



## Mary Ann Wohrley

September 7, 1955 - October 26, 2020

Mary A. Wohrley, 65, of Dixon, IL passed away peacefully on Monday October 26th, 2020. She was a beloved mother and grandmother. Mary was born on September 7th, 1955, in Galesburg, Illinois, the daughter of Robert and Maribelle (Harms) Smith. Mary was fortunate enough to have found love twice; she married Ron Pfeifer in 1975, who sadly passed away a short five years later in 1980. Mary's second love was found in Brad Wohrley, whom she married in 1984 and enjoyed a full and happy marriage until Brad's untimely death in 2014.

Mary was a dedicated and respected employee for the Lee County Public Defender's Office where she was employed for over 40 years! Mary's life was full of richness and blessings and she was incredibly devoted to her family and friends and her sweet pup, Lucy. She loved to dress up and enjoy a date night with Brad, dancing the night away! Mary loved to swim and was a member of the YMCA and was often the first one in the pool in the mornings. Eventually, she had her own pool and often hosted parties for family and friends. Mary was often found sitting with Lucy by her side, taking in the activities surrounding her and relishing every moment with her family and friends. Time spent with family was, indeed, one of Mary's greatest treasures. Another treasure of Mary's was the birth of her son, Zachary. Mary took great pride in being a mother and showered Zach with the love and guidance needed to raise a responsible man. Mary often had a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her face with a joke ready to lighten the mood, and, thankfully, she

passed that gift right on down to Zach! And, Zach, in turn, blessed Mary with the greatest gift a son could give to his mother, a mini-Zach, her grandson, Carson! Mary might well have considered being a grandmother to Carson as her greatest life accomplishment! She took great pride in Carson and he was a special light to her, always brightening her world.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Robert & Maribelle (Smith), and brother Donald Smith.

Mary is survived by her son Zachary (Lindsay) Wohrley of Dixon, and one grandson Carson Wohrley. She is also survived by 3 brothers Ronald Smith (Susan Wilson) of Dixon, Terry (Kim) Smith of Dixon, Robert "Rob" (Sonok) Smith of Dixon; 2 sisters Rosa (Marv Blixt) Hart of Rock Falls, and Sharon (Rick) Tucker of Dixon.

A private family service will be held Friday at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with Howard Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon, IL. Cards and flowers may be sent to Jones Funeral Home. A memorial has been established.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Wohrley*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mary Ann Wohrley*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sue Devers lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Wohrley*



**Sue Devers** - October 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Dan and Shannon Fish and Dan Ryan and Amanda purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Wohrley.*



**Dan and Shannon Fish and Dan Ryan and Amanda** - October 30, 2020 at 09:12 AM

S)

“ I am saddened to hear about the loss of a beautiful soul and beautiful cousin . She went home to the family in heaven , unfortunately too soon . My condolences to the family .



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**Susan Smith ( Cousin from WI )** - October 30, 2020 at 12:57 AM

SC

“ Dear Zach and Lindsay,  
We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mary. She was a beautiful lady and surely a wonderful grandma. She will be missed by many. May her soul rest in peace.  
You have our sympathy. Steve and Sherri Cooper.

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**steve cooper** - October 29, 2020 at 03:48 PM

LD

“ I was a lifeguard at the YMCA in the 90s and 00s, and I remember Mary being the first one in the pool for morning laps! I also had the pleasure of working with Mary for a short time in the public defender's office, and she was so sweet and helpful and kind and funny! My condolences to the whole family.

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**Leigh Delhotal** - October 29, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JW

“ Although we were cousins we didn't know each other. Age difference and distance was a major factor in that. I do know that she was kind and generous though. When our grandmother passed away she opened her home for some of the cousins to stay and was a gracious hostess. However my strongest memory has to be when I was about 8 or 9 years old. I hadn't seen her for some time and because of our age difference (8 yrs) we never paid much attention to each other growing up lol. I just remember when seeing her for a family wedding I was struck by her beauty, I thought she was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen. Then to top it off she was super nice to a shy little girl who wanted her attention. Kind and generous. My condolences to the family for the loss of a beautiful (inside and out) soul.

Jana (Smith) Whitens

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**Jana Whitens** - October 29, 2020 at 10:01 AM

ST

Jana this is beautiful memory! Thank you. I wished all of us cousins could of been closer. Like you said distance kept us apart. We hardly ever got to see your family after you moved from the Bloody Gulch Road home. I remember playing there and I am not sure you where even born yet. Thank you for your condolences. Sharon (Smith) Tucker

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**Sharon tucker** - October 29, 2020 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ I 1st met Mary thru my 5th grade South Central teaching stint that involved her brother "Rob" - - he was GREAT kid/pupil in my class. Mary and her parents were also very kind to and supportive of me. I still fondly recall being at the Smith home with "Rob" and Mary and Mrs. Smith present for a weekend challenge chess match with her Dad and leaving feeling VERY lucky that I escaped with a last minute 1 win/1 loss tie.

Obviously to me then, the Smith family enjoyed each others company. Mary's passing is a true loss for all of us fortunate enough to get to meet and know

P.S

Mary's 1st husband Ron Pfeifer also (like Rob) was also a former student of mine AND was another one of my favorite students though during an earlier time when I taught English a few years earlier at DHS.

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**Mike Heckman** - October 28, 2020 at 08:02 PM

ST

Mr. Heckman thank you for this memory. I got quite a kick out of it. Congrats on your lucky win! Playing against dad a win was very hard to come by. Ha! All of us kids learned to play chess and yes we did enjoy our family time together.

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**Sharon tucker** - October 29, 2020 at 02:08 PM

RS

Mr. Heckman I often think of the days at South Central and you being a great teacher and friend I remember asking you to come to my house and play chess with my dad.. also remember you used to give me money to bring you back lunch from Sandy's.. big deluxe and fires and a coke... LOL I will never forget you... thanks

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**Robert Smith** - October 30, 2020 at 06:14 PM

MH

*Thx to you Rob, for being an admirable person even from an early age ! I confess - - Thinking about a "Big D" for the first time in almost 50 years still makes my mouth water today. All the best to you/yours !!  
mike*

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**Mike Heckman** - October 30, 2020 at 10:29 PM

GW

*“ zack, i am so sorry to hear about your mother. she is in a better place now. hang in there it will get better. grant wolford*

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**grant wolford** - October 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DS

*“ It's been 3yrs since I last saw you. Wish I could make it down there. My heart is broken. I'll miss talking to you.*

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**Dave Smith** - October 28, 2020 at 02:12 PM

DJ

*“ Mary was a good friend to me in my high school years. She was so fun to hang with. I remember the time we took her family's boat out and it got stuck in a sandbar. We had to get into the river and push it out, laughing the whole time. I will always remember Mary fondly. So sorry her time here on earth was so short.*

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**Debbie Shiaras Jensen** - October 28, 2020 at 12:17 PM

PW

“ I first met Mary when she worked for Bill Sturgeon, then Public Defender, while she was still in high school. Bill loved her as a daughter and soon all of us who came to know her shared that warmth. Throughout our lives in Dixon Mary and Brad have interwoven and enriched our lives. She will be truly missed. The world has lost a little happiness.  
*Patrick & Nancy Ward*

Patrick E Ward - October 28, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Wohrley.



October 28, 2020 at 11:16 AM

RB

“ Randall Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Wohrley



randall baker - October 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

LF

“ Lou (Harms) Pritchard and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Wohrley.



Lou (Harms) Pritchard and family - October 28, 2020 at 01:24 AM