



Mary Sperry

August 2, 1926 - May 12, 2008

A memorial service for Mary York Sperry, 81, of Hurst will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 3:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Sam Fisher officiating. A private burial will be held in Ewing, New Jersey at a later date. Mrs. Sperry passed away on May 12, 2008 in Tyler.

Mary was born on August 2, 1926 in Trenton, New Jersey to the late Job and Mary O'Caule York. She was raised in New Jersey, attended nursing school at Temple University, and worked as a nurse for many years. She married Robert M. Sperry, with whom she had two children. Mrs. Sperry lived in the Hurst, Texas area for 40 years, moving to Tyler recently. Mrs. Sperry was very active in volunteer work for local food banks and other Christian ministries. She was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was involved in making and sending quilts to the Armed Services. This effort began during Dessert Storm and has continued through the current war. Mrs. Sperry enjoyed collecting antiques, raising orchids, raising quarter horses, and traveling. Mrs. Sperry was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary A. Sperry Ballew. She is survived by a loving family including a son, Dr. Bob Sperry and wife Lynne Breedlove Sperry of Flint; grandchildren, Robert Austin Breedlove Sperry, Katie Lynne Sperry, and Lawrence E. Allred of Hurst; brothers, Alvin J. York of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Job H. York of Sun City Center, Florida, and Fredrick York of Longwood, Florida; and sister, Mildred Schlosser of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Memorials in honor of Mary York Sperry may be made to Hospice of East

Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701; the King's Store House Food Bank, 422 East Oakwood Street, Tyler, Texas 75702; or the Humane Society of Smith County, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, Texas 75708. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ When I think of my aunt, I see her smiling on the telephone, and that smile just radiated over those lines or whatever they use nowadays. She called almost daily when my father (her brother) was in the hospital in Harrisburg having a quintple bypass, and she wanted to know what was going on. She offered hope and "never quit" advice to my family when times were rough. She will be missed. Anne

alvin york - May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am turely sorry for your loss. She was my sister and I loved her very much. I will miss her.

Mildred York Schlosser - May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Bob,
My sister Kathy and I used to stay weekends with your mom and sister when we we were little girls, "Little" Mary started out babysitting us and it just turned into an every weekend adventure. We started staying weekends when you lived on Browntrail. We spent years staying weekends with your family and we were just reminiscing a couple of days ago and wondering if your mom was still alive and wondering how you were doing. Your mom and sister were a huge part of our childhood, it saddens me so much to know they are both gone now. I have so many wonderful childhood memories because of them. I wonder if you remember us? I am truely sorry for your loss.

Lori Toney - May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Our family will miss Mary. She was a very happy Aunt with interesting stories.*

We had a great time at the graduation of Brett just two years ago at ASU. We had a little pre birthday party for her and she had a wonderful time and danced with her sister and niece at the graduation party. We truly had a nice time. We am glad for this memory and took family photos of her and her siblings excluding Fred who was not here.

With sympathy, Mike, Bonnie, Michael, Jason and Brett

bonnie surguine - May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM