



## Mary Ann Fisher

August 25, 1927 - January 7, 2016

Mary Ann (Gregory) Fisher, age 88, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, January 7, 2016, in Pleasanton, California. Mary Ann, the second of three children, was born to the union of Ashley and Nora Gregory on August 25, 1927, in Marshall, Missouri. After living most of her adult life in St. Louis, Mary Ann recently relocated to Dublin, California to be closer to her son and daughter, and their families.

Mary Ann attended Mount Olive Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri with her family and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She remained dedicated to her Christian faith throughout her life, later uniting with Third Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri and St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Ferguson, Missouri.

Mary Ann attended the public schools in Marshall, Missouri and later attended C.C. Hubbard High School in Sedalia, Missouri. In August of 1943, the family relocated to Cahokia, Illinois where Mary Ann attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in Venice, Illinois. She attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and completed her college education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis earning a Master of Arts Degree in Education.

It was Mary Ann's quiet beauty and intelligence that attracted Junius Fisher of Pine Bluff, Arkansas to her while at Lincoln University. Junius and Mary Ann were united in Holy Matrimony in 1950 and were blessed with two children, Joan and Junius, Jr.

Mary Ann was a professional educator employed with the St. Louis Public Schools for over 35 years where she taught junior high school mathematics. Her love and passion for teaching was exemplified through the positive reinforcement, compassion, and sound instruction she provided to her students. She developed and maintained lifelong relationships with many of her students. Former students contacted her throughout the years to express their thanks and appreciation to her for positively impacting their lives and many attributed their professional success to her teachings.

Mary Ann was a kind, giving, and encouraging person who enjoyed life to the fullest through simple pleasures. She enjoyed spending time with family, visiting the old homestead in Williamsburg, Missouri, and sharing “down at the farm” stories that always filled the room with laughter. She was an avid sports enthusiast who loved the St. Louis Rams, cherished her St. Louis Cardinals, and remained a loyal LeBron James fan. She especially delighted in watching her great granddaughter Kayla’s basketball games. She loved solving math problems, found joy in working complex puzzles, and remained abreast of current events by reading the newspaper daily. Mary Ann enjoyed traveling domestically and abroad, collecting watches, perfume, and purses, as well as shopping for herself and family members. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and made generous donations to charitable organizations.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ashley Gregory, mother, Nora Gregory, husband Junius Fisher Sr., sister Elizabeth Marie Gregory, and brother William Ashley Gregory Sr. Mary Ann leaves loving family members to cherish her memory: daughter, Joan (Glen) Frierson; son, Junius Jr. (Carolyn); granddaughter, Taryn Frierson; grandsons, Junius III and Jamar; great granddaughter, Kayla Frierson; nieces, Linda (Eric) King, Nina (Irving) King, Althea Byas, Charlotte Johnson-Watts; nephew, Ashley Gregory and a host of other relatives and friends.

“Our memories are filled with the love, joy, and laughter that flowed abundantly from your heart.”

# Events

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**JAN**   **Service**                      01:00PM

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The Well Christian Community

2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore, CA, US, 94551

# Comments

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“ Kimberly & Kori lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Fisher



Kimberly & Kori - January 21, 2016 at 06:03 PM

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“ Mary Ann was so special to us. She loved our church, St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson, Mo. We would take her to church each week. She would always say how she's so glad she came because she felt so good and peaceful. Our friendship became like family. She would tell us of her childhood memories and her family. We loved the warm, beautiful smile on her face as she relived the love of those memories. My husband would joke with her and she would laugh...such a beautiful person that we were honored to know. We were blessed and miss her very much and know that God is holding her in the palm of His hands.  
Love and peace,  
Maureen and Gerry Kasper

Maureen Kasper - January 21, 2016 at 10:50 AM

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“ A word or phrase can make a difference for generations. Mrs. Fisher told a fifth grade Dianne and her friends, "It's not your IQ, it's your I do." I have repeated the phrase to encourage young people to make the most of what they have been given. I will always remember her humor, her hospitality and her love. Joan, Junius and family, thank your for sharing her with us. Dianne Holloway Williams

Dianne Holloway Williams - January 20, 2016 at 09:01 PM

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“ To the family members of Mary Ann Fisher: As you know, we go way back. Our moms have had a beautiful friendship for well over 50 years. They lived on the same street, sent us to the same schools, taught at (and retired from) the same school, walked to work together when the weather permitted and rode together when it didn't. For years there were many summer days when they would get up early and walk the circumference of a large neighborhood park just for the exercise and fresh air. They have shared oh so much wonderful history! There were birthdays, family events, projects worked on, club meetings organized, travels, etc. And they were there for each other during tougher times—for instance, when loved ones were lost. Well into their golden years, they could sit happily next to each other in complete silence and suddenly break into a fit of infectious giggles, both covering their mouths, unsuccessfully trying to be discreet. We have so many memories, but my favorite ones are just remembering them together and knowing the bond that they shared. On behalf of my mom and my family, we hope you find peace and comfort in all the precious memories that remain in your hearts. Love always, Almie

Almie - January 20, 2016 at 05:16 PM

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“ Alma King and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Ann Fisher.



Alma King and Family - January 20, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ Mary Ann was so very special to us and to St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson, Mo. She truly loved our church and always felt so peaceful and glad she was there. We would take her back and forth to church and became very close friends. She had a beautiful heart and we loved to hear the stories of her family and her childhood memories. And as she shared her life stories, she would have the most beautiful smile and peaceful look. We loved her like family and will miss her so very much. May God hold her always in the palm of His hands.  
Gerry and Maureen Kasper  
St. Peter's UCC

Maureen Kasper - January 20, 2016 at 01:24 PM

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“ I came to know Mrs. Fisher during her extended California visits over the years. I have fond memories of us, sitting in Joan's living room, listening to stories of her youth. I would ask, "how did you meet your husband?", and she would share a wonderful story, full of juicy tidbits. She would smile and laugh as she talked. Joan would say "Really??!!" Then we would all laugh. I imagine now she is sharing her laughter and stories with those who preceded her. And, someone, her husband, or maybe one of her sisters, is saying "Really??!"

The Bible says "Honor your father and your mother that your days will be long,..."  
Joan and June, you honored your mom in countless ways. Take comfort in knowing that you gave her your all while she lived. How special is that?

Love,  
Diana Bell  
Oakland, CA

**Diana** - January 18, 2016 at 08:55 PM

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“ Sharon Mace lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Fisher



**Sharon Mace** - January 15, 2016 at 08:12 AM