



Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley)

June 2, 1963 - September 18, 2024

ADRIAN- Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley) age 61, of Adrian, Michigan, died at home on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, with the support of her family and under the care of Gentiva Hospice.

Mary was born on June 2, 1963, in Addison, MI, the youngest of Raymond J. and Ruth F. (Leyh) Blakley's four children. She graduated from Columbia Central High School in 1982 and went on to earn an accounting degree from Jackson Community College.

It didn't take Mary long to figure out sitting at a desk and working with numbers was not where her heart was. Mary returned to the classroom and obtained a nursing degree from JCC. Early on in her nursing career, Mary worked in the long-term care setting and was a leading force in getting the nursing union established in several nursing homes in Lenawee and Hillsdale counties. For her next challenge, Mary went to work at the Michigan State Prison located in Jackson. She had a vital role as one of the receiving nurses at the prison, who made contact early on with all new prisoners coming into the facility. Mary retired in October 2023, after 23 dedicated years with the prison system.

Mary married Kevin Gratz on December 13, 2013, and he survives. Mary and Kevin shared many of the same interests such as fishing and hunting; and telling "great stories" about their fishing and hunting. She was an excellent gardener of both vegetables and flowers. For many years, Mary drove her dream car, a 2003 bumble bee, Mustang convertible and it never failed to put

her in a good mood when she was behind the wheel.

In addition to her loving husband, Kevin, Mary leaves behind her pride and joy- children, Dustin Blakley (Sarah Boss), Alicia (David, Jr.) Covey, Christina (Nate) Beagle and Karlie (Shane) Turrill; grandchildren, Keegan Mohr, Scarlet Blakley, Callie and Jazmine Covey, Lavender Boss, Brady, Evie, Ethan and Jackson Beagle and Lilly Turrill; her siblings, Mike (Joann) Blakley, Cindy (David) Herrmann and Beth Wagner; and precious fur babies, Gus and Josie. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Ruth Blakley and in-laws, Raymond and Sharon Gratz.

Visitation for Mary will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. On Monday, September 23, 2024, there will be a time for visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home with services beginning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Drew Woods officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

SEP **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Lindsey Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mary Gratz (Blakley)*



Lindsey Stephens - September 23, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley).*



September 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM

ME

“ *Melissa E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley).*

Melissa E. - September 21, 2024 at 07:26 AM

NS

“ *Mary was a wonderful coworker. We will miss her.*

Nick Springstead - September 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

DA

“ *It was a pleasure working with Mary at RGC! She was a great nurse and coworker. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.*

Dana Adams

Dana Adams - September 20, 2024 at 03:00 PM

GK

“ *Georgie Blakley, Tim Ashley and KrisHart purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley).*



Georgie Blakley, Tim Ashley and KrisHart - September 20, 2024 at 09:26 AM

KM

“ *Mary was one of the best. A dependable co-worker and friend I will miss.*

Kathleen McFarlan - September 19, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LM

“ *Love and miss you, Mickie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Gratz (Blakley).*



Love and miss you, Mickie - September 19, 2024 at 02:03 AM

LM

“ Love and miss you, Mickie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Gratz.

Love and miss you, Mickie - September 19, 2024 at 02:03 AM

KP

“ You will truly be missed rest in peace my friend

kim pepin - September 18, 2024 at 11:17 PM