



Mary Ellen Coburn

September 23, 1952 - May 29, 2025

Mary Ellen Carlson Coburn passed away Thursday, May 29, 2025, after a sudden illness. At the moment of her passing, she was covered in love from her family by her side and on the phone as she met her daughter, Kari, in God's Kingdom.

Mary's life calling was as an educator, having a special talent for supporting students with special needs using a customized approach to learning school material and life skills. Her devotion to students and co-educators spanned 30+ years at Courtney Christian School, Hammond Westside Upper School, O.W. Dillion Elementary, Lutcher High School, Alma Center High School, and Melrose-Mindoro High School. Her talents for teaching extended far beyond the classroom as a private tutor, 4-H parent leader, homeschool mentor, and developing openly shared teaching materials.

Mary married Chuck in 1971 and founded CharMar-Vu Holsteins with farming locations in

Northwestern Wisconsin during the 1970's. They continued to raise registered Holsteins while living in Perryville, KY and Wetumpka, AL. Mary and family returned to milking cows in 1991 at Aztec Dairy of Montezuma, GA until moving to Amite, LA in 2002. During the years spent in Alabama and Georgia, she established herself as one of the dairy industry's largest publishers of farm sale catalogs and state/regional breed association magazines. In this family business environment, Mary instilled in her children a hard work ethic, a love for seeking new skills, and a commitment to family and community.

Shriners Children's Hospital was a cause close to Mary's heart, having directly benefited from their charitable impact with multiple years of medical care provided to son, Travis, following a vehicle accident at three years of age. In recent years, Mary was First Lady of Acacia Shriners and volunteered at countless Shriner events in Louisiana and nationally.

Mary is survived by husband, Chuck; children Angie Coburn, Shawano, WI; Travis Coburn; Shawano, WI; Carla Taylor (Bradley) and grandsons, Lee, Carl and Holden, Booneville, MS. She is further survived by her mother Barbara Meeker, Augusta, WI; mother-in-law Delores Coburn, Pigeon Falls, WI; siblings Paul (Carmen) Carlson, Wakeman, OH; Sue (Jerre) Zimmerman, Eau Claire, WI; and Nancy Buse, Augusta, WI; in-laws Mary Beth (Arne) Fremstad;

Jay Coburn,
Whitehall, WI; Paul (Tammie) Coburn, Whitehall, WI; Linda Gunderson, Blair,
WI; and John
Coburn, Newport, TN; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary is preceded in death, by daughter Kari Coburn; father Mervin Carlson;
stepfather Stan
Meeker; father-in-law Frank Coburn; in-laws Jim Buse, Larry Gunderson,
Dawn Coburn; and
nephews Eric Zimmerman and Neil Coburn.

The family is profoundly thankful for the grace, dignity, and compassion shown
by the incredibly
talented ICU team at Ochsner Medical and the support and care from Anna
Stogner, Greg Leyer
and Kyle King of CenterWell Home Health.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to a Visitation at Brandon G.
Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W., Hammond, LA. on Friday, June
6, 2025 starting at 3:00 p.m. until the start of the Memorial Service at 6:30
p.m. Pastor Darryl Miller will officiate.

Family and friends will be received for a casual lunch at the Amite City
Masonic Lodge on Saturday, June 7th 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Additionally, a
Celebration of Life will be held in Augusta, Wisconsin at a date to be
determined this Summer 2025.

Memorial contributions can be made to Courtney Christian School, 121 Robin
Hood Drive,
Hammond, LA 70403 and Shriners Children's Shreveport Office of

Philanthropy, 3100 Samford
Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Brandon G Thompson Funeral Home Hammond
12012 Hwy 190 West
Hammond, LA 70401

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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

June 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Coburn.



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“ The Ladies of the Recycling Club purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Coburn.



The Ladies of the Recycling Club - June 04, 2025 at 02:46 PM



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PC

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Chuck, Angie, Carla and Travis, who have lost their dear mother and my friend Mary. Although Mary and I have been friends for nearly 50 years, most of that friendship has been from afar, and sometimes with long lapses. Yet we maintained our deep love and respect for one another, despite the distance and when possible, always tried to make a way to see each other in person. Mary was an extremely intelligent woman who loved and cared deeply about so much. Our shared beliefs in a loving God who is able to do all things, kept us on our knees for each other and our families. Although I know you are with Jesus, the one who you served, this fleshly friend will miss you and so will your precious family. I pray blessings on all of those who loved Mary and will be able to attend the services that will bring her honor that she deserved.

Pattie Cox - June 04, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Coburn.



June 03, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DC

“ Mary was without a doubt the most influential educator in our disabled son, Bryce's life. We grew close to Mary during his presence in her classroom for several years. She had a smile that lit the room, a twinkle in her eyes, and she took teaching seriously. Our heart's are broken. She was one of the good ones.

Dawn Collura - June 03, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LG

“ Condolences to Mary's immediate family. Yes we are all connected and we have lost so much knowledge and fun from our family in less than 3 months. I loved to listen to Mary talk and laugh. Her laugh and giggle just made her jiggle which was funny. There are many up there to embrace her. Love Linda

Linda Gunderson - June 02, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MF

Our sympathy and support go to the family. Mary was truly a gem when it came to those people with special needs. She had a way of communicating that made them comfortable and cared about. I have many memories staying with Chuck and Mary in Augusta and on the christopherson farm. Also she was a talented seamstress and taught me a lot about sewing for my 4-h projects. Too bad I wasn't a better student. We had fun though. We're going to miss you and look forward to sharing God's glory to one day. Love you, Mary Beth and Arne

Mary Fremstad - June 02, 2025 at 06:07 PM

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To Chuck and Mary's children and siblings,
From a Canadian cousin. Mary shared her testimony with me when we met at a family Carlson reunion in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. I loved listening to her and knowing she had a relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour. My husband is also in glory. A verse I would like to share with you is Isa. 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Praying for your family. From Clarice Dyck (nee Zacharias)

Clarice Dyck (Zacharias) - July 07, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DH

“ Debbie and Charlie Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Coburn.

Debbie and Charlie Harvey - June 02, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DH

“ *Debbie and Charlie Harvey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Coburn.*



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