



Mary C. Nislar

October 17, 1939 - October 25, 2025

Mary Cocanougher Nislar passed away from this life on October 25, 2025. She was born October 17, 1939 in Seattle, WA. At age 4, Mary and her family moved to Phoenix, AZ, where she graduated high school in 1955. She attended the University of Arizona where she was a member of the Collegiate Equestrian Team, then completed her education at Texas Tech in 1969 with a Masters Degree in Science Education.

While at university, Mary married Jon Coll of Roswell, NM on April 19, 1960 and they eventually moved to Lubbock with their 2 children Kimberly and Jon. She married Truman Cocanougher of Idalou, TX on May 4, 1974. Mary and Truman enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels and owning Toy Dachshund dogs. She was employed as a Home Service Advisor for South Plains Electric Cooperative during this time. Mary loved singing in the choir, leading Awana and Bible Study Fellowship, plus volunteering for numerous church ministries. Truman passed away on June 29, 2008. Mary married Jerry Nislar of Lubbock on July 25, 2010 where she joined him in his Jail House Ministry at the Lubbock County Jail. In addition, she served as a volunteer at Exodus Prison Ministry.

Mary is survived by her husband Jerry of the home, as well as children: Kimberly Coll Blanton (and Mike) of Catoosa, OK, Jon Coll (and Michelle) of San Antonio, TX, Nancy Nislar Wallace (and Chuck) of Austin, TX, Niki Nislar

Ratliff (and John) of Austin, TX, and Joel Nislar of Lubbock. Mary's grandchildren include: Chris, Sean and Tommy Blanton, Jack, Rachel, Noah and Dani Coll, Ashley Jones, plus Peter and Ben Ratliff. Mary has 9 great grandchildren and 2 great great grands.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday October 29th at Sanders Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Faith Temple in Lubbock on Thursday October 30th at 2 pm. A private family burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to a charity of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Faith Temple
2408 74th Street
Lubbock, TX 79423

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I knew Mary for many years and enjoyed swimming with her. She went to the gym to exercise or swim regularly and was a great friend. I will miss her! Linda Hudgens.

Linda Hudgens - October 29, 2025 at 06:27 PM

GS

“ Enjoyed studying scripture with Mary at Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for many years! She was so thorough in her study!

Gwen Scharp - October 29, 2025 at 02:51 PM

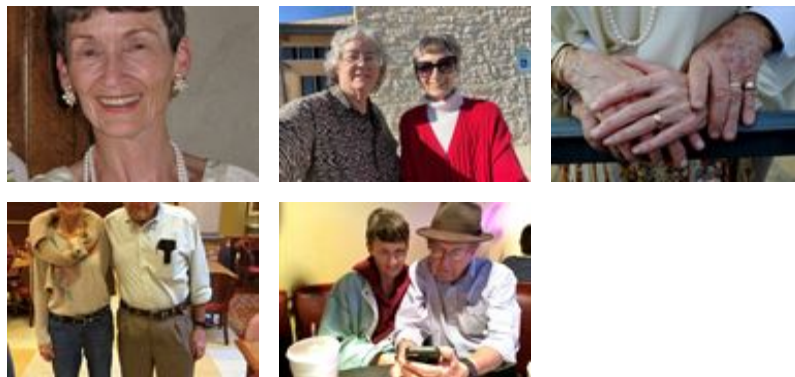
RP

“ Mary was a great dear friend ,as well as a great landlord ,thank you for all you have done for me and my mom ,we will miss you .praying for comfort to all your family ,Glad I was able to visit you in the hospital.,.Such a sweet and caring lady .you will be missed by many .Till we meet again my dear friend ,Ralph & Connie Perez .

Ralph Perez - October 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - October 28, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JC

I swam with Mary at the YWCA for 8 years. She was always such an inspiration. Glad I got to know her.

Janet Corley - October 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM