



## Mary Theresa King Fair

May 11, 1921 - August 10, 2017

Mary Theresa King Fair, 96 of Oak Ridge passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at NHC Fort Sanders in Knoxville. She was in the rehabilitation center to regain her strength after a hospital stay. She was scheduled to return to her home at Greenfield Senior Living in Oak Ridge the next day.

She was born in Johnstown, PA. on May 11, 1921 to William and Gertrude King. She was preceded in death by her husband Myron Frank, daughter Mary Ann Galante and son Myron King. She is survived by her daughter Jeanne Fair of Knoxville and several nieces and nephews. She had many special friends who were near and dear to her heart especially Laura Robbins, Connie Adams and Colleen Black who preceded her in death.

Mary was an RN at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge for 25 years where she worked in the nursery. She loved working and has remained in close contact with the group of nurses she worked with at MMC. She received her RN at Pittsburg Hospital School of Nursing and has her BS in Nursing Education from Duquesne University.

She married Myron Frank Fair in 1944 and later moved to Oak Ridge. It was while working at the Army Corp Clinic at Duquesne University where she met Myron while removing a cinder from his eye.

Mary was a faithful and active member of St. Mary's Church in Oak Ridge. She loved going to mass and found comfort in praying the rosary with friends. She enjoyed helping with all the church activities and attending Senior events hosted by the school children.

She loved people and could always be seen in her seasonal outfits talking and laughing with friends. She led a full and active life in Oak Ridge serving as a Girl Scout and Mariner Scout leader. She was a member of the St. Mary's Bridge Club, Catholic Women's Club, Monday Thing, University Women's Book Club,

Travelogue Group, League of Women voters, Church Women United, Heritage Preservation Association and the Secret City Festival.

Mary enjoyed flower gardening, reading, cooking, meeting friends at Panera's, traveling and a good cup of hot, black coffee. She was an AVID Lady Vol Basketball fan and an original member of the Boost Her Club. She was known for all her festive outfits for every occasion and cards written with her beautiful calligraphy. She enjoyed the last four years living at Greenfield Senior Living and making new friends, playing cards and attending presentations.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 15 at Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home 1017 Oak Ridge Turnpike, from 3pm to 6pm. A rosary will follow at 6pm.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, August 16 at St. Mary's Church, 323 Vermont Avenue at 11am. A reception will follow.

Burial will be at Anderson Memorial Gardens.

The family requests any memorials be made to either St. Mary's Church, 323 Vermont Avenue,  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or St. Mary's School, 327 Vermont Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Online messages may be left for the family at [www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com](http://www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com)  
Services entrusted to Martin Oak Ridge Funeral home 865-483-4341

# Comments

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“ Mary was such a delightful supporter of Church Women United in Oak Ridge. Although I knew her only 6 years or so, I always looked forward to seeing her, along with her sidekick, Laura Robbins, who faithfully gave her rides. My condolences to all of Mary's family. May she ever be surrounded with love and light and peace!

Gay Marie Logsdon - August 26, 2017 at 02:59 PM

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“ Mary was one of the first nurses I worked with when I graduated from nursing school in 1977. I worked in the Newborn nursery and she helped orient me. I will always remember Mary's deep knowledge of newborn babies, how to care for them, and how much she taught me about not only providing nursing care to these sweet little babies, but also in teaching new moms how to feed and care for their babies. Mary interacted with everyone, especially the doctors, with kindness and respect. Her energy, smile, and infectious laughter made working with her a delightful experience! Even now, in my mind I can hear her laugh, see both her smile and that twinkle in her eye! I cherish those memories.

Leigh Ann Rowan Kiraly - August 24, 2017 at 05:22 AM

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“ Dear Jeanne, I'm so saddened I didn't learn about your Mom's passing until today. Attending her services would have been on the top of my priorities. She was an absolute precious lady! I remember her laugh, especially during the Bridgeclub years. She was so personable and kind. After my Mom passed she told me many times how much she missed her and what fun they had. What is so remarkable is how she coped with the sadnesses in her life. I remember her too as Poppy's scout leader. And what an amazing leader she was. That troop did more, went more and had more fun than any other in Oak Ridge. The train trip to Idaho for International Round-up was the crowning achievement of those girls. There are so many memories, hard to put them all down. You'll miss her so much, but running out of memories will not happen. Sending you love and hugs, Mary C. And all the Cs!



Mary Cunningham - August 20, 2017 at 01:01 PM

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“ My mother (Dorothy Levin) was one of Mary's table mates when mom was at Greenfield. I enjoyed meeting Mary and really enjoyed talking to her and loved her positive attitude. She really was a delightful person. - Claudia Simpson

**Claudia Simpson** - August 15, 2017 at 11:19 AM

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“ TSD Athletics purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mary Theresa King Fair.



**TSD Athletics** - August 14, 2017 at 11:08 AM

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**abby powell** - August 12, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ Jeanne, John and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was such a special lady and I always loved seeing her and visiting with her when we were in Oakridge. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!

**Heather Ambrose** - August 11, 2017 at 11:52 PM

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“ Jeanne, you are in our thoughts!! Love you!  
Patty and Dick Henley

**Dick n Patty Henley** - August 11, 2017 at 08:31 PM

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“ Jeanie, Know you are in my prayers during this time. I never had a better friend that was so pure of heart as your mother. I always loved her festive outfits and how everyday was a celebration, especially holidays! We made so many memories that I will always carry in my heart. Love you and bless you---Laura Robbins



**LaNelle Robbins** - August 11, 2017 at 05:16 PM

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“ Jeanne,

My heart is heavy to hear of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of her when we were in the Girl Scouts at Pine Valley. She always was so sweet to me. I know this is a difficult time for you. I love you and I'm praying for you.

Marquita

**Marquita Blanton** - August 11, 2017 at 03:47 PM