



## Mary Ann Downing

April 7, 1925 - June 11, 2009

Mary Ann “Happy” Robison Powell Downing, passed from this life on June 11, 2009, at the age of 84. Mary Ann was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, on April 7, 1925, to Edgar and Vallie (Fox) Robison, in her grandmother’s home which later was replaced by the Choctaw Memorial Hospital. She attended Messer school where her mother was the teacher. She graduated from Hugo High School in 1941. In April, 1944, she took the oath to join the Cadet Corps and was trained at Muskogee General Hospital for her nursing training. She worked in Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. In 1948, Mary Ann started an anesthesia school at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and she retired her career as a certified registered nurse anesthesia in 1990. Mary Ann married Max Downing on August 16, 1980. They moved to Durant in 1988 to be near her family. Retirement allowed her to enjoy the loves of her life; being with her family, helping at church, and traveling the world. Mary Ann was a very ethical woman who lived with honor. She believed that when we saw good to do we were to do it. She went out of her way to help others in many quiet ways; from lending them money to taking them in to live with her until they were able to stand on their own. She was passionate about taking care of our earth and being a good ‘caregiver’ to the land. Mary Ann was a multi-talented woman who could do anything she decided she wanted to do; from oil painting to home remodeling. Mary Ann was known for her smile and she would light up a room with her presence. Even in her last days her smile was still strong and beautiful. Mary Ann was a member of DaySpring Church in Durant. She will

be greatly missed by everyone who's life she touched.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving husband, Max, of their home in Durant; three daughters, M. Joanna Powell, Vicki Fridle and husband Jim of Durant, and Nicholi Dillow and husband David of Durant; a son, John Harrington and wife Georgia of Ormand Beach, FL; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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# Tribute Wall

JU

“Wow, here in Oct 2024, I just found this online here. I remember Mary Ann from long ago growing up in Hugo OK. She was wonderfully unique, and her own person. My mother Fran Kimbrough and she were friends. I remember she built a lovely house out in the south rural part of town there. Blessings to all her family.

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**Julie(Kimbrough)Henderson** - October 10, 2024 at 02:21 AM



“Mary Ann Downing

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January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

SB

“No words come to me now. I just happened on this obit on the internet, and feel so priviledged to have known Mary Ann. My heart goes out to Max and the children.

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**suzanne bullard** - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“WE WILL MISS MARY ANN SO VERY MUCH. FROM THE FIRST TIME WE SAW HER AT DAYSPRING CHURCH IN JULY OF 2003 WE HAVE FELT PRIVILEGED TO KNOW THIS WONDERFUL WOMAN. CHURCH HAS NOT BEEN THE SAME SINCE SHE BECAME TOO ILL TO ATTEND. WE LOVE YOU SWEET LADY AND KNOW WE WILL SEE YOU ONCE AGAIN.

JUDY AND CKRIS

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**CKRIS AND JUDY CORD** - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss!*

*Mary Ann was a special woman!*

*Jeff*

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**Jeff Robison** - June 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM