



Mary Jennings Henley

July 18, 1954 - March 2, 2025

Mary Jennings Henley, 70, of Kingston, TN passed away into the arms of Jesus on March 2, 2025, at UT Medical Center in Knoxville, TN after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on July 18, 1954, in Lake City, TN, Mary was the daughter of Clarence and Margaret Jennings. She dedicated 40 years of service as an administrative assistant at Y-12 National Security Complex, where her diligence and professionalism left a lasting impact.

Her greatest accomplishments and sources of joy were her children, Ryan and Rachel, and grandchildren.

Mary will be remembered for her caring, generous, and kind spirit. She found joy in sewing and cooking, often sharing her talents with those around her. In addition to creating a family cookbook, she was part of a quilting ministry at church and enjoyed making clothing for the children they supported. Her warmth and compassion touched many lives.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rick, her son Ryan (Delicia), her daughter Rachel Sprain and precious pup Chipper. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Douglas and Glenn. She will be sorely missed by her surviving brothers Roy (Joyce), Wesley (Paula), Roger (Gail),

Sister-in-Law Lola and her only surviving Aunt, Gladys Hunley. She cherished her grandchildren Ethan, Ella, Easton, Evan and Jameson as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. She had several special women in her life that she considered as sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 6, at Clinch River Baptist Church from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m., located at 407 Cane Creek Road, Rocky Top, TN 37769.

Mary's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Henley Family.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that a donation be made to:

First Baptist Church Kingston
Threads of Love Quilting Ministry
215 N Kentucky Street
Kingston, TN 37763

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Clinch River Baptist Church
407 Cane Creek Road
Rocky Top, TN 37769

Tribute Wall

MS

“*Mary was such a sweet person. I remember her from Lake City High School. Her brother Roger and I were friends. I just saw her obituary on Facebook on the Oak Ridge Retirees 2.0 Group. I am so sorry for the family's loss. If I had known sooner I would have participated in her Celebration of Life. God Bless each of you.*”

Mable Spears - March 14, 2025 at 04:06 PM

SU

“*Suzie lit a candle in memory of Mary Jennings Henley*”



Suzie - March 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

SU

“*So sorry to hear this sad news. Prayers go out to Rachel and her family.*”

Suzie - March 06, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SB

“*I met Mary at Y-12. She was very nice and helpful whenever I worked with her on projects.*”

Sharon Bays - March 05, 2025 at 09:40 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. She worked with my mom Jean Hux at Campbell Wallace Engineers. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Susan (Hux) and James Cotter

Susan Hux Cotter - March 05, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ Janet Christopher lit a candle in memory of Mary Jennings Henley



Janet Christopher - March 05, 2025 at 07:08 PM

DC

“ Darrell C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jennings Henley.

Darrell C. - March 05, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KH

“ So glad I got to meet Mary through my friendship with Rachel over 15 years ago. She was such a sweet sweet lady. Praying for this loss for Rachel, Ryan, and Rick!

Kellie Heidinger - March 05, 2025 at 12:25 PM

NL

“ So sorry for your loss. Mary was a very special person to all who knew her. Prayers for comfort and peace for your family.

Nancy Livergood

Nancy Livergood - March 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LS

“ Very sorry to see this. I graduated high school with Mary and later worked with her at Y-12. Great heart and very easy to work with. She will certainly be missed. I will pray for her family in this very difficult time.

Larry Seiber - March 05, 2025 at 09:31 AM

NP

“ Mary was a very special lady, we went to Cedar Grove together!, I got to watch Ryan and Rachel grow up, prayers for peace and comfort for all the family ❤️❤️🙏🙏. Nancy Plemons

Nancy Plemons - March 04, 2025 at 10:23 PM

EF

“ Ernie, Fannie and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jennings Henley.



Ernie, Fannie and family - March 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jennings Henley.

March 04, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jennings Henley.*



March 04, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *Rick, Ryan and Rachel, I am so sorry for your loss Mary was a treasure! She was so excited when she joined our Threads of Love Quilting Ministry. One of our projects was to make dresses that would go into Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We couldn't keep up with her and all the dresses that she made. She had to be sewing 24 hrs a day! We are keeping your family in our prayers. We will miss her!*

Beverley Kelley - March 04, 2025 at 05:24 PM