



Mary Elizabeth Montana

July 28, 1959 - August 2, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Montana passed into the arms of the Lord August 2, 2025. She was born on July 28, 1959. To know Mary was to know her love of animals, all creatures great and small, particularly horses, ponies, donkeys, and dogs. Her compassion for animals was great, as she spent years rescuing and rehabilitating those in need, it brought her healing and joy spending time together in the great outdoors. Mary's strength and determination showed as she raised her two daughters Diona and Jennifer, while working as a Certified Nursing Assistant while earning her Master's degree from UW-Platteville. Later she spent years as a flight instructor teaching ground school and single engine aircraft with the Rock River Flyers, holding her Private Pilot License (PPL), Certified Flight Instructor (CFI), Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII), and Commercial Pilot License (CPL). Her adventurous spirit led her camping around America, notably in Jekyll Island Georgia, then in Tombstone Arizona, where she met her partner for life Tim O'Connor. They settled on a ranch together in Willcox Arizona. Tim was Mary's person. Consider yourself lucky if you experienced Mary's free spirit, her fun and silly antics, and her stories from a life well lived. After a life of hustling may she Rest in Peace riding her pony, flying high in the heavens above, watching over all of us. She is survived by her soul mate Tim O'Connor, her two loving daughters Diona Montana, Jennifer (Phil) Newendyke and three grandsons Mason Cigrand, Archer and Westin Newendyke, all of whom she deeply loved and cherished. No services will be held.

Tribute Wall

PO

“ *Mary will be missed by everyone who met her. She was a happy spirit and so fun to be around. I send Tim, her daughters and Josie my deepest condolences.* ”

Patricia O'Neal - August 12, 2025 at 08:54 AM

PO

“ *Patricia O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mary Montana* ”



Patricia O'Neal - August 12, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MN

“ *Remembering Mary today and all the joy she brought wherever she was. She will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers to all who loved her* ❤️ 🙏 ”



Monica Neuman - August 07, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences. Prayers for all in this difficult time.* ”



Jeanette Parker - August 06, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SB

“ *Sue Book lit a candle in memory of Mary Montana* ”



Sue Book - August 06, 2025 at 03:52 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Mary Montana* ”



Kathy Thatcher - August 05, 2025 at 10:23 PM