



## Mary Elizabeth Vance

May 9, 1952 - July 30, 2015

Mary E. Vance

Mary Elizabeth Vance, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away early Thursday morning, July 30th, 2015, while at her home from natural causes. Born May 9th, 1952 in San Francisco, CA to Donald and Lillian (Kyle) Coffman, she was 63 years old.

Mary was united in marriage to Charles E. Vance on May 28th, 1976 in Contra Costa County, CA. The two primarily lived in California until coming to Willow Springs in 1990. Mary was a member of Westside Family Life Center where she was very active in church groups, and loved her church family. She had many enjoyments in her life which included fishing, yard selling, and going to thrift shops. However, she especially enjoyed and loved her two dogs, Savannah and Bud. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Charles E. Vance of Willow Springs; two brothers, Wallace K. Coffman of Brentwood, CA; Richard Coffman and his wife Arlene of Antioch, CA; three sisters, Donna McCoy of Bay Point, CA; Jackie Pinkwort and her husband Ralph of Sacramento, CA; and Judy Brown and her husband Jim of Antioch, CA. Numerous nieces and

nephews further survive.

A memorial service for Mary will be held at a later date at Westside Family Life Center. On-line condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home.


# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Mary's passing, just heard about today, my heart goes out to Chuck and her family. she was not only my neighbor but my friend, she will be missed

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**Bonnie Watts** - September 08, 2015 at 06:20 PM

 Sherry  
Norris

“ My fondest memory is so vivid, it will be a long time before it fades.

*This year at church camp I had the privilege to help in the kitchen and work with Mary. She was such an inspiration when it came to her outlook on life. She loved the children and loved to joke around with them.*

*One day after serving lunch, she and I walked out toward the canteen, she wanted to sit a watch the kids do there activities, I was going to the archery range to help my husband Mike. As I started up the hill she says to me, "Tell Mike "mwah mwah" for me". (Making kissy sounds.) As I started laughing with her, she says to me, I'm so glad your not a jealous wife. That made me laugh harder. I then said, I'll be back soon to help with supper and don't stay out in the heat to long.*

*As I turned to continue up the hill, I couldn't help but twinge a little thinking to myself, the only thing I could be jealous about was that I didn't have the same outlook on life that Mary had, and that all of us could try a little harder to be better than we were the day before.*

*My memories of Mary are life lessons, I'm very grateful that she was a part of my life, an inspiration for me to strive to be a better person.*

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**Sherry Norris** - August 13, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ Mary was very beloved here at Westside church and in our little community. She always had a smile and never said anything bad about anybody. Her heart was full of love even though she was a bit ornery and liked to pick on folks. It's how she showed her love and we picked on her right back! She was a gem and will indeed be greatly missed by many. I enjoyed having her in our Bible study group and she was growing in the Lord by leaps and bounds! I'm so glad I got to know this wonderful child of God. I am missing her but I know one day I'll see Mary again!

Nancy Lovan - August 11, 2015 at 01:02 PM

 Kelli Neel

“ One of the sweetest women - always sharing a smile, a hug, and joy!!! We'll see you again someday, Mary!!!

Kelli Neel - August 07, 2015 at 12:15 AM



“ I worked with Mary at a local grocery many years ago as well as went to church with her. When I quit the grocery store to pursue another job, she brought me a gift and told me how much she would miss me. She was the only follow employee to do this. Her heart was pure gold! She had a kind spirit that will be so greatly missed.

A - August 06, 2015 at 09:58 PM

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“ MARY was more than a friend she felt more like a sister we had a lot fun i will miss her

loispaulinehicks - August 06, 2015 at 04:41 PM



*It was such a blessing to have Mary for a friend. She was always making people laugh and loved to play jokes on every one she came in contact with. I love & miss her very much*

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**Ina Warren** - August 06, 2015 at 11:22 PM