



Mary A. Franks

September 16, 1942 - May 28, 2025

Mary Arnett Franks passed peacefully at home after a short battle with Parkinson/onset dementia. Mary was loved by many and was a wonderful mother, Mommo and great Mommo. She was a great friend to many people and immensely loved. She was truly one of a kind & will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary had many passions throughout her life, from horsemanship, hiking, reading, and art, to working with dogs. An avid hiker and nature-lover, she spent many years working at Arizona Game and Fish - her passion for animals was apparent to all that knew her. From her early years starting as a Rodeo Princess for the JC Rodeo of Rodeo's in Phoenix to her association with the AZ Australian Shepard Club breeding and showing in conformation and working. She followed a passion in working dogs and gradually found her way to border collies, keeping a small pack of dogs in retirement. She painted and drew animals - mainly horses - in her early life and was very artistic. Mary adored reading (very apparent by her library of books), enjoyed her plants, and always had a jungle inside and outside her house.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelly Colbert & Kristi (John) Herbig, grandson Justin Cline, granddaughters Chelsea (Michael) Haas, Marisa (Xavier) Villalpando, Rebecca Christensen, and great grandsons Declan & Quinten Reno-Haas, as well as daughters of her heart, Cindy Dunn, and niece Carol Houser-Myers. Additionally, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that became family. She was preceded in death by her father, mother,

and three brothers.

At her request there will be no services with a family gathering at a later date.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Terri Houser lit a candle in memory of Mary Franks*



Terri Houser - June 07, 2025 at 04:03 AM

RK

“ *With love and peace forevermore. You will be so missed. Your love shined for everyone. Rick and Kay*



Rick and Kay - June 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ *Jerry Giudice lit a candle in memory of Mary Franks*



Jerry Giudice - June 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM

ML

“ *Marissa Leal lit a candle in memory of Mary Franks*



Marissa Leal - June 05, 2025 at 05:51 PM

LB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Treasure her memories.* ”

LaDonna Burgess - June 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM