



# Mary Strong Barrett

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**M**ary Strong Barrett, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and friend, joined God in heaven after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by the love of her family, who were everything to her—just as she was everything to them.

Born and raised in Miami, Mary's vibrant spirit and passion for life were evident from an early age. As a young girl, she thrived in sports, especially softball, and found purpose and connection in her church community. In high school, she proudly served as a Dolphin Doll, where she cheered with energy and grace that captured the hearts of those around her.

Mary went on to work for Eastern Airlines, where her cheerful nature and caring heart made her a favorite. It was during this chapter of her life that she met her lifelong love, Monty Barrett. From that moment on, they were inseparable. Monty stood faithfully by her side through every joy and every challenge, and their bond was a testament to lasting love.

Mary is survived by her two daughters, Melinda Cabrera and Michelle Fundora, who were her pride and joy. She was also a deeply devoted grandmother to four grandchildren, who completely captured her heart. Her world revolved around them. Whether it was attending events, sharing stories, or simply being present, Mary did everything for her grandkids. She found deep joy in their laughter, their dreams, and their lives.

Mary had an undeniable love for the ocean. She was at home in the water—diving, fishing, enjoying all kinds of water sports—and she found peace and freedom there. But above all, her lifelong dream was fulfilled in her love for horses. Being near them, caring for them, and simply sitting in their presence brought her unparalleled joy.

That dream became a reality, and it was one of her greatest personal accomplishments. Known for her bubbly personality, Mary could light up any room. She loved fiercely, laughed loudly, and celebrated life with all she had. She had an innate ability to bring people together and make them



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feel special. Whether at a party or a quiet gathering, she brought warmth, energy, and an unmistakable presence that made everything brighter.

Mary faced her battle with breast cancer with unbelievable strength and resilience. She endured years of treatment, setbacks, and pain with courage, grace, and a fighting spirit that never wavered. She never stopped showing up for those she loved, even when it was hard. She is, without a doubt, the strongest person we know.

Mary's legacy is one of love, light, strength, and joy. Her spirit lives on in every laugh, every wave, every gallop, and every family gathering. She will be missed beyond words but remembered with immeasurable love.



# Tribute Wall

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**Kathy Ahonen** posted:

Cousin Jim Owen's planted a tree .

August 3 at 3:06 PM



**Lorelei Bennett** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The good old days.Rest in peace Mary.Love, Lore

August 1 at 11:24 AM



**Ali Gomez & Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Barrett family.

August 1 at 11:01 AM



**Lyle F.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

August 1 at 7:43 AM



**Matt Beadman** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

July 31 at 9:50 AM



**Matt Beadman** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

July 31 at 9:49 AM





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**The Chapek Family** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Barrett family.

July 30 at 2:19 PM



**The Chapek Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

July 30 at 2:19 PM



**Joyce Hojnacki** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary, may you rest in peace You have fought the hard fight. Now you are free to be yourself. I remember your passionate love for horses and what a consolation they were to you.

July 30 at 1:35 AM



**Luis E.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

July 29 at 6:31 PM



**Kathy Ahonen** posted:

Aunt Kathy and aunt Polly planted a tree so that Mary's memory will live on in nature as she will forever live on in our hearts with love. We will miss her.

July 29 at 3:20 PM



**Kathleen A.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

July 29 at 3:14 PM





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RH

**Robert Hutchins** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary was always a bright smile followed by positivity, laughs, and pleasant conversation. She was a great mother and grandmother as exemplified in her daughter's confidence, beauty, and sincere good nature. I came to know Mary in high school and in the years that followed in her marriage to Monty. It is a shame she is gone way too early and will be missed by so many. Sincerely, Robert Hutchins

July 29 at 1:52 PM



CC

**Carol Chapek** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Girl Scout Days

July 28 at 7:54 PM



BS

**Buster Strong** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

I still can't believe it was April 19, 2025, when I last spoke to Mary. She was full of determination that day, proudly showing off her colorful nails and matching pants—so full of life, style, and spirit. Monty stood faithfully by her side, a true husband in every sense, honoring the vow of "until death do us part" with quiet strength and unwavering love. Mary, may you rest in peace. You are missed deeply, remembered dearly, and loved always.

July 28 at 12:02 PM



KR

**Karen Rodman** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary loved her children and grand children especially very much! You could see that in the photos she posted on line. Our family used to play co-ed softball together back in the early days. She was a competitive player and she loved to win. Her determination was evident as she strived to win over her battle with cancer. She and her husband Monty were both dedicated to their family. May Mary rest in peace and may her family feel her presence in each and every memory they share....RIP Mary you will be missed.

