



## Mary Waddle

June 9, 1940 - September 24, 2018

Mary Waddle, a 62 year resident of Rockwall, TX, passed away September 24, 2018, at the age of 78. She was born June 9, 1940, in Artesia, NM, to Burr Green and Leola Limitis (Dingler) Sanders. A very smart woman, Mary was determined and spunky. She was the first sales representative for Ty Warner Beanie Babies and helped put Beanie Babies on the map. She was friendly and high spirited, and a loyal friend to the very end. Mary loved her family dearly and they will remember her always.

Mary is survived by her loving children: Johnny Eugene Waddle and wife Julie, Larry Don Waddle and wife Conni, Sherry Sue Hocker and Angela Dawn Tortorice; grandchildren: Jonathan Waddle, Jared Waddle and wife Jami, Jillian Waddle, Lauren Pennington and husband Danny, Landon Waddle, Lana Waddle and Jacob Hocker and wife Natalie; great grandchildren: Kamdin, Lyla, Lacy and Everett; and sisters: Nadine Johnson and husband Bobby and Betty Grisham; along with a host of loving relatives and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Burr and Leola Sanders; husband: Donald Eugene Waddle; sister: Louise Harris; and brothers: Don Sanders and Jack Sanders.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held 1:00pm Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rockwall Location with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. There will be Catering at the funeral home following the memorial service at 2:00. Floral arrangements may be sent in honor of Mary's life.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Celebration of Life**   **01:00PM**

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - October 12, 2018 at 10:23 AM

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“ Johnny, Larry, Sherry and Angela -

I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sorry I could not be there today, but you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember all the great times we had as kids - at your house, at our house, at Grandmother and Granddaddy's house, in Tennessee, in Houston - all the while with your mother's beautiful laughter in the background!

I learned several years ago at a rather raucous party at some club with most of the cousins that "Maridel" no longer went by "Maridel" and was now simply "Mary." She will always be Maridel to me, because it is such a beautiful name that very definitively tells me which "Mary" we are discussing. Maridel was a very loving and giving aunt, and always willing to help anyone at any time. And some GREAT food came out of her kitchen!

God Bless you all, and Rest in Peace, Maridel.

Linda Waddle Whittle

Linda Whittle - October 13, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ I love you and appreciate your kind thoughts. Although, we always selfishly want you here I hope you are safe from the hurricane. All our love, Johnny, Larry, Sherry and little brat!

AT - October 14, 2018 at 09:41 PM

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“ Sending prayers and love to the family of Mary. I met Mary through my Mother (Bette Bean) about 14 years ago. They would ask me to fill in for someone unable to play Canasta. "The Girls" had such a good time. Mother and Mary both would invite me to book clubs, speakers and many other events they attended. Always enjoyed spending the day with them. I knew it would not be a dull day. Mary and I understood each other. Say what you really think so there is no misunderstanding!! She was sooo funny. When both of my parents were ill for the later 5 years of their lives, Mary consistently checked on them and on me. She was always available to help. Mary

was a giver. She enjoyed her life and loved her family. I miss her so. However, now our families and Angels in Heaven, are blessed as we all were, to have Mary home.  
From My Heart,  
Julie Swing (Bean)

Julie Swing - October 13, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ Every part of life is but a season. As the cold, dreary winter passes, soon a new "bud," just waiting to bloom into a beautiful blossom, is shepherded by the warm spring sun and showers, which provides the needed sustenance for that blossom to grow and develop into a magnificent flower. This, the period, when everyone gets to enjoy and embrace what that little "bud" has become. That beautiful flower, now mature, produces seeds, which themselves will grow and become offspring. The mature beautiful flower provides support, love, beauty, and enjoyment to all, even those who never really were part of her life. Times ALWAYS MOVES FORWARD, yet, then arrives the time we are all aware, its one of the hardest times we all, individually, have to face, because we have so enjoyed the life and what that beautiful flower means to each of us.

Its not for the sake of the beautiful flower herself, as she is in a better place, but rather for ALL of the seeds/Kids, family, G-Kids, Peeps, and lives which this beautiful flower, now wilted and a bit tattered, but clearly still "ALIVE" in so many hearts, souls, and loving memories because of Beauty, Joy, Love, Caring, Support, and direction which this radiant flower bestowed on all who were fortunate enough to be a small part of, see, appreciate, and enjoy her beauty.

And so, despite the fact that it is Fall and the leaves are currently falling as they always do, EVERYONE, who has been a part of Mary's love and presence, is "Blessed" in return and forever with her wonderful memories. Mary, unlike a wilted, dry, discolored, and aged leaf, will live on "FOREVER" in your hearts, minds, souls, and will forever love you, and as well, will be there for each of you as long as you share an earthly presence, after which, you will all join hands together.

I am so sorry for all of you in the loss of your beloved Mother. My thoughts, R.

Richard M. Watkins - October 12, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Mother



Sherry Hocker - October 11, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with Mary when our paths would cross at stores, etc. God bless you all. Vicki Dawson Harper

**Vicki Dawson Harper** - October 09, 2018 at 04:13 PM

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“ danny K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mary Waddle.



**danny K.** - October 09, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ Thank-you so much for your kindness and supporting our family during this time. Keep running fast!

