



Mary Ann Norvell

November 15, 1931 - March 7, 2025

Mary Ann Lambert Norvell, 93, of Huntley passed away Friday, March 7, 2025, after a short battle with cancer at JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington surrounded by her family.

She was born November 15, 1931, in Durant, Oklahoma to Walter E. Lambert and Mabel Ellen Greer Lambert. Mary Ann was born blind, after many eye surgeries, her site was restored when she was 16. She attended School for the Blind in Oklahoma and Arkansas then public school her senior year. She earned her Undergraduate Degree at the Southeastern Louisiana University at Hamond Louisiana and her master's at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Mary Ann married Dr. Harold Norvell, DVM in Woodstock after meeting at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. There she earned her Doctorate's Degree in Milling (grain processing and uses). They moved to Huntley where they started a Thoroughbred breeding farm. Mary Ann was employed at the Quaker Oats R & D facility in Barrington which developed animal food.

She is survived by her sisters, Doris (Dan) Scott of Waco, Ruth (James) Foltz of Nashville, Arkansas. Her stepdaughter, Nancy (John) Norvell Prusinski and her son, Christopher Miller. Stepson, Joe Norvell, his daughter, Nicole and her son Reagan; and many special nieces and nephews from the Lambert family. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, stepmother, Thelma Heckman Lambert; her brothers, Walter L. Lambert, Jr., James Lambert, and

her sister, Betty Jo Lambert Alsip.

After Harold's death, she moved from the farm to Huntley where she enjoyed a rich life with friends and family. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed the small animals and birds in her backyard, walking in Deicke Park with her dog Shadow, and sitting with her cat Valentine on her lap. She was a football fan of Louisiana State University and the Chicago Bears.

Services will be held at 11am on Wednesday, March 12th at James A.

O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley.

Visitation will be prior to services from 10 am to 11am at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Huntley Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Huntley Cemetery

Dean Street
Huntley, IL 60142

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
11603 E. Main PO Box 74
Huntley, IL 60142
(847) 669-5111
jaoconnorfh@att.net

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ann Norvell.*



The Family - March 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM

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“ *The Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Norvell.*

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“ *Love, Troy and Karen (Norvell) Beebe purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ann Norvell.*



Love, Troy and Karen (Norvell) Beebe - March 11, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Norvell.*



March 10, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Norvell.*



March 09, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Norvell.

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“ *Jill Norvell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann Norvell.*



Jill Norvell - March 08, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *Maryann was visiting us on Padre Island. She told me she had never seen the ocean. I drove us over to the beach. We walked on the beach and gazed at the ocean. It was a special memory. Maryann loved life and appreciated all the little things. I loved her and will always remember her fondly.*
Jill Norvell

Jill Norvell - March 08, 2025 at 01:36 PM