



Mary Jane Blazek

January 31, 1932 - April 13, 2025

Mary Jane Blazek, nee Kabur, age 93, gained her heavenly wings on Sunday April 13, 2025 at her home in Irons, Michigan surrounded by her children and loyal dog Sparky. Mary was the beloved wife of the late John William Blazek; and loving mother of John (Mary Jo) Blazek, Patricia Blazek, Mary (Thomas) Sauch and Lilian Blazek. She was also grandmother to Amber Biscardi, Lauren (Mike) Sanchez, Dawn (Lionel) Predium, Natalie and Nicole Sauch, Peter (Emily) Melican and Daniel Melican; great-grandmother to Leah and Zoe Biscardi, Brodie Sanchez and Ella and Xavier Predium.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents Nellie and Peter Kabur; her sisters Ann and Helen Klement, Evelyn Reichert, Bernice Cook, Lillian MacEachern, and her brothers Stanley, Henry, and Joey Klement.

Mary Jane was born January 31, 1932 in Branch Michigan and lived in Irons attending school at Norman Dickson Rural Agriculture Consolidated High School, graduating with the class of 1951. While in high school, she worked at Voorhees Grocery in Irons. Mary also worked at Goodman Manufacturing in Chicago and then as a switchboard operator at Chicago Carton in Chicago where she met her future husband. Mary Jane and John were united in marriage at St. Bernard Church in Irons on September 8, 1951 and celebrated 64 years by each other's side until John preceded her in death in 2015. She was active in the church, being a member of the altar society at St. Kieran

Church in Chicago Heights, and St. Bernard Church in Irons. In her earlier years she would cook and clean for the priests at St. Bernard's and played the organ for mass. After her last child was in school, Mary Jane decided to further her education, graduating with an Associate degree in nursing in 1968. She went on to obtain both a Bachelor degree as a Nurse Practitioner from Purdue University, and Graduate degree in Nursing from St. Xavier College. Mary was a clinical head nurse at Oak Forest Hospital in Illinois, worked as a Nurse Practitioner for two physicians, and then became an instructor for the Nursing program at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. She retired from there in 1990 and moved to Irons with her husband in 1993. Mary Jane enjoyed being active in the Altar Society, pinochle club, gardening, reading, sketching and painting, but mostly enjoyed being a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Mary Jane at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 22nd at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Irons with Rev. Matthew Barnum and Rev. Dennis O'Donnell as celebrants. Burial will follow at Eden Cemetery in Irons where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved John. Friends may visit with her family on Monday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at St. Bernard's church where the Rosary will be prayed for Mary Jane at 7:30 pm. Those who wish to remember Mary Jane with a memorial donation are asked to please consider either St. Bernard Altar Society, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernard Catholic Church
5734 W. 10 1/2 Mile Road
Irons, MI 49644

Rosary

APR 21. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ Fred, Emma & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jane Blazek.



Fred, Emma & Family - April 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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“ Fred, