



Mary Deborah Tindle

March 18, 1947 - July 1, 2016

Mary Deborah Tindle, 69, of Leesburg, Florida, died Friday evening, July 1, 2016, at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, after a valiant battle against lung disease.

She possessed a positive, can-do spirit, a wonderful sense of humor, and a sharp mind--constantly looking and moving forward--taking things as they come. It was her ability to see the positives in all of life's toughest challenges that carried her through each and every day. She loved her family and friends, and she was loved by so many people in return.

Born March 18, 1947, to Harry Sweeting Tindle and Margaret Eugenie Tindle in Hertfordshire, England, she grew up in Letchworth, England. When she was just 3 years old, her father Harry died of pneumonia. Mary was raised by her mum, and was educated at The Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers School--a boarding school. She later attended St. Christopher School and St. Francis College in Letchworth.

After schooling, Mary lived for a time in London, working for Chelsea College (now known as King's College), and the advertising agency of Foote, Belding, and Cone. She moved to Canada in the late 1960's, and spent time in Canada working for Far Hills Inn—a resort in Eastern Quebec. She moved back to England, where she got married. In the early 1970's, she moved to upstate New York in the United States, to settle and begin a family. She became a U.S. citizen in 1977.

After beginning a family, she spent much of her working career in hospitality management for a number of well known hotel and restaurant chains in the Southeastern United States. She took great pride in her work, to ensure the highest levels of guest satisfaction, and possessed an uncanny ability to make people feel welcome. She had a special knack and ease for entertaining people from all walks of life. She retired in 2011 after a 25 year career.

During her life, Mary had a passion for many things. At a young age, she took up piano,

learned how to sew, and began solving The Daily Telegraph crossword puzzles. She loved to spend time at her home in Leesburg reading English literature and mystery novels, caring for her cats, and even trying her green thumb and fingers at gardening. One of her life-long loves was listening to Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones. She attended one of the band's first live performances at the Marquee Club on Oxford Street in London in the early 1960's, and some 40 years later, watched them perform at a concert in Florida.

Mary is survived by her son, Jason and his wife Tonia Ashline, of Chanhassen, Minnesota, daughters Emily Ashline and her husband Drew Fosdick, of Leesburg, Florida, and Sally Baker of Bexleyhealth, England. She had 6 grandchildren (Natalie, Esme, Rachel, Joseph, Charlotte, and Thomas); 6 great grandchildren (Louie, Alexis, Lottie, Evalynn, Harvey, and Melody); one sister, Penelope Abrahams, of Nantwich, England, and one brother, Gregory Tindle, of Cardiff, Wales; 5 nieces and nephews (Rupert, Oliver, Sophie, William, and Jenny), and many other family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Harry and Margaret.

A celebration to honor her life will be held at a later date. Donations in memory and honor of Mary can be made to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org. May God bless you Mary. We love you and we miss you.

Comments



“ Mary worked at friendlys in Leesburg. I've known her since the late 90's. She would always say 10/4 good buddy. After Leesburg friendlys and Eustis friendlys closed I saw her only a handful of times, but ever couple years I would call her on 10/4 just to say 10/4 good buddy! Mary was an awesome soul! She will be missed! Sending love and prayers to her family! 10/4 in heaven good buddy!

Tom K - October 04, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ Mary it was a pleasure meeting you. You will always be in my thoughts. Goodbye until we meet again. x o x

Charlotte Jones - July 12, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ To Emily and Drew and the entire Ashline Family we extend our deepest sympathies for the loss of Miss Mary. I first met Miss Mary at Friendlys in Eustis along with my son Drew and Mary's daughter Emily (now my daughter in law) where we all were employed. Miss Mary was fun to work with and always was kind and respectful towards me. On July 1st, 2016 Heaven gained a Great Angel and the Rolling Stones lost a loyal fan. I can hear Miss Mary now: HEY YOU GET OFF OF MY CLOUD!! Much Love MOM AND DAD (Sue and Drew Fosdick)



SUSAN FOSDICK - July 07, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ What a life you had Mary. Although we came into it at a later stage we were made to feel wanted and loved. You always thought of us and made the effort to get to know us. I will always treasure all of the gifts that you have sent to me and my children over the years. All of the time and effort that you made never went unnoticed. I know my mum will miss you massively. We are going to take good care of her. I am so glad that we all had the chance to meet you and get to know you. so many memories to hold on to. Goodnight Mary. May you sleep peacefully



