



Mary Jane O'Dell

February 16, 1931 - December 4, 2013

Mary Jane Conn O'Dell Mary Jane Conn O'Dell passed away peacefully at MRC Creekside Retirement Community in Huntsville, Texas, on November 27, 2013. She was born on February 16, 1931, to Leslie and Janice Conn in Kirbyville, Texas. Mary Jane graduated from Kirbyville High School in 1948 and earned degrees in Chemistry from Texas State College for Women, now Texas Woman's University. She worked in petroleum research at Shell and American Oil before raising two sons in Texas City, Texas. She taught math in Texas City for 15 years. With her husband she was a charter member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Texas City. She served as president of the United Methodist Women and the Texas City Day Nursery. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her sisters Sarah Ferguson and Cornelia Gordon. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Stewart O'Dell; sons Stewart Conn and Thomas Wyatt O'Dell; daughter-in-law, Lynn Mathre; sister, Carolyn Ann Conn; brother, John Silas Conn; and by several nieces and nephews. Mary Jane's concern was always for others, and she never exhausted the list of things she found to do for them. Family will receive friends Monday, December 2, 2013, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 11:00 a.m., at Adam's E.E. Stringer Funeral Home in Kirbyville, Texas. A memorial service will also take place at First United Methodist Church of Huntsville at 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Memorial donations may be made to: First United Methodist Church, 1016 Sam

Houston Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77320, to United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77007, or to the charity of your choice.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane O'Dell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear O'Dell Family,*

I was saddened to learn about Mary Jane's death. She was a wonderful teacher and a lovely lady. May the wonderful memories of Mary Jane be with you always.

imogene christian - December 04, 2013 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dear Stewart and family,*

We were so sorry to hear about Mary Jane. We will not be able to attend the Memorial Service on Dec. 4 as we will be going to a Memorial Service for Wayne Beltz in Tyler. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

*Love,
L.C. & Cathy*

L.C. & Cathy Courtney - December 02, 2013 at 09:24 PM



“ *Stuart,*

I'm so sorry for all of you, no matter what the circumstance, the loss is difficult. If there is anything at all I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know. My bet to you and all of your family.

Hallie Vanderhider - December 02, 2013 at 04:44 PM

PC

“ *Stewart, we were sorry to hear the news and want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family at this time.*

Patty and Ross Cooley - December 02, 2013 at 01:45 PM

MM

“ *We were lucky to have known Mary Jane. She had such a kind and gentle spirit. She will be missed. Our sympathy to the O'Dells.*

Mark and Linda Mathre - December 01, 2013 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ *This is when it's so hard to leave far away. I wish we could be there to give you hugs. Chris, Max and I are very sorry for your loss. She has left the physical world, but her spirit remains with you. I wish you strength during this difficult time.*
Love, Deb, Chris & Max

Debra Borchardt - December 01, 2013 at 04:21 PM

VA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I have fond memories of Mary Jane through PTA and Scouting.*
She touched many lives.

Virginia Adair - December 01, 2013 at 03:01 PM

RB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the O'Dell family at this time. What a wonderful legacy Mary Jane leaves, may God bless you all at this time.*

Reggie Barnett - December 01, 2013 at 01:34 PM

TP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the O'Dell family. I'm reminded of all the souls she influenced as a church member and classroom teacher.*

Rest in peace Mary Jane.

Tom Prouty - December 01, 2013 at 12:34 PM