



Mary Elizabeth Habermas

February 12, 1953 - May 6, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Habermas, age 73, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026.

She was born in

Detroit, Michigan to John and Mary Vrazo on February 12, 1953 as the second oldest of eight

children. As she grew up, Mary enjoyed helping take care of her siblings, sewing her own

clothes, baking, and playing music on her oboe and piano. She and her family attended the

Second Romanian Baptist Church, where she accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 7.

Ron and Mary met at Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren, MI and were married on August

25, 1973. They lived all over the country (and also Canada) while raising their family of 3

daughters, Elizabeth, Melissa, and Susan. Mary completed her undergraduate degree in

history at the University of South Carolina.

When the family moved to Siloam Springs for Ron to work in the John Brown University Bible

Department, Mary pursued her Masters in Library and Information Studies while working at

the JBU library. She served as the library director for 14 years before retiring.

Mary always loved children — her own children, her grandchildren, the neighborhood kids, and those she taught in children's church at Siloam Springs Bible Church. She touched many lives with God's truth and love through songs, flannel graph characters, and of course, Harry the Hedgehog puppet.

Mary loved playing the piano, and her daughters remember going to the nursing home with her while she played old hymns and sang to encourage the residents there.

She would always request that the family would sing around the piano at every gathering.

Mary loved crocheting, and many little babies over the years have been blessed by her

beautiful baby blankets that she made for them. She also loved crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, and researching new things.

Mary loved Ron so faithfully. Even as she was recovering from her accident last fall, she was

very concerned that he was well taken care of. She loved her family very much, and was

grateful to them and her Savior as she went through many struggles these past 9 months

since her accident and surgery. The Lord sustained her each day with promises from His

word, and the Holy Spirit's peace. Now she is enjoying perfect wholeness with Him.

Mary is survived by her husband Ron, daughters Elizabeth (Corey) Smith, Melissa (Stefan)

Siems, Susan (Charles) Greathouse, grandchildren Jacob, Brady, Zac and Charlotte, and

many siblings, nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation at the Siloam Springs Bible Church on Saturday, May 16th at 1:00

p.m., followed by a celebration of life service at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests

donations to the Romanian Missionary Society: www.rmsonline.org

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 1:00 AM (CT)

Siloam Springs Bible Church
927 S. Oak Hill St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-3963

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Committal

MAY 16 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When we were young, my dear sister was the Mom Whisperer. Mary somehow knew exactly what our mother would want us to do. And she would gladly take the time to interpret it for me. I didn't always follow her recommendations, but she was always right.

Rebecca Haney (Vrazo) - May 13 at 04:41 AM

MH

“ Mary and I have been friends since our high school days at Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan. We married 2 of the Habermas brothers less than a year apart. I actually caught Mary's bouquet at her and Ron's wedding. :) Not a stage of my life have I ever not had Mary as a part of what was going on. I miss her so much already. But knowing she is with her BELOVED JESUS and I will one day join her there for all eternity.....is very comforting to me. Marla Habermas

Marla Habermas - May 11 at 08:16 PM

MR

“ Dear Sweet Mary was one of the “unsung heroes “ who gave and loved a served behind the scenes. At fellowship church she brought life and love and Truth to our 3 children and many others. All the kids loved her puppet! She was a faithful one. Wonderful mother, wife and friend. I'm thrilled she's with Jesus! May God's Grace encompass all her loved ones as we grieve our loss and her great gain. He is Faithful!



Martha Reimer - May 09 at 06:58 PM