



Dr. Mary Louise (Bakert) Yoder

March 18, 1955 - July 22, 2015

Dr. Mary Louise (Bakert) Yoder, DC, age 60, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Buffalo, NY on March 18, 1955, Mary was the daughter of Norma Janet Marie (Schwartz) Bakert and the late Arthur Charles Bakert. She was a well-educated woman whose schooling spanned 20 years. She earned her Doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine from Life Chiropractic College in 1986. She and her husband, Dr. William R. Yoder, DC, were a hardworking and dedicated couple, inseparable in raising their family and building their careers together.

Along with her husband, Mary owned and operated Chiropractic Family Care in Whitesboro for 28 years. She was a beloved woman and well-known member of her community who touched countless lives throughout her working and social life. She was wholeheartedly holistic and believed in the therapeutic power of healing that considers the body, mind, and soul. In balancing her life, Mary loved gardening, as evidenced by the beautiful gardens at her home. She also enjoyed dancing, especially Bollywood, Belly, and African Dancing. She was a gifted artist and pursued photography, painting, and pottery. She was a member of the World Music Choir, singing and drumming as a talented musician. She was an affiliate of the New York State Chiropractic Association and a patron of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. But above all else, Mary was the absolute best grandmother who lovingly adored each of her grandkids. They were the center of her life.

Mary is survived by her husband, Dr. William R. Yoder, DC; her mother, Norma Janet Marie Bakert; her children and their loved ones, Liana and Tony Hegde, Tamaryn Yoder and Dave Graveling, and Adam Yoder and Katie Conley; and her grandchildren who she loved more than life, Madan, Rajan, Kiran, and Irissa; Julian, Katrina, and Sully. She also leaves her sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathleen Richmond, Sarah Bakert, Janine and Donald King, Patricia Bakert Miceli, and Sharon and George Mills; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Natalie Bakert, and Arthur and Suzanne Bakert; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, too numerous to count who loved her; and her patients, fellow artists, and friends who were woven into the tapestry of her life. She was loved by all. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Morgan Bebee, Charles Miceli, and Bruce Richmond.

Mary's family honored and commemorated her life in a private gathering in her gardens at her home. Messages of care and condolences can be sent to Chiropractic Family Care, 312 Oriskany Blvd., Whitesboro, NY 13492. Those wishing to do so are welcome to donate in Mary's memory to a charity closest to their heart.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Truly gentle lady and gifted artist .the world is sadder without you .I am in disbelief at your untimely and cruel death . Jane grace

Jane grace taylor - October 01, 2016 at 04:33 AM

DE

“ Though I have not seen Mary in a long while I cherish her memory and light. She was such a beautiful person, always so kind and inspirational, my heart goes out to all of her family.

debotrah - June 14, 2016 at 08:51 PM

KO

“ Mary was a kind and caring person, beautiful inside and out. Though I had not seen her in many years I grieve her untimely passing.
Her family has my love and prayers.

Kimberly Oliver - June 14, 2016 at 04:31 PM

 Gail Bailey

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Yoder, but I can tell that she was a fine person and touched many people's lives in a positive way. My condolences to her family and all her loved ones.



Gail Bailey - June 14, 2016 at 04:02 PM

 Laura
Humiecki-
Wilbur

“ *Bill and family we are crushed by this news. Mary saved me from a life of pure pain. She was not only my doctor ,she was my friend.i am honored to have known her,she will be missed by the whole family God Bless and keep you always xo Laura and George Wilbur*

Laura Humiecki-Wilbur - August 03, 2015 at 10:50 AM

MF

“ *I didn't know Mary well, we just met in the plein aire painting class this summer. Know that your family is in the hearts and prayers of many, many people. Mary was missed in class today, a tragic loss. Peace to you all. Martie Fischer*

Martie Fischer - July 28, 2015 at 06:54 PM

BG

“ *To Norma Bakert and family, Please know how deeply we feel for you at this time of your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers. May Mary RIP. Blessings, Bev & Dwayne Geary*

Beverly Geary - July 28, 2015 at 02:15 PM

PW

So sorry Dr Yoder I just found out of your loss. I remember coming for treatments at your office and Mary seeing me at times. Deepest condolences. Prayers

Paulette Williams - June 14, 2016 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ This world was a better place having Mary in it. I am in shock and deeply saddened, there are not sufficient words really..... you could not know Mary and not love her or be inspired by her loving spirit. I will remember her long talks, her hugs, and that beautiful smile that lit up the room. My heart felt condolences to Bill, always the loving husband, and to Mary's beautiful family, she always spoke so lovingly of. Heaven just got a bright ray of light back home. I was blessed to have known here. May God bring you all comfort, Jodi Boucher & family

jodi boucher - July 27, 2015 at 11:08 PM

JT

“ Dr. Mary and Dr. Bill lived right down the street from me for many years. My daughter Amy used to babysit for their children. I was also a patient of both Dr. Mary and Dr. Bill after an auto accident. They are both wonderful doctors and Dr. Mary was the most gentle and sweet person. She will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Dr. Bill and his family at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time...I know the pain you are going through as I lost my dear father, Ken in March.

Janet (Griffin) Trompczynski - July 27, 2015 at 09:30 AM

TY

Thank you Janet. Sympathy for the loss of your dear father as well. -
Tammy

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:52 PM

RS

My thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Bill and his family at this very difficult time, Dr. Mary was a wonderful person she will be greatly missed.

Rita Southwick - August 03, 2015 at 02:57 PM

BP

“ *Bill and Family...
What sad and shocking news about Mary. I am, and I know Meg
would be, grateful for the times of study and inquiry we shared with
you and Mary. My heart goes out to you and you are in my prayers.*
Bill Pfeiffer

Bill Pfeiffer - July 26, 2015 at 03:12 PM

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Thank you Bill

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Jennifer Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Mary Louise (Bakert) Yoder*



Jennifer Sorrell - July 26, 2015 at 01:18 PM



*Dr. Bill and Family, I am thinking of you all. She now has all the
gardens she could ever dream of to work in. She was a role model in
this life to choose happiness. This spirit was contagious. She will be
missed.*

Jennifer Sorrell - July 26, 2015 at 01:24 PM

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Thank you Jennifer

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:55 PM

DH

Dear Dr. Bill...I am so saddened to hear about Dr.Mary.It took my breath when my friend told me.At once I thought of you and how utterly devastated you must be.My heart and thoughts are with you.She took me out of so much physical pain over the years, always eager to talk and have heart to heart connection as well.I am praying for you and your family at this difficult time... Your patient and friend, Diane Hill

DIANE Hill - July 31, 2015 at 12:17 AM

SU

“ *I am holding all of you close to my heart during this very difficult time. Mary was such a beautiful woman and lived life to the fullest. I hope that some of the memories people share will comfort you in the days and months to come.*

I am so glad I was able to come to Utica with my Mom several years ago and had a chance to catch up with Mary and some other cousins after many, many years. We went to a lunch where soup was served in beautiful pottery bowls. Mary was very involved with that and I just loved the whole concept. I still have those bowls which will always be a reminder to me of what a lovely and caring woman she was.

Wish I could have been there for her celebration of life - what a life to celebrate!

Sending hugs to the entire family.

Suzanne Uschold - July 26, 2015 at 10:12 AM

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Thank you Sue <3

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:55 PM

RP

“ ROSEANN PETRONELLA lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Louise (Bakert) Yoder



ROSEANN PETRONELLA - July 26, 2015 at 08:27 AM

RP

“ There are no words, I am so sad to see that Dr Mary has passed away. This makes my heart hurt. Mary was one of the gentlest, kindest, sweetest people I have ever met. She truly was beautiful inside and out. My heart is breaking for Dr Bill, their children, and grandchildren. I was a patient at Chiropractic Family Care for years and not only got the best care but also received love, peace, kindness, and inspiration. Mary was one of a kind and she had healing hands. I will miss her and I will miss her smile and her hugs. I am so sorry Dr. Bill; I will keep you in my prayers. And to my dear friend, Mary, rest in peace. Roseann Petronella

ROSEANN PETRONELLA - July 26, 2015 at 08:26 AM

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Thank you Roseann, peace to you as well

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:59 PM

GP

“ Dear Mrs. Bakert & Family Bakert -

The Family Plante, children of our deceased parents Winnie Plante and Royal F. Plante, share in your collective sorrow with Mary's passing. Me and my six siblings knew your parents, as well as attended St. Francis de Sales School with the Bakert children in the 1960s. Our parents were close friends for decades.

Do know that your wonderful, beautiful Mary's 'earthly existence' is absent. Yet her spirit shall forevermore remain with her children, husband, grandchildren, siblings and your large extended family. Blessings aplenty to each of you during this difficult hour.

Peace/Love,

*Girard A. Plante
Newton, Mass.*

Girard A. Plante - July 26, 2015 at 08:14 AM

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Thank you Girard and the Family Plante

Tamaryn Yoder - July 27, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JC

I am so sadden by Dr Mary's passing. I awoke last night thinking of her. May her healing hands be upon all of us now. She will be missed by all of us patients and potters.

Jean Card - August 12, 2015 at 12:28 PM