July 28 at 11:24 AM





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CC

**Cheryl Cunningham** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary fought a long, hard battle and leaves behind loving children and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her well. Her cousin-Cheryl

July 28 at 9:31 AM



RM

**Richard Martin** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

July 26 at 11:20 AM



RM

**Richard Martin** posted:

I remember growing up with Mary and her siblings, as her father, Mel Strong was my uncle (my stepdad Roy Strong's brother). And her mom Joan Strong, my Aunt. She was a very happy and funny cousin as kids and as adults. Born to become a wife to Monty, they raised a beautiful family together. She also continued our parents family's gatherings with cookouts, holidays, birthdays etc. She also loved animals dearly and living on Blue lake as I and buying a home on another lake near by. She was a true Floridian loving the ocean and the lakes. From what I've been told, she was also a fighter till the end with Monty by her side, a true angel he is. Rest in Peace Mary. Love Richard Martin.

July 26 at 11:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Barrett family.

July 26 at 10:11 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

July 26 at 10:11 AM





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**Kathy Ahonen** posted:

Aunt Kathy

July 26 at 9:27 AM



**Kathy Ahonen** posted:

I remember Mary as a devoted and caring mother and how she loved animals.

July 26 at 9:26 AM



**Michelle Fundora** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



July 25 at 9:15 PM



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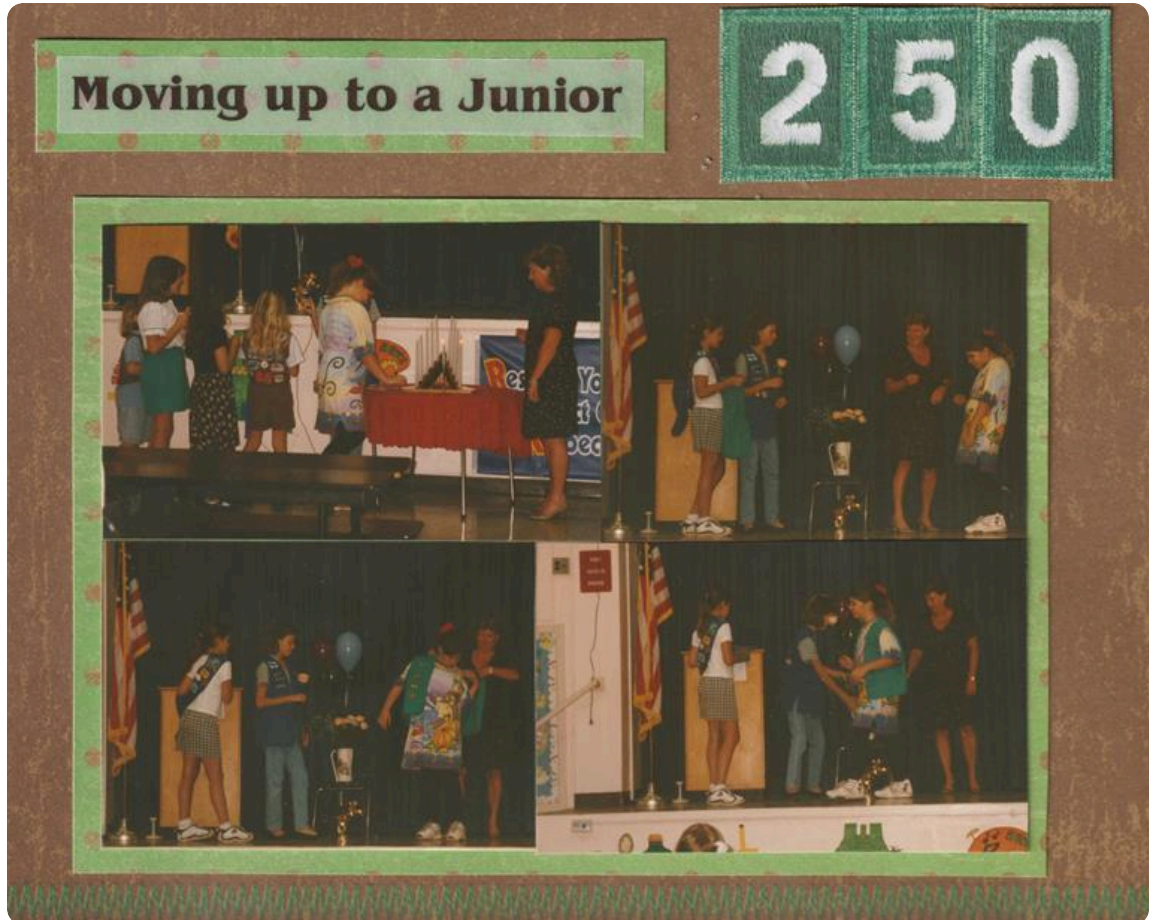
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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