



## Mary E. Boyes

February 8, 1929 - June 15, 2020

Mary Esther Boyes, 91, was born in a small farmhouse in Champaign, Illinois on February 8, 1929 to Oscar and Ara Wells. She passed away on June 15, 2020, into the loving arms of God, amid hundreds of prayers being said for her.

Mary was a devoted wife to Warren for 66 years until his death in 2014. She was the proud mother of five daughters; Linda, Brenda (Phil), Peggy (Jim), Betsy (Keith), and Mary (Matt), also known as the “Boyes Girls”. She loved her grandchildren with all of her big heart; Bethany, David, Stephen, Jamie, Carly, Sean and Christopher and was blessed with five great-grandchildren; Morgan, Sierra, Warren, Finley, and Cooper.

Mary had two older brothers; the late John Wells and Tom Wells. She often reminisced about the many wonderful times spent together with them and her cherished sisters-in-law.

She loved family, friends, Libertyville, watching the Cubs, sitting on the front porch, babies, laughing, birds, flowers, and holidays (especially Christmas and the Fourth of July).

Mary’s passion was cooking and baking! Her fried chicken and homemade brownies were legendary. Her kitchen was open to everyone, including her many nephews and nieces. Preparing her specialties truly was her love language.

She was an early riser, a go-getter, public servant, volunteer, organizer and everyone’s “Aunt Mary”. She lived a long and rich life and will be remembered

fondly by many.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois.

Funeral services will begin at 12:00 p.m. followed by interment at Lakeside Cemetery.

Due to the current health guidelines, we kindly ask that those that wish to attend services, may pay your respects to the family and exit the funeral home so that all visitors have the opportunity to enter. For those that wish to attend virtually, we will have a live streaming link on Mary's obituary at the funeral home website.

Click to view live streaming: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/35588397>

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's name may be sent to Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church 32475 N. Alleghany Road, Grayslake, Illinois, 60030.

For more information, call 847-362-3009. Share a memory of Mary at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary E. Boyes*



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**Burnett-Dane Funeral Home** - June 16, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ *When my husband and I joined the church in 1965, I became a member of Elizabeth Circle and learned about what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. I was impressed with Mary's sweet smile and welcoming personality. And when she was elected to be the first woman Elder of our Session, I became more impressed with her wisdom and witness for guiding our church toward healing and justice. My prayers are ascending for Mary's family and friends as they grieve our loss of Mary's joyful leadership. Barbara Peter*

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**Barbara Peter** - June 19, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ My first memory of Mary was when I was in high school. We taught 3&4 yr old Sunday school together in the Social Hall at First Pres. She was a wonderful mentor. And about that same time, I also remember seeing your **WHOLE** family at the HS basketball games...Many times right in front of my cheerleading station... Always supporting the community. We also shared the Libertyville Village Clerk in common. She served a few years before my brief stint but whenever I would see her she was so encouraging. She supported women in politics and at that time I appreciated and needed her kindness. Her warm smile and kind heart shall be missed. I send comfort and love as you grieve over her loss.  
Andrea Moore

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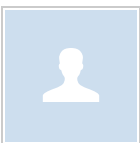
**Andrea Moore** - June 19, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ My sincere condolences. Mary was my mother Evelyn Alexander 's cousin. My grandmother Susan Mary Goodlet was Ara's half sister. I had the pleasure of visiting her a couple of years ago. I remember Mom would always laugh when she got a Christmas card from the " Boyes and the Girls "!  
Tana Alexander Hamm, Mundelein

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**Tana Hamm** - June 19, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Boyes.



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June 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary E. Boyes.



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June 18, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ I was blessed to grow up one block from my beloved Aunt Mary and Uncle Warren.

*As I had no sisters and five brothers, I spent an enormous amount of time at the Boyes house. I always felt welcome and like one of their girls. I grew up with my cousins being my best friends. In addition, Aunt Mary taught me how to bake her amazing brownies and the best cookies in the world - Brown Eyed Susan's. To this day I take a massive amount of her Brown Eyed Susan's to many people over the holidays. I often joke that people don't care if I show up as long as they get their cookies! My Aunt Mary was my 2nd Mom and never made me feel as if I was intruding. I thank God for all that she taught me and how much she loved me. She was a very special woman indeed. ❤️❤️❤️❤️*

*Cindy Wells Harger*

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**Cynthia Harger** - June 16, 2020 at 05:38 PM



*Everyone knew and loved Mary, such a special beautiful lady. I know Warren will be happy to reunite with Mary in heaven and they will RIP together. Blessings on All of her family 🙏*

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**Millie Kepler** - June 17, 2020 at 09:13 AM

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*Mary, can we still call you Marie?? When we were young, I would tell you that you were my birthday gift since you were born on my birthday. You took offense to that and would let me know how wrong I was to say it. Even though it was lonesome living on a farm back in our youth, we found ways to play games, etc on our own. I love you, Mary, and I hope you will keep "Shorty" on the right track up there in Heaven. Tom*

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**Tom Wells** - June 18, 2020 at 07:38 PM