



MARY LUKER was born, raised in, and still resides in Texas. She has worked various jobs over the years. The most notable, besides being an owner operator for us here at Oakley, was working at Gilley's prior to the movie Urban Cowboy where she worked the door and bartended. Gilley's was a happening place back in the day with lots of stars playing there, including Waylon Jennings, Charlie Daniels, Johnny Lee and of course Mickey Gilley. After getting married, she left the bar scene and one day after seeing a woman truck driver pulling doubles, she thought to herself "I can do this". Mary grew up in the trucking industry; her dad was a truck driver all his life and drove until he was in his 80's. Mary's husband Eddie is also in the trucking industry. He is a mechanic that works on different types of trucks and trailers.

Mary started her trucking career as a company driver. Within a couple years, she bought a 1996 379 Peterbilt, her first truck. She would eventually get into the specialized freight of hauling plastics. In 2002, she bought the truck she is driving now a 2003 Peterbilt. She likes the fact that she doesn't have to get all dressed up to go to work and sit behind a desk. "I like the freedom of being an owner-operator. She enjoys hunting but mainly fishing when she is away from the truck, and plans to do a lot more of it when she retires in a few years. She also has 3 grandchildren with another one on the way and looks forward to spending more time with them when she gets out of the truck.

Mary has been an owner-operator with Oakley Trucking for 13 years. When asked why she has been here so long or what she likes about Oakley that has kept her here this long, she stated that, "I like the professionalism and respect that I get. I like being treated as an equal." She knows no one is looking over her shoulder; there is a trust factor here that she can get the job done. She said she is someone's daughter, mother and wife and Oakley knows that family comes first. She has always done her job to the best of her ability, but if something comes up, Oakley will bend over backwards to make sure she gets home or gets the time off to take care of what is needed. She is asked all the time what she does for a living and she is proud to say she is a truck driver and that she works for OAKLEY TRUCKING!! When she does retire she says she will miss us, because we are part of her family.

As stated above, Mary has been an owner operator at Oakley Trucking for 13 years and pulls a pneumatic tank. We are lucky to have her and are proud to call her part of our family too.

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