



Mary Kathleen Rapp

November 17, 1942 - September 4, 2017

Mary Kathleen Rapp, age 74, longtime resident of Mt. Carroll, passed away Monday, September 4, 2017 at the Mt. Carroll Good Samaritan Society Nursing Facility, with her loving family by her side. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2017 at SS. John & Catherine Catholic Church, Mt. Carroll, followed by a luncheon. Burial, with a Committal Service, will then take place at St. Wendelin Catholic Cemetery, Shannon. Visitation will be held 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the Law-Jones Funeral Home, Mt. Carroll. Memorials may be given in Mary's honor for her dear charities.

Mary was born November 17, 1942 in Chicago, the daughter of Leslie and Marie (Connelly) Janco. They moved to Bellwood in 1949, where Mary graduated from St. Simeon Grade School, and was a 1960 graduate of the Nazareth Academy of LaGrange Park. She received a History Degree from Loyola University in 1964. On July 3, 1965, Mary married John Walter Rapp Jr. in Bellwood. They moved to Mt. Carroll in 1965, where they raised three children and celebrated forty-five years of marriage.

Mary "never let grass grow under her feet." After graduating from college, she was an elementary school teacher in Cicero and in Mt. Carroll. She worked as a substitute Teacher for sixteen years, and also participated in many Church, charitable and community organizations; including SS. John & Catherine Catholic Church, Church Ladies Society, Regional Board of School Trustees, Mt. Carroll School Board, Cooperative Extension, Mt. Carroll Community Foundation, Knights of Holy Sepulchre, the Dorothy Footitt West Carroll HS Scholarship and the Vaughn Hungerford West Carroll HS Scholarship.

She thoroughly enjoyed life with her husband and best friend, "Jack," their children and their grandchildren. She traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, traced her heritage back to County Clare, Ireland and Central Europe, and delighted everyone with her delicious cooking and baking, her home was always a place for friends and family to gather. She was especially thankful for the friends with whom she shared her

time on earth. Mary is survived by her three sons, Mark (Tamara) of Greeley, Colorado, Matthew (Mindy) of German Town Hills, Illinois and Martin (Amy) of Mt. Carroll; and her grandchildren, Sydney, John W. Rapp III, Leslie, Emma, Colton and Hayley; two brothers, Thomas (Diane) Janco of Lemont, Illinois and Michael (Brenda) Janco of Sugar Grove, Illinois, and a sister-in-law, Denise Bryant of Sarasota, Florida. Her parents; two daughters, Julie and Maura; and a sister in-law, Sue Ellen Brayton predeceased her.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Law Jones Funeral Home - Mt. Carroll
Illinois 64, Mt Carroll, IL, US, 61053

SEP **Scripture Wake Service** 05:00PM

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SEP **Service** 10:30AM

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SS John & Catherine Catholic Church - Mt. Carroll
314 S. Main Street, Mt. Carroll, IL, US, 61053

Comments



“ 47 files added to the album Flower Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - September 14, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ Sending our condolences for the loss of your Mother. Prayers for all your family.

Shirley Brashaw - September 14, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ As a teenager, I have wonderful memories of both Mr. and Mrs. Rapp welcoming myself and all of Marty's friends into their home for weekend gatherings to watch TV, play pool, or hang out in the backyard. I tell my teenage girls about it even today and Mary inspired me to provide that kind of place for my kids' friends to come to. It is a big deal to me that made a difference in my childhood memories. They gave us a great place to have fun and be safe. I can even remember sitting upstairs and talking to them in the living room on occasion, just because I enjoyed having conversations with them. My friends and I never missed a chance to honk when we drove by their house on our way to Freeport... and if they were outside, they waved!

My thoughts and prayers go out to Marty, his brothers and all of your families! I'm so sorry for your loss!

With Love,
Ginny (Innecken)

Virginia Graves - September 11, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ Mary was always a special person and lived a special life. My father called her the princess and made sure to tell Jack that early on in their relationship. Here are some of my favorite photos of her.
We will miss her.



Mike Janco - September 10, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ May the Lord welcome Mary to his family in heaven, and I send his earthly family condolences. Fr. Joe



Fr. Joe Lutz - September 09, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ I have fond memories of my beautiful and young 5th grade teacher! Mrs. Rapp engaged and immersed her students into whatever historical event she felt important! I still remember very vividly all the small milk cartons she had us collect for the huge Jamestown replica we built in class over 50 years ago!! Recently I got reacquainted with Mary while living in Mt. Carroll and I told her she was one of the reasons I pursued a teaching degree! Rest In Peace and my condolences to your family.

Denise Blakeslee Meyers - September 09, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Mom Rapp: Thank you for mentoring me through life's myriad of challenges. Your endless patience, wisdom and humor helped me resolve many of the issues I faced in education, landscaping, relationships and of course, culinary skills. I very much appreciate you picking up the phone every time I called, and always giving thoughtful advice, complete with an explanation and examples. Thank you for answering my questions, especially these, which served as a starting point for some of our more memorable conversations...

*Is it better to brine or not to brine the Thanksgiving turkey?

*How do I study for a cumulative exam?

*What flowers should I plant in that shady spot on the north side of my house?

*Why do I have to be the first one to say I'm sorry?

*Do I really need a springform pan to make cheesecake?

*And the timeless, which one is the salad fork?

Your responses often raised more questions than I originally asked or intended, which simply inspired me to learn more. You led our conversations in much the same way as you lived your life, by being the example to follow. Your generosity, kindness, love, and laughter will be deeply missed.

I am thankful for each moment we shared. You live forever in my heart. May God bless you and keep you, and bring you peace.

Love,
Jody Bremmer Ireland

Jody Bremmer Ireland - September 09, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ Being new to Mt. Carroll and with babies, we were drawn together. Your folks actually lived in the upstairs apartment in the house next to where we live now. Four of our sons went to school together and Matt and Thad were in each other's weddings. When your folks moved to the country we gardened together in the summer and sledding in the winter. Jack and Mary welcomed me and my boys into their home after Ed's heart attack so I wouldn't have to go home to an empty house. We just never seemed to be at a loss for words when together. My friend Mary will be missed.

Ed and Margie Knirlberger

margie knirlberger - September 08, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ To The Rapp Family: Your mother and Dad were very special people. I first really got to know them both when our sons were introduced to pond hockey. They both went out with Uncle Quinn and Dale and absolutely loved it. I like to think they were part of our sons going to work for the professional hockey teams in Florida. Jr was thrilled when they came to a game in Tampa. Your Mom was such a special lady. I feel very lucky to have known her. Prayers sent to you. Brad and Mary Lott

Mary L Lott - September 08, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ Your 2nd family at RMWM, LLP purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Kathleen Rapp.



Your 2nd family at RMWM, LLP - September 08, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Many, many memories of great times with the Rapps. Sledding, parties, TLP functions, weekends in Dubuque - too many to mention. Mary was one of a kind and will be missed for her passion for the community and family. Thank you for sharing her with us.
Jim and Sarah Wheeler

Sarah Wheeler - September 08, 2017 at 05:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kathleen Rapp.



September 08, 2017 at 03:38 PM



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Law-Jones Funeral Home - September 08, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Kathleen Rapp.



September 08, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Travels



Mary Hutchison - September 07, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Family Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - September 07, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ Mary was one of my grade school teachers. I have nothing but fond memory's of her. She left an impression on me as a young boy She will be truly missed. Her family is in my prayers.

Rick Volz

Rick Volz - September 07, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ My condolences to your family Your mother and father spent many hours together with my wife Cynthia and me when we all volunteered as Board members and spent time in support of Timberlake Theatre All three have now passed but their presence will be remembered and cherished by area residents for their contributions

May God reward your mother and father for their service by granting eternal rest

Norman Roblat , former Freeporter

Norman Rotblat - September 07, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ Sharie Eisfeller Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathleen Rapp



Sharie Eisfeller Nelson - September 07, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mary Kathleen Rapp.



September 06, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ Marty and family,
Please accept my deepest condolences on Mary's passing. She was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed. I have too many wonderful memories of her and Jack at church and throughout the community to recall them all, but know they all centered around their love for their family, their church and their community. Prayers and thoughts with you all during this difficult time.

Cathy Skiles - Brunner

Cathy Skiles-Brunner - September 06, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ Mary was a dear friend, always eager to serve her church and community. We had some delightful travel experiences together exploring her central European roots and my Russian heritage. Her work with the fledgling Mount Carroll Community Foundation was greatly appreciated. She had a positive impact on the advisory board of MCCF and will be missed.
My heart goes out to her beloved family who have lost their matriarch. Prayers and sympathy to all.

Mary Ann Hutchison - September 06, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ A truly good woman who will be missed by all who knew her. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family & friends.
Diane & Pat Bausman

Diane & Pat Bausman - September 06, 2017 at 12:35 PM