



## Mary Elizabeth Withers

July 28, 1948 - March 11, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Withers, 69, of Berry, KY, passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at her home. Born on July 28, 1948 in Harrison County, KY, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin Hilton and Velma Aletha Blades Withers. She was a USPS Clerk with the Cynthiana Post Office, and formerly, she served as a Postmistress with both the Berry and Corinth Post Offices. Mary was a member of the Boyd United Methodist Church, Harrison County.

She is survived by several nephews and nieces; several great nephews and nieces; her sister, Charlotte Tevis of Lexington, KY; her three brothers: Hilton M. Withers of Richmond, VA, Robert B. Withers of Goodyear, AZ, and Stephen Withers of Decatur, TN; and a host of extended family and friends. Mary loved her family and friends. She will always be remembered for her willingness to help others.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Leon Withers in 1981.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Boyd United Methodist Church, 2140 KY HWY 1054N, Berry, KY 41003, with Bro. Tom Rector officiating. Family and friends are invited to gather from 1-2:00 p.m. preceding the service at her church.

Woodhead Funeral Home, Berry, is taking care of the family.

Memorials are suggested to the Harrison County Methodist Youth Scholarship, c/o Farmers Deposit Bank: 101 E. Pike Street, Cynthiana, KY 41031 or the Boyd United Methodist Church.



# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Boyd United Methodist Church  
2140 KY HWY 1054N  
Berry, KY 41003

## Memorial Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Boyd United Methodist Church  
2140 KY HWY 1054N  
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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Mary I think of you every day. My best friend from Berry grade school all the way through Harrison County High. Great memories! You talked me into attending our 50th high school reunion. I am so glad you did!*

*Wish I had known you were sick, I would have been there for you. I know you are in heaven now. I love you! Your best friend, Judy.*



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**Judy Simpson Arnold** - June 13, 2019 at 12:52 AM

 Pam Courtney

“ *As I was driving down to the little Boyd Methodist Church for the memorial service, I could not help but think of how Mary loved The Lord, that church and her family. What a genuine love she showed to all she came in contact with and it was reflected by all who came to pay their respects.*

*We loved Mary and will surely miss her. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend.*

*Greg & Pam Courtney*

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**Pam Courtney** - March 15, 2018 at 02:17 PM

PW

“ *I was saddened today when I saw online of Mary passing. We went through all twelve years of school together. She was always such a sweet loving person and always had that wonderful smile. Prayers for her family and friends.*

*Patricia Martin Whalen*

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**Patricia Martin Whalen** - March 15, 2018 at 02:37 AM

JD

“ I knew Mary from the Cynthiana Post Office, but did not really appreciate her fully until I served with her for several years on the Harrison County United Methodist Scholarship Committee. She was Boyd's representative on that committee and served as President at one time and later as treasurer. She was a joy to work with on that committee. She always had helpful ideas and wanted to help as many young people as possible to further their education. She served the Lord in so many ways and none more important than the fact that she helped keep the doors open at Boyd Methodist Church for many years when there were few people in attendance. She had an exemplary work ethic at the Post Office and for the Lord. She will be missed by her many friends.

*Janice and Bill Doan*

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**Janice and Bill Doan** - March 13, 2018 at 12:11 PM

RG

“ *MISS MARY LOVED GOD!  
MISS MARY LOVED EVERYONE!  
MISS MARY LOVED OUR LITTLE  
COUNTRY CHURCH  
AND FOR YEARS SHE TOUCHED THE  
LIVES OF EVERYONE  
THAT EVER WALKED THROUGH THOSE DOORS, BOTH  
YOUNG  
AND OLD. MISS MARY WAS TRULY AN INSPIRATION TO ALL  
OF  
US. WE WANT TO KEEP MARY'S MEMORY ALIVE AT BOYD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND CONTINUE TO SHARE  
OUR LOVE OF GOD AND OF MISS MARY WITH EVERYONE  
THAT WALKS INTO OUR CHURCH. I KNOW THAT HER  
GLOWING  
SMILE WILL BE BEAMING DOWN ON US KNOWING THAT WE  
WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP BOYD UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH "ALIVE". WE ARE BETTER PEOPLE BECAUSE MISS  
MARY WAS A CHRISTIAN SISTER TO US. WE LOVE YOU MISS  
MARY AND WE WILL MISS YOU. UNTIL WE ARE REUNITED  
AGAIN, R.I.P.*



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**REGINA AND DALE GENTRY** - March 13, 2018 at 12:07 PM

