



## Mary Morris Ray

March 17, 1923 - February 6, 2012

Mary Morris Ray, 88, went home to the Lord peacefully on February 6, 2012 at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee, Florida after a valiant fight with cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband and best friend of 60 years William Harold Ray, and a son, William Dennis Ray.

She is survived by her son, Stephen of Tallahassee and their Norwegian Elkhound, Gunnar. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins as well as other extended family and friends also survive her. Mary was born in Woodbine, Pennsylvania to Isaac Clarence and Edith Morris. Prior to moving to Florida in 1966 she resided for many years in Delta, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Delta High School in the Class of 1941.

Mrs. Ray worked in a number of professions throughout her life but her most important achievement was being a loving and caring Mother and wife. She was a faithful Christian and raised her son's to be the same.

Mrs. Ray was extremely grateful for the care she received from her medical professionals in Tallahassee, those who treated her at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, and the angels of Big Bend Hospice.

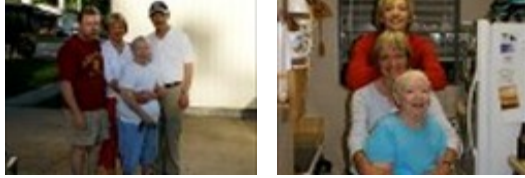
A Memorial Service will be held at Tabernacle Church, 4000 Tabernacle Road, Whiteford, Maryland on May 12, 2012 with inurnment in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 or to the Tabernacle Church Cemetery Association, c/o Mary Margaret Ritchie, 2209 N. Tabernacle Road, Whiteford, Maryland.

Bevis Funeral Home (850) 385-2193 [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album *Mary and her danish family* ”



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**Elin Bjerre, Denmark** - February 14, 2012 at 08:18 AM

“ TO MARY, - TO A STRONG WOMAN.

*Despite the distance between Denmark and USA, I know that I am one of Mary's love ones and she has over nearly 40 years been my very special love one.*

*During a youth trip to the USA i 1972, I met Steve in Tallahassee, and was of course invited by him to his parents' home in Ft.*

*Lauderdale for the Spring vacation. There I met Mary, Bill and Dennis. An amazing family. Immediately thereafter Mary became my Second Mother with all that implies: Love, concern, compassion, insight, and shame on me (when I was too weak in my contacts).*

*Everything she gave me was unconditional and I comfort myself as I am convinced that Mary could not doubt my deep feelings for her.*

*In the recent years, in 2008 and 2010, I have had the great pleasure to be visiting Mary and Steve together with my husband, Per, and our youngest daughter, Mette. Our Mother-Daughter-Relationship associated natural from my whole family to Mary and Steve.*

*This tiny, great, amazing, rare woman with her huge heart of gold will always be near me. She has given me so much and especially joy, which I appreciate and am deeply grateful for.*

*Despite so far away, she was yet so close. Love knows no bounds, - and Mary's was boundless to me and my family.*

*I will miss your lovely and happy voice when we talked together on the phone across the Atlantic Ocean.*

*Your memory will live on in me, - and in Per and in Mette as well.*

*You will always be in our hearts.*

*Our thoughts are with Steve, who has always been a tireless aid to his mother, especially so during these past difficult years.*

*"We must not forget those we have lost.*

*Rather, we must have them with us further in life.*

*Because it is part of their gift to us that they are in our lives - also when they are gone"*

*In gratitude, joy and sorrow,*

*- your forever Danish family,*

*Elin and Per and Mette*

**Elin Bjerre, Denmark** - February 14, 2012 at 08:08 AM

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“ *Elin Bjerre And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Morris Ray*



**Elin Bjerre and family** - February 13, 2012 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ *Have offered flowers and shared merits here in Japan for a kind and generous Mom.*

*Jim and Kyoko, Osaka, Japan*

**James H. Emery** - February 11, 2012 at 12:31 AM

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“ *Such a lovely person with a huge loving spirit. I shall remember always her words of wisdom and deeds of kindness.*

**Willie J Sinclair** - February 10, 2012 at 10:57 AM

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**Alice Ray** - February 09, 2012 at 08:08 AM

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*Family Time In Maggie Valley, Joyous Remembrance Of A Lovely Little Lady And Sister-In-Law*

**Alice Ray** - February 09, 2012 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Alice Ray lit a candle in memory of Mary Morris Ray*



**Alice Ray** - February 09, 2012 at 07:54 AM



“ *Jane Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mary Morris Ray*



**Jane Bradshaw** - February 09, 2012 at 04:51 AM



“ *My "American Mama"! I was 20 years old when I met Mary. It was my very first visit to the US and she spoiled me rotten. We had two weeks of such fun whilst Bill and Dennis were hard at work! She laughed so hard as I climbed through her bathroom window, yes, she was my partner in crime, we had no choice having locked the keys inside the house! The following year the Rays were moving house and invited my mum and I to make the trip of a lifetime with them as we drove from the West Coast to the East Coast. Such treasured memories I shall never forget. I saw Mary go through great times in her life and tragic times and she will always be a shining example to us all. She had such a huge heart for such a little lady and loved unconditionally.*

*One visit to Florida with my parents and four of my girlfriends still stands out. One of the girls just happened to mention she would to like experience "Thanksgiving" and guess what? That's right in September 1983 the Rays cooked us a magnificent "Thanksgiving" dinner. She just loved to entertain and having seven English visitors gave her the perfect opportunity!*

*Mary I shall miss you with all my heart and love you forever. It was an honour to have you in my life. I have so many cherished memories.*

*I know Steve that you are so proud of your "sweet pea" and the love of Gunnar and your family and friends I hope will give you comfort through this sad time. You took great care of her and I know she is proud of you too.*

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**Jane Bradshaw** - February 09, 2012 at 04:50 AM

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“ *EUGENE RAY lit a candle in memory of Mary Morris Ray*



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**EUGENE RAY** - February 08, 2012 at 07:42 PM

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**EUGENE RAY** - February 08, 2012 at 07:37 PM

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*Oh The Joy That You Brought Into My Life,Love You and Miss You Darlin..... Your Little Nephew Eugene*

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**EUGENE RAY** - February 08, 2012 at 07:42 PM