



Mary Agnes Eichenberger

May 29, 1948 - September 2, 2013

Mary Agnes Eichenberger (nee Schleinat) Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church, Monday, Sept. 2, 2013.

Beloved wife of Richard "Ike" Eichenberger; beloved daughter of the late Mary Jane and Melburn Schleinat; dear sister of Bob (Sharon) Schleinat, Melanie (John) O'Hara; dear sister-in-law of Ronald (Pat Lewis) Eichenberger; dear aunt of Laura (Donald) Schisler, Timothy Schleinat, Sean O'Hara, Michael Eichenberger, Suzi (Jason) Ruth; dear great-aunt, cousin and friend.

Mary Agnes was a string teacher for Ferguson-Florissant School District, organist and choir director for Sts. John & James Catholic Church for 25 yrs. and North Hills United Methodist Church for 35 yrs.

Services: Visitation 3-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8 at HUTCHENS Mortuary.

Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. Mon., Sept. 9 at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church, 150 N. Elizabeth Ave., Ferguson, MO 63135. Interment J.B. National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan
Jefferson Barracks, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **8**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hutchens Mortuary and Cremation Center
675 Graham Rd.
Florissant, MO 63031
(314) 831-3100
info@hutchensmortuary.com
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Mass

SEP **9**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church
150 N. Elizabeth Ave.
Ferguson, MO 63135

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I remember when Mr. Ike started dating Mrs. Ike. It was quite the scandal in the Orchard Farm band room. So sorry for your lose. You will be in my prayers. Call me when things settle down. Jacque Schrader Ashley. 314-503-3760. Last time I saw you two was the first concert at Sacred Heart, my son was playing T-bone and your brother-in-law was teaching band.

Jacque Schrader Ashley - September 15, 2013 at 10:58 AM

SB

“ I will never forget the infectious smiles that lit up the office when Mary and Ike came in. I so enjoyed our conversations and was so sad when you both retired. I have never known two teachers who were so dedicated to their students and did everything to make sure that they met success. My daughter Michelle, was one of those lucky students. I was always embarrassed at the orchestra concerts because I always shed tears as I listened to that beautiful music and wondered how high school students could sound so great!! I thank you both for all the enjoyment you brought to so many people. Ike, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Mary will be greatly missed by many.

Fondly,
Sharon Bartlett

Sharon Bartlett - September 09, 2013 at 07:34 AM

DC

“ We were on vacation when we heard the news, how shocked and sorry to hear of Mrs. Ike's passing. Our whole family thought so much of her. She was so good to me and especially to our girls. She never gave up on believing in them. With her encouraging words, enthusiasm, and beautiful smile, she would help them believe in themselves.

Jackie was so blessed to have Mrs. Ike and through her teaching and shaping, Jackie has been able to grow in her music career. Thank you Mrs. Ike for always being there, for never giving up, for always loving life, others, music, and for giving so much of yourself bringing so much joy and beautiful music for us all to enjoy. We love you and will always remember you. Debbie Cheatham

Debbie Cheatham - September 09, 2013 at 06:32 AM

JD

“ A very special lady named Mary has left heart prints in our lives and we thank her deeply. We love you, Mary, and remember that nothing loved is ever lost. Jane D.

Jane Dubis - September 08, 2013 at 09:12 PM

RG

“ I just heard about Mary's passing, and wanted to let you know that I still remember her with great fondness. She was an exceptional example of a caring teacher, who encouraged students to do their best, and was also someone who enjoyed interacting with colleagues. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with her at various points during my time teaching in the St. Louis area.

Rebecca Grotts

Rebecca Grotts - September 08, 2013 at 05:17 PM

BD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I admired both of you so much and your dedication to your students. God be with you. Barbara Davis*

Barbara Davis - September 08, 2013 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ *Jeff and I were grateful for Mary's musical gifts at North Hills United Methodist Church. Her love for Christ was apparent in all she said and did.*

Deb Spaulding - September 08, 2013 at 01:28 PM

SF

“ Mary and I worked together in the 1980's at Cross Keys. I have never forgotten a day when she was in the Main Office and saw me having a very busy day as Assistant Principal. She took a moment to give me some wonderful advice. Mary told me to get out of the office once in awhile and gave me an open invitation to come to her classroom anytime to just sit for a few moments to listen to her kids play music. She told me that it would be calming and would help me to maintain the proper perspective that kids are terrific and can do great things. She was so right! In Mary's classroom I heard some of the most beautiful music that can come from young people. I also saw a teacher whose one-on-one work, patience, praise, laughter and obvious caring produced kids who hit all the right notes and got better and better and better. Mary's love for her kids was genuine. That love gave her students everything that they needed to learn, experience success, gain confidence and grow. By the time I left Cross Keys for another district Mary had had a profound impact on me. For the remaining eighteen years of my career as a Principal I always thought of Mary Eichenberger as the high bar by which to measure the adults that I wanted to work with students, As the years went by and I saw teachers passionate about helping kids.....I thought of Mary. I witnessed the cheering of the successes of kids and giving a hug or a private word of encouragementand I thought of Mary. And when I have seen other teachers so much admire a colleague for all they do for students.....I thought of Mary. We all have people in our lives who positively impact us because of the exceptional persons that they are. We think of their generosity with time and with spirit. We think of them doing for others. We think of them listening to us and laughing with us. Well.....we think of Mary. We were so fortunate to have known her.

Scott Francin

Scott Francin - September 07, 2013 at 10:50 PM

LW

“ If I walked into a room Mary's eyes would light up and she would give me a big hug and her total focus as we discussed what was happening in my life. I was embraced in her friendship and her loyalty. She always let me know I was special and important to her. She loved me and I loved her, her talent, her humor and her compassion. But what was most special about her... she made everyone feel that way. She cared about people passionately. She made us all special and I will miss having such a devoted friend. "God love ya," she would say as she grabbed my hand and dragged me to the piano to sing. God love you too, Mary. I'm sure you have the angel chorus whipped into shape by now.

Lynn Working - September 07, 2013 at 08:21 PM

AH

“ I remember when I first started teaching at McCluer North and meeting the Eichenberger's and what wonderful, talented and beautiful couple you two are. Mary will be missed and I will always treasure the beautiful music that she played and how she touched the lives of so many students and staff. May God be with you during this difficult time. I know the angels are rejoicing because they have a beautiful woman with a heart of gold.

Dr. Anissa Harris

Anissa Harris - September 06, 2013 at 07:15 PM

TS

“ Mary was the best! I so looked forward to having the opportunity to work one of her concerts in AV at North because I knew I was in for a joyful treat. Mary made her kids the best and they knew they were! They played like pros and were so proud of themselves! As great a teacher as Mary was, she was every bit as good a person. Ike, you two were a perfect match. I can only imagine how devastated you must feel, Ike. Feel accept our sympathy.

Tim and Mandy Stroop

Tim Stroop - September 06, 2013 at 06:14 PM

DH

“Ike, we are so sorry for your loss, it is ours as well. You and your wife are two of the most amazing and inspirational people I know. Her inexhaustible love of teaching, music and her students is matched only by your own, As teachers you became part of our family. How blessed my children have been to be able to have you and Mary as their teacher and mentor, and how blessed we have been to see how such dedicated teachers can impact the lives of their students for life. She is by no means gone. She will live on for generations in those who continue to carry her message.



My fondest memory of Mary Eichenberger is when my daughter was unsure whether to stay in orchestra in middle school. We went to speak to her and Mrs. Eichenberger actually got down on her knees, clasped her hands together and said, "If I get down on my knees and beg you to stay in orchestra, will you?" Sarah said, "Okay." and now music is her career and her life. It is because of the amazing inspiration of Ike and Mary Eichenberger that so many of their students have gone on to pursue music in life and work. She built in her students pride and confidence. A knowledgeable love of music that became a center of our family and personal lives.

The music in Heaven just got better.

With love from the family of Sarah and David Hawkey

Diane Larimer Hawkey - September 06, 2013 at 08:10 AM

VM

“ I will always remember her love for music, but what I will remember most is the love she had for her students. She will always be the sweetheart of the Ferguson Florissant School District.
with love and deep sympathy
Vernon Mitchell and family

vernon mitchell - September 05, 2013 at 07:05 PM

JW

“ What a wonderful lady! Her smile, her laugh, her huge heart, as well as her beautiful music making. I, too, am so very sorry for your loss and only wish I was there to give you a great big hug. May God be with you dear friend.

with much love - Janna Wallis

Janna Wallis - September 05, 2013 at 06:20 PM

CL

“ I will always remember her kindness of relieving me when I was conscripted as an 8th grader at SSJJ to play the organ for Sun Mass. I remember her fondly.

Carol Lowery - September 05, 2013 at 05:46 PM

SS

“ Oh, Ike, I can only imagine the devastation you feel. When I heard of Mary's death, I felt as if someone had punched me in the belly. We have not seen each other for a while, but I hope you know how dear Mary and you are to me. There was nobody whom I admired more than Mary. She had a unique ability to demand excellence, and to get it from her students through inspiration. Her demands did not seem demands - rather, they seemed to be invitations that very few wanted to refuse. Mary was truly one of the most wonderful people among my colleagues. She was absolutely unique, and I mourn her deeply. May God watch over you, and bless you. i will be thinking of you, and praying for you. Her spirit lives on in the lives of her students, and others whom she touched.

Sharon Seaver

Sharon Seaver - September 05, 2013 at 11:21 AM

SI

“ Bitter sweet tears as I read all of the lives that Mrs. Eichenberger touched, including myself. Prayers and thoughts for your family during this difficult time.

Shawn Inglish (Hogan)

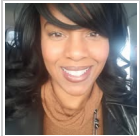
Shawn Inglish - September 05, 2013 at 10:06 AM

PR

“ My sympathy to Ike and the whole family. It's been a long time since I have seen you two but I will treasure the memories we shared many years ago at Orchard Farm and away from Orchard Farm. Take time to cry and grieve and then remember Sis with smiles and memories of all the good times. Take refuge in the palm of God protective hand. Snuggle right in there and let Him carry you for awhile. Love and prayers coming your way.

Phyllis Racer

Phyllis Racer - September 05, 2013 at 12:45 AM



“ I'll never forget...that day when Mrs. Eichenberger sat down at the piano emphatically whisking at the keys as Mr. Eichenberger was teaching me pitch and vibrato. While I had been raised in a household of R&B, Jazz and Blues, I loved and deeply appreciated opera and classical music. Mrs. Eichenberger stopped and turned suddenly asking me if I understood the lyrics to the songs I was singing. We were going to state. Honestly, I did not. I was just singin'. Then she took me on a journey of understanding, and made me see the song in translation. She basically broke it down! How ingenious. I literally gained a new perspective, seeing how universal music was,...and how it could transcend culture and socioeconomic barriers. Amazing! Now to this day ask all of my friends how I can somehow turn a R&B song into opera, (as I often do) and I will think back to Mrs. E, on that day she cared to teach me to love a song in a language that I spoke and evidently she spoke too! Thank you for wisdom and insight, for love, for care, for memories that are with me for a lifetime. For believing in my voice and for the spirit of the stars, that no matter how small still twinkle.

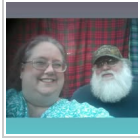


Shaikenya Williams - September 04, 2013 at 11:42 PM



“ may God bless you and comfort you!

Richard Boyd - September 04, 2013 at 11:13 PM



“ Mr. Eichenberger,

I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful wife, and pray that God will comfort you and give you His peace. Thank you for sharing your life with us. Vickie (Jacobs) Struckmann

Vickie Struckmann - September 04, 2013 at 10:40 PM

BG

“ Mr. Eichenberger:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Your wife was a wonderful teacher. As an adult, I can now appreciate how much time she sacrificed for her students - the orchestra trips, the early mornings with Silver Strings, playing at weddings on the weekends with Silver Strings to earn money for the orchestra, concerts, etc. She always had such a fun personality. My favorite memory of her is that she could never tell my twin sister (Becky) and me apart. She came up with a system called "BeBop." Becky played the viola and I (Bobbi) played the violin. The viola's were on the left side of the orchestra, so Be came first. Her system was more confusing than actually telling us apart because when she was conducting the violas were on her right. She just ended up calling us both "BeBop" for the six years that she taught both of us at Cross Keys and McCluer North. It was so obvious what a great team you were together. I can't imagine how difficult this must be for you. Please know that your wife is admired and respected by many, and you have our thoughts and prayers.

Bobbi (Setzer) Gustafson

Bobbi Setzer Gustafson - September 04, 2013 at 10:20 PM



“ I heard the sad news today. I want the family to know that Mrs. Eichenberger is a precious treasure. She was my son's orchestra teacher from grade school through high school. I always felt good knowing that she and Mr. Eichenberger were apart of my son's life. I'll never forget the day you both - Mr. and Mrs. Ike - showed up to support Dale. That was pure love and genuine caring. I'll never forget how my beliefs were considered and respected. Both Mrs. Eichenberger and Mr. Eichenberger were so admired by the children they taught and the parents of those children. It is hard to speak about one without mentioning the other. They were truly one.

But when I see Mrs. Eichenberger again, I will tell her how much I really appreciated her.

I pray that some comfort comes to the family and especially Mr. Eichenberger in knowing how much your wife was admired and loved.

Mary Ellen McClain (Dale's Mom)
St. Petersburg FL

Mae McClain - September 04, 2013 at 09:54 PM



“ Mary was one of the most caring, loving and compassionate music teachers around. She influenced so many. She was my mentor when I student taught in the Ferg-Flor school district about 12 years ago. She was so generous with her time and advice. I will miss her greatly. Ike, my condolences to you and your family.

Liz Cassel - September 04, 2013 at 09:35 PM

KA

“ Mary came too our family as a piano teacher around 1967 and became an immediate friend to all of us. We spent many fun filled evenings with her at the piano in a sing-a-long. I worked with her on school musicals when she taught at an all girls school in the city. Her and Richard preformed at my wedding at Sts John & James. She always remained a dear friend to me and my wife Kathi. We are deeply sadden by the loss of this wonderful kind person. Love her forever, Kirt Asikainen

Kirt Asikainen - September 04, 2013 at 09:06 PM

MB

“ Mary was a wonderful mentor, colleague, friend, matriarch, teacher, musician, human being. Together with Ike, they were unstoppable, and their joie de vivre spilled over into everything they encountered. I recall running into them at the Ferguson Library one time, and having a good 10-15 minute conversation about this and that- nothing in particular, but they were so engaging and fun! Mary was integral in my life on several occasions, especially in reviving my confidence in my own teaching. Working with Mary was always inspiring and fun, and what always shocked me was her ability to teach students to be so musical, and yet her own attitude towards it was so humble. I could not ever thank her enough for all she did for me, much less what she did for so, so many others. May she rest in peace, surrounded by the Angels, making music from on high. Thank you, Mary!

Michael Blackwood - September 04, 2013 at 07:50 PM

CT

“ Dear Eichenberger family...my heartfelt sympathies and prayers are being sent to all! Mrs. E. was an exceptional teacher and mentor! She always pushed me to do my best and beyond! Words cannot express how much she was thought of!!! Heaven has definitely received a musical angel!!!
God Bless,
Catherine (Schene) Todd

Catherine Todd - September 04, 2013 at 05:41 PM

MT

“ Mary Agnes, as I have called her most of my life, was my musical idol through my grade school and high school years. I was about three years behind her and was always amazed at how she had so much music in her. Watching her as a teacher with her students during their performances at our Music Educators Conferences just instilled that awe that I had for her. Ike, I know how you will miss her.

Maureen Reust Travis - September 04, 2013 at 05:34 PM

MD

“ Dear Ike,
I am so sorry to hear about Mary's death. Although Mary and I didn't know each other well, we taught together at Cross Keys for many years. She was a wonderfully kind person and an outstanding teacher. Students thrived in orchestra under her direction and knew she sincerely cared about them. Please accept my sympathy for your loss and know that Mary will be remembered always by those who knew her.

I am truly sorry!
Marilyn Dougherty

Marilyn Dougherty - September 04, 2013 at 05:09 PM

FA

“ I am so sorry. May God grant her eternal life with Him and may he give solace to her family.

Fran Amos - September 04, 2013 at 04:19 PM

KJ

“ Mrs. Eichenberger was my first violin teacher many many years ago at Lee Hamilton elementary. She gave me a love of music for which I'll always be grateful. May she rest in peace.

Kim Baltimore Jones - September 04, 2013 at 02:21 PM



“ When i remember Mrs Mary Eichenberger I remember all the year not only she had award- winning orchestra not only at Cross Keys Middle School, But also at McCluer North. I remember all those students that went to solo ensemble from my time at McCluer North and they ended up bringing home the highest rating any one could get which was a 1 ranking which was highest in the state of Missouri. I have always considered her the best orchestra teacher in the state of Missouri and she has always had a tremendous smile around people. I will miss that smile. I will miss the music when the silver strings and the Concert choir combined for some performances and I really enjoyed them. I can remember that when it came to her students failure was not an option. She was ready to guide her students to help them achieve the highest standard in music. The Eichenbergers were my inspiration to continue in music and to keep going and their inspiration is why i sing in my church choir today. Thank you for the memories Mrs. Eichenberger. My prayers go to you Mr Eichenberger.

Matt Sanders - September 04, 2013 at 12:51 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear about your lovely wife. She played the organ at our wedding 30 years ago. (accompanying you - as she did in life) A very specail lady that will be remembered fondly and dearly missed. Our love and prayers to you, Mr. Eichenberger.
Dave and Ginger Hallam

Ginger Hallam - September 04, 2013 at 10:35 AM



“ Wow. I still have a hard time believing I won't see that smile again. Soooo many memories. She taught all three of my children . . . 18 years worth of kid years! We had so many fun, fun times . . . deciding who would bring the gummy bears on the orchestra/choir trips; riding all of the "exciting" rides at the amusement parks; playing for her students at Festival; and just talking! I could go on and on . . . She instilled the passion for music in my children that paralleled my own . . . but she did it sooo much better! I still strive to play like her . . . but undoubtedly no one can compare. It was a great pleasure to share my kids with her . . . and I will miss her . . .

Jeannie Edwards - September 04, 2013 at 10:24 AM

 Kim Jackson

“ Mary and Ike are the reason why I am the person I am today. She was my teacher (for 6 years), my mentor and my friend. She helped me getting the orchestra job I have today and always was there to help me when I needed it. She was my sounding board for music, teaching and other advice in my career. She was an amazing woman, teacher and wife and someone I try to be everyday. WWMD (what would Mary do) is a come thought. I hope to some day be half the teacher that she was. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Eichenberger!

Kim Jackson - September 04, 2013 at 10:11 AM

JK

“ *Playing every year with Mrs. Eichenberger for solo competition was one of the highlights of my musical career and it was a statement to the dedication she had for each one of her students. Staying late after school practicing until perfect. She is someone who I will never forget and I know that my own as well as many others' lives are better because she was apart of them. God bless Mary Eichenberger.*

Jason Kelts - September 04, 2013 at 09:49 AM

SN

“ *Mrs. Eichenberger was the best! She was my orchestra director for 6 years and I am so grateful for her. She pushed us hard and we achieved great things because of her. Passionate teachers like her don't come by everyday, thank you for giving us your best! We are all better people because of your influence in our lives. Mr. Eichenberger, if I were there I would give you a big hug, I know you will miss your bride. You two were so cute working together. We love you both!*
-Shelley (Baker) Numa

Shelley Baker Numa - September 04, 2013 at 08:44 AM

SH

“ *What a loss. Mary Eichenber was an extension of our home. She helped to shape my daughter Melissa Nesbit it the person she is today. It was always a treat to hear her and Mr Eichenber's concerts. We will never know the depth in of those she touched. Thank you for giving of your time and talent.*

Suzie Hedrick - September 04, 2013 at 06:10 AM

SW

“ One year at MN we did a work with the chorus inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost and Mrs. E read "The Road Less Travelled". That has always stuck with me. It was on my college graduation announcement as a became an orchestra director. There are no words to express my gratitude. I wish I had told her in person. I didn't know it when I was 18. I was blessed! Thank you Mr. And Mrs. Eichenberger.

Sarah Sherman Wills - September 03, 2013 at 11:06 PM

RW

“ Wishing you and your family strength , peace, and love. Mary was such a beautiful person. She had such a kind heart and enduring spirit. Hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. We are always here for you.
Robert and Bettie Walker and Family

Robert and Bettie Walker - September 03, 2013 at 10:29 PM

LP

“ I was so very blessed to student teach under Mary in the fall of 1989 and I learned so much more than teaching orchestra. Mary was an incredible musician with such a deep love and compassion for her kids. It's what set her apart as an outstanding educator. There's a saying in education that kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, and Mary demonstrated that every day. May your beautiful soul rest with God in heaven, Mary. Ike, my prayers and so many others are with you.

Laura (Wilkinson) Plummer - September 03, 2013 at 10:03 PM

LC

“Mrs. E. gave everything she had to her students. She brought the best out in us. She gave us opportunities that we wouldn't have had without her. Orchestra trips all over the Midwest and the Symphony Project just to name a few. She really created an orchestral family. Many of us are still friends today, many years later! I hope she knew the love that we have for her and the influence she had in our lives.

Libby Kavanaugh Craig

Libby Kavanaugh Craig - September 03, 2013 at 09:40 PM

DL

“More than 40 years of wonderful memories of Mary. There were celebrations, concerts, choir practice, weddings, funerals, philosophical discussions and an unforgettable shopping trip to buy a piano, Mary was part of our lives we treasure. We give thanks for her gifts of joy, laughter and love, now she and Jim can continue their Irish wit, and she can give Maureen hugs and kisses.

Dot Lamb and Family Debbie, Peggy, Michael, Nick, and Bridget

dorothy lamb - September 03, 2013 at 07:31 PM

MT

“When I was principal at McCluer North, there was certainly an abundance of faculty stars, but no star was bigger, brighter, more effervescent, or more everlasting than Mary. She was bigger than life, one of those teachers who truly was a "legend in her own time." Parents treasured her, and some even moved into the McCluer North attendance area so their children might be a part of Mrs. Eichenberger's orchestra because, simply put, Mary's excellence as a teacher, maestro, motivator, and musical mentor was second to none. Her student musicians performed with uncanny competence and remarkable class, the product of Mary's fierce, second-best-isn't-an-option leadership. But as first-rate as she was as a teacher/musician, Mary was also just a plain wonderful person. She had an infectious twinkle in her eyes; a lively, rich, sometimes bawdy sense of humor; a throaty, kind of Lauren Bacall laugh; and a hearty embrace of life that made her a joy to be around. Mary, I will never forget you, and I know your spirit will live on at McCluer North.

Mike Thacker

Michael Thacker - September 03, 2013 at 06:58 PM

SS

*Beautiful account, Mr. Thacker! Well put.
Suzanne (Deckert) Steevens*

Suzanne (Deckert) Steevens - September 03, 2013 at 08:32 PM

MM

How very true!! Such an amazing person!!

Melinda McGougan - September 03, 2013 at 08:52 PM

BD

Bravo, Mike Thacker! You nailed it; Mary was all that and much, much more. Like a pebble tossed into a crystal lake, Mary's influence on her students, colleagues, and friends ripples far and beyond that of most of us mere mortals. Ike is right there, too--they were a Dynamic Duo.

Bob Deckert - September 03, 2013 at 09:59 PM

AC

I agree Mike. I had such admiration for both of them, that they looked beyond my disabilities, and did everything they could to make me be that musician I didn't see in myself. Once a North Star, always a North Star. And it shines a little brighter tonight.

Alison Chancellor - September 03, 2013 at 11:40 PM

CJ

Exactly, Mike. Master teacher in an era of dedicated teachers at North. I had never heard a high school orchestra paly like the ones under Mary's direction and inspiration. My love to Ike in this time of loss.

Carol Jessen - September 04, 2013 at 12:57 PM

JL

“*Rich - John and I want to add our prayers to you and family. Mary was a very special person and touched the lives of so many young people and congregants alike. Unfortunately, we just left today for New Orleans and Gulf Shores and won't return to St, Louis until Sep 15. We will be thinking of you and offering our heartfelt sympathy as you journey beyond this sad moment. With love,*

Judy Beyers Leo and John Leo

Judy Beyers Leo & John Leo - September 03, 2013 at 06:56 PM

DS

“*When my son plays "Mississippi River" on his violin... I think of you teaching me how to do the same in 3rd grade. I always will. Thank you, Mrs. Eichenberger. Ike, our thoughts are with you, sir. Thank you both.*

Dave Snider - September 03, 2013 at 06:33 PM

LT

“ I am very saddened to hear of Mrs. Eichenberger's passing. She was my violin teacher from elementary thru high school. She always referred to ALL of her students as her kids and now we all have a very special guardian angel watching over us. She will be missed very much by many people. I will be keeping her family in my prayers.

Lisa Tumbarello (Desbiens)

lisa tumbarello - September 03, 2013 at 05:23 PM

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Bob and Carol Deckert - September 03, 2013 at 03:57 PM

DK

Mary was my musical muse and a life long friend to my whole family. She and Ike encouraged me to audition for my first musical show and helped me prepare for it, but even before that I have wonderful memories of my dad and I singing in the church choir at SSJJ. In fact, our small, but dedicated group took on the "Halleluiah Chorus" one year and the first time we did it at Christmas the congregation stayed after just to hear it and applauded at the end! We felt like stars. I've sung it many times since, but that first time was the best. Mary knew we could do it and she made us believe it, too, My heart is broken at her loss and send all my love to Ike, Melanie, all her family and extended family to which everyone who knew her belonged.

Debbie Lamb Kane

Debbie Lamb Kane - September 04, 2013 at 10:52 AM

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Bob and Carol Deckert - September 03, 2013 at 03:46 PM

BD

“ A great friend, sure, but Mary was more than that to us; she was like family, a sister. Over the years we were teaching colleagues, rejoicing together at our successes which were many, learning from our mistakes which we hope were few, mostly reaping the rewards of helping and seeing kids learn and enjoy music. We traveled together, went to movies on Thursdays, dined out and ate in together, laughed (and bawled) together. But these words--no words--can capture what we were together, bound by a love that will never die. Mary, you may be gone, but you will always be remembered. Love, Carol and Bob Deckert

Bob and Carol Deckert - September 03, 2013 at 03:17 PM

SS

This is so touching, dad. She was everything you said and more!

Suzanne (Deckert) Steevens - September 03, 2013 at 08:34 PM

DD

I can't think of anyone I've ever met like Mary. She absolutely, emphatically and obviously loved life and could be a fierce defender of friends and family.

"David, I'm so glad you got a chance to see me today!" she'd say. Yes, Mary, it was an indeed an honor.

David Deckert - September 08, 2013 at 02:34 PM

CS

“*Mary made music wherever she went. Her love of music spilled over into every aspect of her life. I will never forget when she brought her entire class into the office of Cross Keys and they played for us. It was beautiful. Thank you Mary for teaching each of us to "hear the music". Carol Simpkins - Office Manager - Cross Keys*

Carol Simpkins - September 03, 2013 at 03:16 PM