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the life of*



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Mary Jean Moody would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of love, kindness, and support shown during this time of loss. Your calls, visits, cards, prayers, and comforting words have meant so much to us. May God continue to bless each of you.

## TO MARY JEAN MOODY

If we could take a flight to heaven, we would. Though we grieve your passing, we celebrate your life and hold your memory close—in our hearts and in every joyful thought. We trust that to be absent from the body is to be present with God. May the memory of your spirit bring us comfort and draw us closer to God each time we remember your presence.

-Your Family



*Mary Jean Moody*

June 27, 1942 — August 13, 2025



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# REFLECTIONS

Mary Jean Lefgren Moody, born June 27, 1942, in Ogden, Utah, to the late James S. and Ida I. Lefgren, passed away peacefully. She graduated from Ben Lomond High School in Ogden and began her career with the Internal Revenue Service before relocating to North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved son, Donnie Gunn. She is survived by her daughter, Trea Peterson, along with two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also remembered by her sisters Joan Conklin, Christina Greene, and Suzanne McFadden, as well as her brothers James (Jim) Lefgren, John Lefgren, David Lefgren, and Lynn Lefgren.

Mary shared a lifelong friendship with Maureen Davies, her best friend since third grade. For the past fifteen years, her friend Joel Morrison provided her with loving care and support.

A devoted member of First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, Mary was active in many aspects of church life. She was warmly known in the community for her unique "Minnie Pearl" hat, complete with its signature tag. Family and friends will gather to honor Mary at the JOY (Just Older Youth) Connection luncheon at First Presbyterian Church on September 4 at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial donations to the SECU Hospice House, directed to the Johnston Health Foundation, PO Box 1376, Smithfield, NC 27577. Please include "Hospice Fund in memory of Mary Moody" on the memo line.

Mary's kindness, generosity, and vibrant spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

# A LIGHT THAT SHINES ON

Your smile lives on in memory,

Your love remains our guide.

Though parted now, we carry you,

Forever by our side.

The kindness that you shared with us

Will never fade away.

Your spirit shines within our hearts,

More brightly every day.

Through laughter, joy, and quiet moments,

Your presence lingers near.

In every cherished memory,

We feel your love still here.

Though we must say goodbye for now,

Your light will never dim.

In hearts and minds, in stories told,

Your soul will live within.

