



## Mary Sonnier

July 24, 1945 - July 13, 2010

Services for Mary Louise Sonnier, 64, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, July 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father Tim Kelly officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Sonnier passed away Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. She was born July 24, 1945 in Port Arthur, to Roy and Ruth Neeb Barbay. Mary was raised in Port Arthur and graduated from Bishop Byrne High School in the top 10 of her graduating class. She was also in the Colleen Drum and Bugle Corp. Mary married in 1963 and then moved to Tyler where she remained. She retired from Sears as a department manager and was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church where she was an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. She was passionate about her children and her grandchildren and their hobbies and activities. Mrs. Sonnier was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Jacki Sonnier and son Keith Sonnier. Mary is survived by her loving family including her husband of 47 years, W.J. Sonnier of Tyler; daughter, Debbi Jones and husband Thomas of Tyler; mother-in-law, Dorothy Sonnier of Port Arthur; daughter-in-law, Wendy Sonnier of Fruitvale; siblings, Beverly LaFleur and husband John of Nederland, Wallace Barbay and wife Dot of Port Neches, Dutch Barbay and wife Phyllis of Port Arthur, Douglas Barbay and wife Judy of Nederland and Mike Barbay of Crosby; grandchildren, Ryan Jones, Mallori Jones Rieg, and Vivian Sonnier, all of Tyler; great-granddaughter Emily Grace Rieg; and numerous nieces and

nephews. Pallbearers will be Ryan Jones, Jimmy Barbay, Brian LaFleur, Mike Barbay, Gene Bruce and Anthony Vrba. Honorary pallbearers will be Ken Liberton and Joe Hague. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2010 with a Rosary at 7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Mary L. Sonnier may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, Virginia, 22311. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *WJ I am very sad to hear of Mary's passing. The world was a better place with her in it. Thank God for the time you did have her.*

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**Joe Opstedal** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *W.J.  
My heart and prayers are with you and your family. Mary was an extremely special person and we will all miss her very. Please remember your Trane family is here for you any time you need us. I'm only a phone call away if you need anything at all. Love & Kisses.*

*Sheri*

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**Sheri McLain** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Mary has been an inspiration to all of us that have followed her successful fight for life. Her fiesty life and love will be remembered with fondness and respect by many many people.*

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**Terry Ryan** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mary. She was a very sweet person. My prayers are with you at this time.*

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**jan staples** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**ETMC Rehab Respiratory** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We were saddened to read about Mary's death. We are praying for you and your family. God bless you.

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**Searcy Staples** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ WJ

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I remember our days together at Trane and especially when you coached a soccer team and was one of my staunchest completitors in a friendly way. Mary was by your side at each game. Those were definitely fond memories I reflect on from time to time.*

*I remember seeing you and Mary walking the neighborhood last week and said a prayer for the both of you.*

*God sustains and strengthens us through our thoughts and prayers.*

*God bless!*

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**Rhamy & Peggy Morrison** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot ease your pain, but please accept the comfort knowing she is with God now. She was one of those special angels God loans us for a short while until He brings them home. She made a difference in so many lives; she touched mine by raising a kind and caring daughter I call my friend. Ryan and Mal Mal (and now beautiful Emily Grace) meant a lot to her. She waited for her journey home to share many special memories for you. What a treasure that is! Take comfort in knowing she hasn't left you but can watch you from Heaven. We will pray for you, and may God ease your suffering.....

*Chris and Tricia*

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**Tricia & Chris Sims** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ May our tender Shepherd bring you comfort and consolation in the midst of your loss. We send our love to you and your family with deepest sympathy...

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**Robin Solomon** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Saddened to hear of your loss -  
God will take care of you & yours - Keep the faith - Blessings -

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**R.Kaye Berry** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM