



Mary Lynn Perkins

October 14, 1959 - August 1, 2023

Funeral Mass will be celebrated for MARY LYNN PERKINS, 63, 10am August 9, 2023 at the Saint Rose Catholic Church with Father Ray Moss officiating. Mary passed away August 1, 2023 in her home after a years-long, heroic battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Visitation will be at the funeral home Tuesday August 8, 2023 from 3pm to 5pm. A rosary will be recited Tuesday August 8, 2023 at Saint Rose Catholic Church at 7pm. Cremation will take place following the services, memorials can be made to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation in Mary's name and condolences may be sent to www.ColyerFuneralHome.com

Mary was born on October 14th , 1959, in Casper, Wyoming, where she was adopted by Kenneth Charles and Jeanette Eleanor (DeMarah) LeClere. She grew up in Casper with one brother, Kenneth Charles (K.C.), and three sisters, Elizabeth, Michelle, and Laura. Mary graduated from Natrona County High School before going on to the University of Wyoming, Chadron College, and Lesley University, where she earned a minor in business, a bachelor's degree in secondary education, and a master's degree in technology.

On August 30, 1980, Mary married Mark E. Perkins at St. Anthony's church in Casper. In 1984 they

relocated to Torrington, Wyoming, where they established their home and their family. Over the next five years, they welcomed three children into the world: Chelsea Jo, Seth Leroy, and Matthew Kenneth.

During her distinguished career as a teacher, Mary taught math at Torrington Middle School, business at Torrington High School (THS), and eventually acted as the head librarian for all of Goshen County School District. She coached Torrington's tennis team for seventeen years (1999-2016) followed by four years as the assistant coach. She was a multi-time South Conference Coach of the Year award winner in tennis.

From 2007-2014 Mary accepted the challenge of head coaching the first girls' soccer team at THS. She served on the USTA Tennis Board in Wyoming. She also served as the tennis representative to the Wyoming Coaches Association (WCA) for five years (2010-15), and, in 2022, was given a Distinguished Service award by the WCA before being inducted into their Hall of Fame.

In addition to her passion for teaching and coaching, Mary was active in her community in other ways. As a young adult she was a youth minister for CYO and achieved the position of Color Guard Commander for the Casper Troopers. Mary was a member of the Gering Tennis Club, and competed in tennis tournaments across Wyoming, and as far as Salt Lake City, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nevada. She was a sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America club at THS, and a class sponsor to the THS class of 2005. A devout Catholic, Mary attended St. Rose parish in Torrington and volunteered as a reader on

many Sundays. Mary and her husband, Mark, were avid cyclists, and could often be spotted riding on

country roads, miles away from the nearest town.

There was no role in Mary's life that she didn't embrace—she was a beloved and devoted daughter,

sister, wife, mother, aunt, coach, friend, teacher, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband,

Mark; daughter, Chelsea (Kyle); two sons, Seth, and Matthew (Hailey); siblings, K.C., Michelle, and Laura;

eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother

Jeanette, her father Kenneth, and her sister Elizabeth.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Rosary

AUG 8. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

St Rose Catholic Church
605 E 22nd Ave
Torrington, WY 82240-2527
(307) 532-5556

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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605 E 22nd Ave
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Tribute Wall

CV

“*Sorry to hear that Mary passed. She was always an awesome teacher!*”



Charlotte Vigil - September 25, 2023 at 10:33 PM

WK

“*Sorry to learn of Mary's passing. Such a great lady.*”



warren kearns - August 16, 2023 at 11:24 AM

RS

“*I just heard of Mary's passing. I coached in Gillette and got to know her through coaching over the years and the Wyoming Coaches Association. She was always so positive with her players and all who met her. I enjoyed our visits during matches. She will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. May time ease this loss.*”

Renee Schultz - August 13, 2023 at 07:38 PM

JW

“*Working with Mark or Mary was always a positive, pleasant experience. They are both shining examples of the truest “good people”. Our thoughts are with Mark and his family at this sad time. Mary will truly be missed !*”

Jamie Wilkinson - August 08, 2023 at 11:49 PM

EE

“ *Espiridion (Pete) Elizondo lit a candle in memory of Mary Lynn Perkins*



Espiridion (Pete) Elizondo - August 08, 2023 at 06:24 PM

DH

“ *Mary Perkins was a shining example of a great teacher, coach, and human being. She was/is an outstanding role model for our young people. Mary coached and taught my grandkids and I am so thankful. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mark and your loved ones.*

David Haines - August 08, 2023 at 09:41 AM

LA

“ *Lori A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lynn Perkins.*

Lori A. - August 07, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.*



August 05, 2023 at 11:07 AM

MI

“ To the Perkins family, so sorry for the loss of Mary Lynn, the Wood family in Iowa was very proud to have her in our family and in our memories may peach be with her.

MikeWood - August 05, 2023 at 11:04 AM

RN

“ Royce Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - August 05, 2023 at 12:51 AM

AA

“ Fly high Mrs. Perkins, you was an awesome teacher and always had a smile on your face. You will be greatly missed.



April Anderson - August 04, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.



August 04, 2023 at 06:45 PM

LS

“ Both Mary and Mark were so friendly and welcoming when I first joined the TMS staff. I loved Mary's beautiful and warm smile. You could count on that smile even on her worst days. She could calm us down or make us laugh...she always intuitively knew what we needed. I am so grateful to have called her my friend. Rest in Peace wonderful lady. My prayers are with you, Mark and family.
LaDona Sittner

LaDona Sittner - August 04, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.



August 04, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SU

“ Samantha Urbanek lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Samantha Urbanek - August 03, 2023 at 08:21 PM

DH

“ Mary was a blessing in THS for Tennis! our oldest daughter Sydney played for Mary all 4 years and so enjoyed this sport! Mary was a friend, coach, librarian, confidante, and a true caring soul! we shared so many fun times and laughter! she truly was one of the best!

Deanna Hill - August 03, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ Deanna Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Deanna Hill - August 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM

TO

“ Mary was my Color Guard instructor when I was in high school and I learned so much from her! She encouraged me to join the Casper Troopers, which I did for one summer. I married a band director, and because of her great example I was able to help with the Color Guard in some of the schools where he taught. She was also a great friend. I remember her being kind, friendly and supportive, and she always has smile on her face. Even though it has been many years since I have seen her, my heart is breaking at the news of her passing. My sincerest sympathies to all of her family members. She was a wonderful person!

Tronica (Vonburg) Owens

Tronica Owens - August 03, 2023 at 10:36 AM

VH

“ Verity Hager lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Verity Hager - August 03, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.*



August 03, 2023 at 01:10 AM



“ *Christine Quillen lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins*



Christine Quillen - August 02, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.*



August 02, 2023 at 10:41 PM



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

August 02, 2023 at 10:41 PM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Scherri Hacker - August 02, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Perkins.



August 02, 2023 at 07:52 PM



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

August 02, 2023 at 07:52 PM

AW

“ Mary taught both of my kids how to play tennis. She knew exactly what to say to encourage and to be better. She even taught my husband and me last Fall and said at the time "I love doing this and I'll do it as long as I can", and she did. She was funny too. One time my daughter and her partner were playing a nice little game of tennis against another team and Mary said "what are you doing? Playing a nice afternoon game. Tear their faces off." That was all they needed to hear and they finished the game off with a win. She was amazing and will be greatly missed.

Andrea Wunibald - August 02, 2023 at 06:01 PM

RR

“ Prayers for the family she was a lovely lady, great teacher, and very caring about others especially her students she will be missed!!□

Rocio Ruiz - August 02, 2023 at 05:44 PM

PA

“ Mark our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family. Mary was a bright light in our families lives during Soccer. Was so glad you guys were able to come to Brittany's wedding last year. Randall Family



pamela - August 02, 2023 at 05:17 PM

JL

“ Jodene Leach lit a candle in memory of Mary Perkins



Jodene Leach - August 02, 2023 at 03:31 PM