



## Mary Clare Dufford

April 20, 1931 - April 12, 2018

Mary Clare Dufford (Weeks), born April 20, 1931, passed away April 12, 2018 after a three year battle with a debilitating stroke.

Mary adored animals large and small, but her heart belonged to her Siberian Huskies; she was a lifetime member of the Great Lakes Sled Dog Association.

Mary enjoyed traveling from Alaska to Aruba and everywhere in between; some of her fondest memories were of the 2 years she lived in Iran. Hal and Mary relocated from Marne to Kalkaska in 1980. Because of their passion for dog sledding, love of snow and the wonderful friends they made in the area, Kalkaska became home.

Mary never shied away from adventure, a new restaurant to try, or making new friends. Her home was always open to her dear mushers, horse people, co-workers, neighbors and strays that needed a place to stay.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Harold in 2011, mother, father, stepmother, sister and grandson Jacob Paul Meier.

She is survived by brothers Doug (Donna) Weeks and Kim Weeks; children Greg (Julie) Dufford, James (Dee) Dufford, Cathy (Bob) Scarbrough, Sue (Chip) Adams, Becky (Rick) Marcinkus and Todd (Stephanie) Dufford, 19 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Per Mary's wishes cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local Humane Society or Rescue Organization in Mary's name.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial Service**   **01:00PM**

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Kalkaska Funeral Home

152 S Cedar St P.O. Box 1457, Kalkaska, MI, US, 49646

# Comments

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“ To my best friend Becky, and her family (Jim, Cathy, Sue, & Todd). Very saddened to hear about your MOM!! Loved her to pieces!!! I am so blessed to have been a part of your family! Growing up Miss Mary Clare Dufford was a huge influence in my life. Treating me like one of her own, and always with a smile....Well most of the time depending on what time we walked through the door at night! Loved sitting at the kitchen table and talking with her. She knew a bit about everything. Loved her family and her animals. I can still see Storm watching her every move. So many kids in the house at any given time, and the love she had to share was amazing!! Thank you Mary for watching over this wandering child who grew into an OK adult because of your love, and guidance. Love you all very Much!!  
Claudia (Smith) Arkesteyn

**Claudia Catherine Arkesteyn** - May 05, 2018 at 06:21 PM

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“ Happy Birthday Mom---Love you and will miss our trips to the casino and lunch for your B-day!

**Cathy Scarbrough** - April 20, 2018 at 11:30 AM

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“ Love you Momma , I will miss being able to talk to you most

**Becky Marcinkus** - April 15, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. She shared a room with my mother for a short time at Brookcrest. I would stop in to visit with her every time I went to see my mother. She was so loving and always asked how my mom was doing. I loved talking with her! She was a very special lady and my thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.  
Pat Pyper

**pat pyper** - April 15, 2018 at 10:36 AM

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“ Oh wow...I have so many memories of Mary Clare aka Mrs. Duffpuff to me. Always had an open door and loved to laugh with everyone. RIP Mrs. Dufford. You certainly made this world a brighter place by your presence. I have told Sue and Becky that I envision her back with Hal and her dogs. This thought makes me smile! Hugs to all of the kiddo's.

**Jimi Lynne Chapman** - April 15, 2018 at 12:10 AM