



Mary-Claire Prater

October 14, 1944 - April 19, 2014

Mary-Claire Gerber Prater age 69 of Athens, died Saturday, April 19th, 2014 in her home. She was born October 14, 1944 in New York to Charles Gerber and Florence Raskin Gerber. Services for Mrs. Prater are Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Isom's Chapel United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. She will lie-in-state from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Isom's Chapel Cemetery with Eddie Gooch, Dave Wood and John Prater officiating. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Florence Gerber of Virginia. She is survived by her husband Dennis Prater of 35 years, Athens; sons, Charles Binder and wife Regina of Leeds and Henry Prater of Chelsea; grandson, Raymond Binder; brother, Alan Gerber and wife Liani of Germany; sister, Janet Gardener and husband Leonard of Arizona; stepmother, Ray Gerber of Virginia; stepbrothers, Frank Friedland and wife Marsha and Bernard Friedland and wife Ceila of Virginia and a large extended family and a host of friends. If you ever saw a crowd of people laughing, you would usually find her in the center of it. She became a Christian in 1989 and was a dedicated member of Isom's Chapel United Methodist Church. She had served as Church Treasurer and was an active supporter of the United Methodist Women, the children's program, the choir, and Upward Basketball. She was very active in East Limestone as a former substitute teacher and booster club member for whom she ran the Spirit booth at the football games for many years. She worked mainly as a bookkeeper in various professions

for the 50 years she worked, including McClary Tire in Decatur and Cluxtons Jewelers of Athens. She enjoyed making memory books for her friends to celebrate special occasions. She leaves behind a legacy of love of people, the ability to brighten your day with a laugh or a smile, and a score of lives she touched by her kindness. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. Pallbearers are Greg Balch, Mark Goodman, Fred Moss, Stanley Williams, Clint Wood and Cory Wood. Please sign our online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Mary-Claire Prater*

Funeral Home Owner - May 13, 2014 at 03:03 PM

MP

“ *Dennis and Henry, so sorry about to hear about Mary-Claire. I think that you know we are living in Europe for the next several months. As a result we will not be able to see you but we are praying for you.*

Mark

Mark Pressnell - April 23, 2014 at 06:49 PM

BJ

“ *You are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. She will always be remembered with a smile. Praise Jesus you will all be together again one day.*

Brent & Kathy Jarrett - April 23, 2014 at 02:29 PM

CK

“ *Dennis,*

Wilma and I were so saddened to hear of your loss. We can only express our thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this time of need.

Chuck and Wilma Koehler

Chuck and Wilma Koehler - April 22, 2014 at 09:26 PM

RP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robert James Prater - April 22, 2014 at 05:46 PM

ST

“ May God Bless and keep her

stanzangel - April 22, 2014 at 04:48 PM

PR

“ So sorry to hear about Mary-Claire. It has been many years since I saw or spoke to her, but always remember the good times we had in Virginia so many years ago. Dennis, Charles and Henry, you have been blessed with the years you have had with her and I wish you to find comfort remembering those special times. May God Bless!

Pat (Gwaltney) Roscoff - April 22, 2014 at 12:39 PM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family; Mary Claire was a delightful and special lady and left a part of her to all who knew her; we will always remember her special smile, humor and courage in the way she faced life. Hold fast to your special memories; just as the Spirit if our father lives with us, her spirit will be with you - always. Our prayers will be with you in the days ahead.
In His Love, Louise and Jerry Todd

Jerry & Louise Todd - April 22, 2014 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, I know she will be greatly missed

Susan Prater Smith - April 22, 2014 at 10:14 AM

GS

“ So very sorry to hear about this sweet lady. May God help you & bless Mary-Claire's family, during this special time.

Gwen Barnes Scott - April 22, 2014 at 09:55 AM

CV

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His loving arms around you all giving you peace and comfort during this time.

Cindy & Ricky Vining - April 21, 2014 at 10:56 PM

RS

“ Dennis and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your wife/mom's passing. I know that there are really no words that I can say that will comfort you. However, I pray that God will give you all the peace and strength during this time.

Richard Shrader - April 21, 2014 at 09:42 PM

RP

“ Dennis, Henry & Charles I am so saddened at the news of your mother's passing, she was a beautiful soul always smiling and always there to lend a good ear when needed, God gained a special Angel and though we will all miss her here on Earth she will be making everyone smile in her new Heavenly home, praying that you all find comfort in these long days ahead

Regenia Prater - April 21, 2014 at 07:19 PM

DM

“ Mary-Claire will always and forever have a place in my heart.

Douglas MacCune - April 21, 2014 at 05:44 PM

DP

“ Henry, we were so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady and we enjoyed meeting her the times she came to Union. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

David and Faye Pou - April 21, 2014 at 05:27 PM

LJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will continue praying for your family.

Linda & Glenn Johnston - April 21, 2014 at 04:31 PM

JM

“ Am so sorry about the passing of sweet Mary Claire. She was a lovely lady, she made you laugh and made you feel loved. She will be missed by many. God got a beautiful angel.

Joanne Mandel - April 21, 2014 at 03:58 PM