**AT** - October 14, 2018 at 09:45 PM

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“ We are Mary's "across the street neighbors." We could always depend on Mary to keep an eye on our house and property. If Gene's truck didn't move for a few days, Mary would call to see if we were okay. We always appreciated her concern for us. We are so sorry for your loss, we miss her already and I will always miss her friendly wave as she emerged from her house, her leaving and coming home. A friend and true neighbor to us.

Gene and Claudine Greenawalt

**Claudine Greenawalt** - October 08, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Thank-you so much for sharing your thoughts with all of us. We are going to miss all that she stood for spunky and all!!! Thank-you.

**AT** - October 14, 2018 at 09:46 PM

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“ Dominique Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mary Waddle



Dominique Tipton - October 02, 2018 at 02:36 PM

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“ I know I've already sent a post, but Sherry liked it so much, it got me thinking this morning. So here's another little walk down memory lane.

I remember it was your 15th birthday and Mimi wanted to do something special for you. So she took us to the hottest, hippest place in Dallas for teenagers, " L Love " (Love Field). It cost \$3 to get in and it had a roller rink, ice skating, 3 movie theaters and the Rainbow Room for dancing. Disco balls all over the place and disco music blaring and all the junk food we could eat. Talk about FUN!

And how about her putting up with you and Cliff and I, running in and out. I can hear that screen door slamming now. Being loud and laughing, crashing on the sofa and watching TV. And if "Different Strokes" was on, she'd always sit and watch it with us and just laugh out loud! "Whachu talking about Willis," she'd say in her best deep voice, and we would all be laughing! And she always had Dr Peppers for us to drink, and we did :)

She always made sure we had one of our favorite meals on hand, Chef Boyardee pizzas. Yummy! I don't know how many of those she bought over the years and we made, but it was a lot!

I'll never forget Mimi and I getting the giggles at the hospital in the ICU when we thought we saw Joey Buttafuoco :)

And for those who don't know, she helped me name my first baby, "Margaret-Danielle Rose." And she was there for the birth of my second daughter, Dominique, and was the first person to ever put a diaper on her.

These are just a few of the happy times with Mimi. I could go on and on...

I tried to edit my post yesterday, but it wouldn't let me. I left someone off the list that was at Heaven's Gate waiting to greet Mimi .... Coco :) I Love Ya'll ! Wish I was there ! Your Sister

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Jacquie Tipton - October 02, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Danielle Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mary Waddle



Danielle Tipton - October 02, 2018 at 12:08 PM

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“ Jacquie Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mary Waddle



Jacquie Tipton - October 01, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Oh, thank you. She loved blue. I know you remember her blue carpet back in the day.

Sherry Hocker - October 02, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Thanks so much Jacquie. What wonderful memories that you shared! I am so glad we all got together this past summer!

Angela - October 05, 2018 at 05:19 PM

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“ Sending my LOVE & PRAYERS I'll never forget Mimi buying Sherry & I matching shirts and putting our names on them. Or taking us to pick out material so she could sew us matching shirts. And taking us for rides in the Triumph in the sunshine. Also including my name on Don's birthday cake. Or the time us kids were in the den watching scary movies and I was terrified, she sat with me and put her arms around me making me feel safe. I can still see & hear her, in her kitchen, laughing so hard that tears would well up in her eyes. Now she's in Heaven with my Mama & other family members, laughing & smiling down on us. RIP I LOVE each and every one of you Your other SISTER, Jac

Jacquie Tipton - October 01, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Thank you, Jacquie, for those great memories.

Like you and I just talked about - how she made us laugh when she would imitate the little guy from Different Strokes, she would say "What chu talkin' 'bout Willis." We would laugh so hard. Then another time she said someone wasn't playing with a full deck and you said they are all Jokers and we all laughed so hard we were crying.

**Sherry Hocker** - October 02, 2018 at 12:06 PM

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“ We have been Mary's neighbor for almost two years. As soon as she knew our house was for sale, she told our cousins David and Patti Canup. She had been friends with them and the Canup children and Mary's children grew up together. Because of her we were able to move to Rockwall. Mary was one of the first to greet us. We felt like we had known her for a long time, since she had been a friend of the family for years. She lived directly behind us and her home was on the hill, so we called her "Mary on the hill."

We routinely exchanged phone calls and kept up with each other. She kept us informed about all of the happenings and history of Rockwall. If we were going out of town, we always honked on our way out, so she knew we were leaving. We enjoyed socializing with her and had many great lunches and dinners together.

We are lost because we thought we would have our spunky little neighbor for a long time. Sending prayers and thoughts to all of her family and friends. We will all really miss her.

Rickie and Joette

**Rickie Phipps and Joette Hanna** - September 26, 2018 at 06:59 PM

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“ Mary Waddle... One of a kind! Mary had a special way of making me and Angela's other childhood friends laugh. Ronnie, Travis and myself want to let the Waddle family know that we love them.

Angela, your mom is with Momma Orr, Marty and Anna. I know they are talking about us. Saying, "those crazy girls." I love you sist...Terri

**Terri Parrigan** - September 25, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ Thank you Terri. I love you, Flea, Debbie and Kathy so much! We are fortunate to have had a great childhood and loads of love!

**Angela** - September 28, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Angela, Sorry for the loss and prayers for you and your family.

**Kay Brooks Aaron** - October 08, 2018 at 09:56 PM