Rachel Jones - July 07, 2016 at 03:03 PM



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Rachel Jones - July 07, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ I traced you in 2003, and was so pleased that you wanted to connect with me, I have had such a wonderful time in the 13 years I've known you. I am so lucky and blessed to have found you and your loving family, I was welcomed with open arms and have had many happy visits to see you in Leesburg and you came over to England numerous times to see me and my family and your family here. We had some great scrap booking sessions - you taught me a lot! You and Phil shared a great sense of humour, he loved you dearly. You also talked to me about the Angels and we both received comfort and support from them, as well as each other, in our times of need. Our love was so special as we were apart for 36 years, so we had a lot to catch up on! You were always interested in what the grandchildren and great grandchildren were up to, always thoughtful, caring and loving towards me and your ever growing family! I know you enjoyed suddenly getting so many additions to your family and I was amazed to suddenly be part of your extended family, and have regular contact with them. My mum and dad (Jean and John Baker) will always be grateful to you as they wouldn't have had a daughter if you hadn't have had me. They met you on your visits over to England and the meetings were very emotional. You were thankful that I had a happy childhood. You really got on well with them and kept thanking them and they kept thanking you. They loved you dearly, they said you are a wonderful lady. They feel blessed to have met you. Love and Angel blessings to you, my Ma 2. Now you are free and surrounded by the Angels and love and light. We all love you and miss you so much. Sally, Phil, Rachel, Charlotte, Joe, Tom, Louie, Alexis, Lottie, Evalynn, Harvey and Melody Xxx

Sally Baker - July 07, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ Miss Mary rest in peace. I first met Mary while working at the Friendlys Eustis, where where my son Drew and Mary's daughter Emily(now my daughter in law)also worked.Miss Mary was funny,nice and always kind and respectful to me. July 1st 2016 Heaven gained an Angel and The Rolling Stones lost a loyal fan. Deepest sympathies to Emily , Drew and entire family. Much Love Mom and Dad. (Sue and Drew Fosdick)



SUSAN FOSDICK - July 07, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ Mary had been a part of my life since the 5th grade when Em and I became friends. One of my very first memories of Mary happened at Leesburg First Baptist. Emily and I were running around before childrens choir (back when they had Wednesday night supper) and her mom asked her to put her plate in the garbage. Why you might ask is this something I remember, well, It was the first time I noticed her accent and the way she said "garbage was not the way I said it, just made me giggle as a kid. She was always making us laugh and hauling us skating ,several times a week. She will be truly missed.

April brookshire - July 07, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ Such a caring and thoughtful lady, always interested in what was going on and never false xxx you gave my Mum a fresh sense of belonging and made up for lost time with love and care in abundance xxx you will be missed xxx Love Joe, Sophie, Evalynn, Harvey, and Melody



Joe Jones - July 07, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ Joe thats beautiful xx

Rachel - July 07, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ I worked for Mary at Friendly's and she became well loved by me and my family.
R.I.P.

Markenia Lee - July 06, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ Mary and I go way back. I first met Mary, Fred, Emily and Jason at Main Street Baptist Church in Leesburg back in the late 80's. We became friends at that time. After leaving Leesburg for a spell Mary and the kids came back. Mary was needing a job so I hired her at Friendly's in Leesburg. We had a long working relationship in the Leesburg Friendly's until they closed it in 2001. We then transferred to Eustis Friendly's where we worked for another 10 years. We enjoyed so many good times as well as some bad and hard times through the years. Mary was such a dedicated employee and was such a giving person. When they closed our store in 2011 I was not as close to Mary as I had been. We tried to keep in touch but I had to work so much I didn't have time to go see her. Emily you were a wonderful daughter and were always there for your Mom. She was so lucky to have you. I know you will miss her dearly but she will have no more suffering and no more pain and no oxygen tank. She is rejoicing with the angels in Heaven. I pray that God will comfort you and all of the family during this time. God Bless You,
Love,
Donna Cuppels and Family

Donna Cuppels - July 06, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ Love you and miss you!



emily - July 06, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ emily is following this tribute.

emily - July 06, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ Mary, you were (are) a uniquely witty and spunky lady. You always treated me like one of the family with unwavering warmth and kindness... You were definitely like another Mother. Em, I have always been truly fond of your Mom! Hang on to all the amazing memories.
Love, Kari

Kari - July 06, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ Emily, Melissa "Ferguson", and I worked at Friendly's with Mary as our Manager and Donna as our District Manager and I can tell you that it was truly "our" time to learn true life lessons and responsibility. Mary was so much to me throughout the years even though she probably didn't know it. She was representative of my teen years, the actual teen years that mattered to me. She looked out for all of us at work, she was a great mom - giving Em space and total love, and always treating me as a true friend when I saw her throughout the years, even if I had Isabella in tow. She represented to me another (along with my own) strong woman that had a true bond with her daughter - reminds me of my Bella and I. I will miss her and her darling English accent.

Melissa - July 07, 2016 at 10:22 PM



“ I only had the chance to meet Mary one time at Emily and Drew's wedding and you could just see in her eyes how happy and proud she was of her daughter. I have however heard many stories of the wonderful and funny person she was. I will always remember her as the jeopardy champion and how much she loved her goodies and tea. I would always hear stories from Emily how funny she was and because of her I will remember that Bruce is a man. I will miss all the funny things Emily would tell me about her mom. What a great lady!

beth bratcher - July 06, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ We love you Mom. May you rest in peace. Love, Jason

Jason Ashline - July 06, 2016 at 02:11 PM