and wants to help him in some way. We never understand how someone so special can be taken from us so early. It is by Faith that we go on with our lives and prepare for that homecoming at Heavens Gate. May God grant all of Mary's family and friends the peace, comfort and strength to get through the tough days ahead.##imported-begin##Ms. Marty McKee##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 01:16 PM



“ The Lord blessed us with Mary in our lives when she married Chad. We often speak of the wonders of Mary. She was a gentle spirit, loving mother and wife. Her examples of love and giving to others will live in many of us. We will miss your smile and your laughter at our family gatherings. I know the Lord has welcomed Mary home with open arms.

Aunt Diane##imported-begin##Diana Duran ##imported-end##

October 12, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ I didn't know Mary personally, but I knew her through my grandson who had her as his 3rd grade teacher. He came home the day he found out who his teacher would be and said, "I finally got my favorite teacher!" He loved her and continued to go visit her the next school year too. As a retired teacher, I know she touched many young lives with her patience, compassion, and positive spirit. I'm sure you have a special place in heaven, Mary. Those left behind will miss you always.##imported-begin##Debbie Hutton##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 10:00 PM



“ I have been blessed to know Mary in many different roles. I first new Mary as a longterm substitute at Richland Elementary. I was blessed to observe her in her first full year of teaching and as my son's 3rd grade teacher. I also had the opportunity to see her as a mother and friend. No matter what role Mary was fulfilling she did it with a happy heart. She was giving, caring, compassionate and a true advocate for her students and all people. Our world was a better place with her in it. Though she has been called home, she has left a legacy in her students, one that will live on for many years to come.##imported-begin##Kathleen Henson##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 09:50 PM



“ I met Mary but a few times. At school and at a 4th of July celebration. Mary was my grandsons 3rd grade teacher. She had a great impact on Bens life as with so many other children. She will be gravely missed. My prayers and the prayers of my family, Donald and Sarah Decker are with you. We pray for Mary and for the the rest of the family. May God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Robert Jenkins##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ i did not personally know mary but mygrandson devon bigham did and he will miss her greatly##imported-begin##lisa york/ devon bighams grandmother##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ You will forever hold a place in our hearts Mrs. Muxlow. Rylea was blessed to have you as her teacher even if it was only for a few short months. She loved you dearly & often expressed it on her daily work & you always returned that love. We are praying for Chad, Chase, Anna & Tyler; as well as your family, friends, students & co-workers that God gives them peace & comfort during this difficult time.....##imported-begin##Jonathan & Melissa Stradt and family##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 08:00 PM