AM

*Mary had one of the sweetest smiles. Didn't know her well but met her  
at the post office and later at UMW events.  
My sympathy to the family  
Anna Ruth McLoney*

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**Anna Ruth McLoney** - March 14, 2018 at 08:02 AM

CP

*I remember what a wonderful presence Mary was at the Berry Post Office. Her smile lit up a room and made you know she loved life and she loved Jesus. I worked with her at the Berry Festival and she was truly a blessing in all she said and did.*

*I will miss her and never forget her. She has been a blessing to all of us here in Berry.*

*Christine Philpot*

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**Christine B. Philpot** - March 15, 2018 at 12:59 PM

GV

*We are so grateful for the time we got to spend with Mary when she visited her family, Preston, Jeana, Megan, and Lindsey Withers, in Bowling Green and were privileged to visit with her and the family one time at the farm. She was such a joy to be around, and she always spread so much love to others. She talked a lot about her work for God and her interest in family members.*

*The family will be in our thoughts and prayers during the difficult days ahead, and we send our love to you.*

*Gene and Evelyn Vaughn, Jeana Withers' parents*

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**Gene and Evelyn Vaughn** - March 18, 2018 at 07:34 PM

SK

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**shary kirk** - March 13, 2018 at 07:17 AM

SK

*Mary was here for the eclipse on 8/21/2017, we had a great weekend. We've spent many good weekends either riding, playing horse shoes or watching movies. She loved her Harley clothes and I loved her. Heaven is lucky they will be getting another angel.*

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**shary kirk** - March 13, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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**shary kirk** - March 13, 2018 at 07:13 AM

EC

“ *Rest in peace, Mary. I remember many good times and hard working days with Leon and your family.*

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**Edward L Cummins** - March 13, 2018 at 01:33 AM

AS

“ I feel that no greater gift can be bestowed upon a human from another than the gift of the "Love of Christ" that's the gift that Miss Mary gave me, starting as a child... she was my first Sunday School teacher, my first Bible school teacher, she taught me how to teach other children the stories and lessons she taught me as a child.



My favorite memory of Miss Mary was when she taught us about baby Moses. She brought us green strawberry crates (Moses's basket), little plastic babies (Moses) and we each made reeds out of construction paper to hide our Baby Moses in... isn't it strange what an impact that little activity can have on a child, but that's exactly what it did... she impacted my life and made me want to be a better Christian and a better person, She taught us the Lord's Prayer, the prayer to the Christian Flag, she taught us all the childhood hymns, my favorite was when she would sing "This Little Light of Mine" she would have us hold our fingers up and sing "Let it shine all over Berry...I'm going to let it shine" we thought that was so funny!!! Even as adults we still sang it that way...

Our last conversation was her thanking me for taking the children back to Sunday school, she told me it was our responsibility to bring the little children to the Lord... I told her I only wish I could be half the teacher that she was for me... she always made me feel loved by God and by her...Mary fought vehemently to keep the doors open at our little church, she graciously welcomed new comers, returnees and visitors and I am certain that God is welcoming her home the way she did so many others...I love you Mary!!! Until we see each other again my dear friend!!!

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**Alean Spicer** - March 13, 2018 at 12:19 AM

WC

“ Mary worked for me for several years at the Berry Post Office, the one thing I will never forget is the little song and dance she did for the carriers while sorting mail. It was about little fishes swimming over the dam. We all shall miss her.

Wyanda Cordray.

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**WYANDA CORDRAY** - March 12, 2018 at 08:47 PM

MF

Mary was a wonderful lady.. She always had took time to stop and chat and wanted to hear about what was going on with you and your family.. She will be missed by many.

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**Melissa Gaunce Fryman** - March 12, 2018 at 08:51 PM

JR

“ Judith Rawlings lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Withers



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**Judith Rawlings** - March 12, 2018 at 08:36 PM

MR

“ I always appreciated talking with Mary at our class reunions about her church and United Methodists in Harrison County and will miss those conversations. I am grateful for the impact that she had on so many people.

Mike Reed, HCHS '66

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**MIKE REED** - March 12, 2018 at 08:30 PM

BG

*MARY WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON. HAD SO MANY TALKS WITH HER WHEN SHE CAME IN TO THE STORE AFTER SHE RETIRED FROM THE POST OFFICE. SHE WENT TO ALASKA ON THE TRIP I TOOK AND WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO US ALL. REMEMBER HOW SHE WORKED ON THE BERRY FESTIVAL LAST YEAR. GOD GOT A LADY . REST IN PEACE MARY. BRENDA GILES*

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**BRENDA GILES** - March 14, 2018 at 11:37 AM