



# Mary Elizabeth Duff

May 6, 1951 - April 17, 2024

In Loving Memory of Mary Elizabeth Duff (Porter) - A Life of Elegance and Grace

Mary Elizabeth Duff (Porter), aged 72, of Joplin, Missouri, gracefully departed this world on April 17, 2024, after a valiant battle with health complications. Born on May 6, 1951, in the scenic city of Eugene, Oregon, Mary's journey through life was a testament to her refined character and unwavering spirit.

Mary was a shining star of the Webb City High School Class of 1969, where she cultivated her intellect and love for learning. Following her graduation, she embarked on a series of adventures, exploring various places that captured her heart. Among these was the majestic Yellowstone National Park, a sanctuary of natural beauty, which she held dear to her heart and spoke of with great affection and reverence. In addition to her love for nature, Mary found solace and inspiration in the art of writing poetry and faithfully journaling daily, capturing the essence of her experiences and emotions.

Having traversed different landscapes, Mary decided to return to the Joplin area, drawing closer to her beloved family. An ardent lover of feline companions, she sought a permanent abode where she could provide a nurturing haven for her cherished feline friends, whose company brought her immense joy and comfort.

Mary's passing leaves a void in the lives of those who held her dear. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Joyce and the Reverend Wayne Porter, whose spirits now embrace her in eternity. Left to cherish her memory are her adoring sisters, Janice Altland (Steve) and Tammy Graves (Ross), as well as her devoted brother, Jon Porter (Marcy). Mary's legacy extends to her aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, and a host of loving cousins, all of whom were touched by her grace and kindness.

In honor of Mary's extraordinary journey through life, a celebration of her remarkable existence will be held this summer, exclusively for family members. It will serve as a moment to reflect upon her legacy, share cherished memories, and find solace in the enduring bonds of family.

Mary Elizabeth Duff's elegant presence and passion for life will forever remain etched in our hearts. Her love for nature, the written word, and her beloved feline companions will be treasured for generations to come. May her spirit find eternal peace, and may her memory inspire us all to embrace life's beauty with grace and gratitude.

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ I have had Mary on my mind since she has passed. Mary was (Janice's) my best friends older sister. I remember loving her wild hair & clothes she would wear. In my eyes I thought she was the coolest person ever! I would just watch her pass by silently. To me that made her mysterious & interesting.  
The world has lost a soul that lived her life under her own terms.  
Rest In Peace .

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**Christy Ruiz ( Christine Griffin)** - April 27, 2024 at 06:53 PM

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*It goes without saying that I am very sad to hear that my dear, wonderful friend has passed. We had a friendship that was always special to me. My love for Mary was on many levels but always genuine. She was the ultimate "Hippie Chick" and at the same time a very aware and caring person. The last time that we spoke and hugged was when she came to hear me and my buddies play at the Kitchen Pass. Mary was Goth when Goth wasn't cool. Rock On Sweet Mary.*

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**Richard Collins** - May 01, 2024 at 10:02 PM

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*Dear Mary I miss you you so much, she was a dear friend of mine. We met at Galena Assembly of God. And we had a bible study class together, she loved to teach about the bible, resently we would meet at Cracker Barrel on Fridays and have lunch together, she loved that, and she wanted to make a trip to Yellowstone this year, sorry we won't make it. Love you my dear friend*

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**patricia keyser** - May 02, 2024 at 01:47 PM