



Mary Rae

November 13, 1945 - May 24, 2009

Mary Shelly Rae Mary Shelly Rae of Navasota went home to be with the Lord on May 20, 2009. She was the fourteenth child born to Jesse James and Jessie Lee Shelly on November 13, 1945 in Huntsville, Texas. Mary was preceded in death by her parents: brothers: Milton, Melvin, Edward, Jesse, Ernest, Roy, Walter, John Shelly and sisters Bernice Humphrey, Joyce Rae and Annie Underwood She is survived by: husband, Douglas Rae of Navasota; sons: Mark Goodrow and wife LaWanna of Huntsville; Steven Goodrow and wife, Wendy of College Station, and daughter Teresa Lawson of Huntsville; stepdaughters, Stacey Callas and husband Randy of England, AR and Sherry Ortega, of Huntsville; brothers: Marvin Shelly and wife Joanne, of Huntsville; sisters: Lois Batchelor of Carrollton; (6) grandchildren, (7) step-grandchildren and a number of other family and friends. Mary attended school in Huntsville. She devoted many years of service to our community through her work in the Huntsville Memorial Hospital cafeteria and in her leisure time, loved gardening. She always displayed a positive attitude of life even while on full oxygen and in poor health for the last seven years. Mary was truly a role model in facing each day with enthusiasm and gratitude for the blessings shared each day. Services will be held 2:00pm Sunday, May 24 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday, May 23 from 5 – 8:00pm at the funeral home. A luncheon will be provided at the Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church after the service. Services will be officiated by Donald Shelly. Pallbearers will be Bobbie Blair, Danny Upchurch, Dale

Morgan, Johnnie Frost, Ted Russell, and Brian Shelly; honorary pallbearers, Linda Blair, Pam Upchurch, Shelly Morgan, Debra Frost, Kathy Russell, and Donna Humphrey. Memorial condolences may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rae*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MW

She is NOT the woman that killed Michelle Morgan. I don't know the family. But I have researched. This woman's last name was Rae. Not middle. Mary Rae Morgan is the killer and unbelievably did missionary work. So please respect this family. My deepest condolences to her family. She bears a striking resemblance to my aunt who I adore. I also have deep Texas roots. God bless Texas.

Melanie Wood - March 29, 2023 at 06:08 PM

KK

I hope you asked God's forgiveness for murderfing your daughter and beatinv your other children. You didnt deserve to live as long as you did.

Kathy Koalewski - April 03, 2025 at 10:21 PM

ID

“ *She looks like the lady from the TV show cold case files. She was charged with the murder of her stepdaughter Michele LeAnn Morgan after beating her to death. And apparently she also abused her other kids that she had at leat from what the judge said*

Ida - October 31, 2021 at 01:35 AM

RH

If this is her, I hope she's burning in hell!

Rhonda - November 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM



This isn't her. But I agree for the Mary Rae Morgan that killed her step daughter.

Tara Hemiller - November 16, 2021 at 12:18 AM



Absolutely looks like that monster that brutally beat her 3 year old stepdaughter to death, Michele LeAnn Morgan. She beat this beautiful baby girl to death. The obit info is incorrect! We're sure it was done purposely. This evil monster is rotting in hell. 🤬 She doesn't deserve any remembrance!

Kelly Steele - February 17, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JA

It's not her, her husband's name was Bill and she didn't have a mole on her face. I've been researching.

James - March 10, 2023 at 12:03 AM

NJ

She got 5 years. She should have been given the death penalty. The same way she hurt that precious child.

Nita James - April 26, 2023 at 10:06 PM

NJ

I guess they had no phone and the 8 year old boy couldn't call anyone for help.

Nita James - April 26, 2023 at 10:07 PM

CB

Is this the woman that beat the precious 4yr old? Sure looks like it.

Crystal Bell - May 27, 2023 at 07:47 PM

HE

This is NOT Mary Rae Morgan. Totally different woman. Mary Rae the murderer is 83 and still alive

Heather - September 26, 2023 at 05:38 PM

RY

It is the same lady everybody's trying to gaslight and say it isn't, but it is piece of shit

Robin Yvonne - March 14, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MI *Heather how would you know she's still alive. Just curious.*

Miah - October 04, 2024 at 12:43 PM

MM *It isn't her.
The Mary Rae you're referring too, is this one.
<https://www.fastbackgroundcheck.com/people/mary-morgan/id/f8715311163079996878>
She is still alive.*

Mary McDonald - January 17, 2025 at 11:33 PM

MM *If you do research, you can find her. Just search Mary Rae Morgan & Billy Morgan, West Columbia, TX. It will pop up with them. Mary Morgan seems to have changed her middle initial to "M".*

Mary McDonald - January 17, 2025 at 11:35 PM

WR *“ It has been 4 year"s since you left this old world. I am doing ok for a old man. Still miss and love you.*

Wayne Rae - May 20, 2013 at 06:56 PM

WR *“ Another year has come and gone . God has let me live another year. Still missing you . Love you Daddy*

