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Mary was born in Torrance, CA, where she lived until she was 10 years old. Then she moved to Sudbury, Massachusetts, until she was 16 years old, and then to West Lafayette, IN, where she graduated from William Henry Harrison High School in 1980. She then attended Purdue University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Consumer and Family Studies, majoring in Child and Family Studies and Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education. She graduated in 1984 and 1985. In the summers of her college career, she was a counselor for Geneva Center in Rochester, IN (a Christian camp) and spent one summer as a volunteer in mission in Florida at the Duvall Home for Retarded Citizens.

After graduating from college, she worked at Shawnee Mission School for developmentally delayed preschoolers for two years in Attica, IN. She then moved to Fort Wayne, IN, to work in a Christian daycare and later became the director of another Christian daycare in the same city.

While in Fort Wayne, she was introduced to her husband, Greg McGehee, on a blind date. She always says, “God led me to my prince charming.” They were married in 1991 and lived in Kokomo, IN. In 1993, they were blessed with their daughter, Rachelle. In 1994, the family moved to Hesston, KS, where they still reside. In 1995, they were blessed with their son Scott.

Rachelle Trzok and her husband, Matt, live in Coffeyville, KS, and blessed the family with her (Mary and Greg’s) first grandchild. Margot Wanda Trzok was born on July 1, 2023, and is a wonderful little girl who has her grandpa wrapped around his finger and is the love of her grandma’s life. On May 21, 2025, Mary was blessed with her third grandchild. Theodore Scott Trzok. He is perfect, just like his sister and cousin, and she is so excited to watch him grow. Rachelle is also a P.E.O. and looks forward to being able to help in her mother’s presidency year.

Mary’s son Scott and his wife, Hannah, live in Shawnee, KS, with their fur baby, Harvey, and also gave Mary her second grandchild. Penelope “Penny” Sue McGehee was born on September 18, 2023, right before Mary left for the 2023 Convention of International Chapter. Penny is also a wonderful little girl who is always smiling for the camera. Both granddaughters and grandson are their grandparents’ pride and joy.

Mary worked for about a year and a half after she and Greg were married until she became a mom, and then she took the best job she could ever think of and became a stay-at-home mom. She never regrets staying home with her children. Not every minute was joyous, but most were. While the kids grew and started school, Mary volunteered in their classrooms, the library, tutoring reading, and in the parent organizations. When her son Scott was in 3rd grade and Rachelle was in 6th grade, Mary started substitute teaching at the Hesston Elementary School. In 2008, while she was President of Chapter AG, she began her 11-year career as an Instructional Aide in Kindergarten in Hesston. In 2020, she resigned as the Instructional Aide and started her current position as Children and Youth Director at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton, KS.

In 1999, Mary was first asked if she would like to join P.E.O., but she declined because her children were still young and she felt they needed her. In 2004, Mary was approached again and was initiated into Chapter AG, Newton. While with Chapter AG, Mary served as chaplain, assistant treasurer, and president. When she started working outside of the home, she tried to stay with Chapter AG, but found she couldn't attend meetings and missed all the things that go with P.E.O. She transferred to Chapter IA, Newton, since they were an evening chapter. She has held the office of Vice President many times in Chapter IA. Once, when she was in that position, she had to take over for the president who moved, and so Mary finished out her term. In June 2017, she started serving on the Sunflower Corporation Board of Trustees and in 2019 was the board president. She served on the Sunflower Board for four years from 2017 to 2021. After looking at the other Leadership Teams she might serve on, she decided to apply for the Executive Board and was installed in June 2022. Mary loves all things P.E.O., but her favorite is the loving sisters she has met all over the state and looks forward to meeting and getting to know so many more.

When Mary is not planning and executing her church duties with the children and youth, you will find her at the racetrack watching her husband, Greg, race his vintage racecar. She also enjoys going to races, especially the INDY 500 and Sprint Car Racing. On Saturdays in the fall, you will find Mary at the Kansas State University Football games. She is a die-hard fan of her beloved Boilermakers of Purdue, but when she married Greg, she became a Kansas State Wildcat fan as well. She also loves to watch television, read, paint, cross stitch, knit, and is learning to crochet. She loves children and helping them learn. Her biggest joy is spending time with her grandchildren. They are blessings in her heart and family. Family is very important to her.

Mary is looking forward to learning more about P.E.O. and making everlasting friendships.