Wayne Rae - January 01, 2012 at 06:12 PM

DR *“ Another Christmas without you. Still miss you and love you Daddy*

Douglas Rae - December 25, 2011 at 09:28 AM

WR

“ *Another year has gone by. I am still loving you and missing you.
Love Wayne*

Wayne Rae - November 13, 2011 at 02:28 PM

DR

“ *Still loving you and missing you.*

Douglas Rae - October 25, 2011 at 08:57 AM

WR

“ *Still missing you and still loving you. Love Daddy*

Wayne Rae - August 16, 2011 at 03:29 PM

WA

“ *Another Christmas without you. But you are in the hand's of the
Lord now . Love you Wayne*

Wayne - December 25, 2010 at 10:02 AM

WR

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY My Sweetheart. I love you. And miss you. Love
Wayne*

Wayne Rae - November 13, 2010 at 02:57 PM

WR

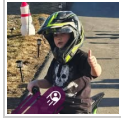
“ *Well it has been a year since you left this old world. I miss you I am
doing ok. Me and James went fishing yesterday enjoyed ourselves.
Love you Wayne*

Wayne Rae - May 20, 2010 at 09:15 AM

WR

“ *WEll the Lord let me make another year. Still in good health thank God . Miss You Wayne*

Wayne Rae - March 08, 2010 at 11:15 AM



how can you miss someone that murdered your child?

Neil Day II - December 10, 2022 at 11:30 PM

WR

“ *Happy New Year Wish you were here. Love Wayne*

wayne rae - December 31, 2009 at 09:43 AM

WR

“ *Happy birthday. Wish you wereb here .Love Wayne*

Wayne Rae - November 13, 2009 at 10:27 AM

WA

“ *I miss you very much . Love Wayne*

wayne - September 27, 2009 at 10:54 AM

BW

“ *Our prayers, love and thoughts are with each of you. May God's comforting arms surround you and give you peace.
Bill and Barbara (Davis) Wakeham*

Barbara Davis Wakeham - May 24, 2009 at 06:58 PM

RL

“ Dear Doug and family,

We are so sorry to hear Mary has passed. She fought a valiant fight. We remember how hard Mary worked and always had the best attitude, never a complaint. She always had a smile and we enjoyed and appreciated her dedication. She will be missed.

Rick & Gabriele Leitch - May 24, 2009 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ *My condolences to the Lawson and Rae families. Mark, Steven, and Teresa, you are in my prayers. The short time I knew Mary was during her marriage to my uncle, Paul Goodrow. She was a wonderful, kind, loving person who always wore a smile. Time, family, and caring friends will help heal the pain of your loss. My prayers are with you all.*

Carolyn Goodrow Baker - May 23, 2009 at 06:43 PM

ME

“ *The Mannie and Rosa Samith family and Mr. and Mr. Jessie and Mrs. Jessie Lee go way back, Daddy and Mr. Jessie were boyhood friends. Many an hour was spent sitting watching the Shelly's TV as that was the only on out on the Prairie, Between our families. Yes I remember when little Mary was born and only wonderful words of praise could be said by me for all the Shellys, Marvin and Lois so sorry for your loss and you guys have had a lot, May the Lord bless you and keep you and may his face shine upon you, your firend
Margaret Smith Edge*

Margaret Smith Edge - May 22, 2009 at 04:53 PM

RK

“ I am Bonny and Donny's niece. We are the same age, however. Mary is part of my childhood memory from Pine Prairie. She had such a pleasant manor. So, it is very sad to hear of her passing. I lost my husband last Dec. 1 and it just seems we have reached that time in our lives where we never know about tomorrow. God Bless you, her family, and make every day count in your life.

Rosemary Powell Koster - May 22, 2009 at 10:57 AM

DF

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I send my Love to you all. Keep looking to God in the coming days. He will keep you close to His side and walk you through all of this.

Debra Rae Frost - May 22, 2009 at 09:54 AM

B(

“ My heart was saddened to hear about Mary's passing. When we went to school on the Prairie, Mary was one of my closest friends. Even though we did not see each other often, it seemed that we picked up our conversation where we had left off each time we saw one another. I know that she has already seen Mrs. Jessie Lee, Joyce, Annie and Burnice and all the others. She is well and happy. She will be missed. Love to all, B.J.

Bonny Jean Smith (B.J.) - May 21, 2009 at 09:42 PM

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Bonny Jean Smith (B.J.) - May 21, 2009 at 09:41 PM

BN

“ May God be with you and your family during your time of sorrow. Huntsville High Class of 1958.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - May 21, 2009 at 09:01 PM

PF

“ We here at the 90th RRC, G-1 Section and SRP Team give our deepest sympathies to you and your family on your loss. The good Lord giveth and taketh away. May you all have peace and be glorious in your loss.

Perry A. Morgan Sr. and Family - May 21, 2009 at 12:51 PM

SM

“ Stacy, Sorry to hear about your Mom. I lost my father last Dec so I know how you feel. I am thinking about you and I am praying for you and your family.

SGM Mercer - May 21, 2009 at 12:48 PM

GW

“ Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jesus and our father are looking after her now. Be assured she is in good hands.

Gerald Waters - May 21, 2009 at 12:18 PM

CF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Cindy & Ronnie Frazier - May 21, 2009 at 11:26 AM

DP

“ *Our thoughts, love and prayers are with each of you. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time.*

Danny and Pam - May 21, 2009 at 10:39 AM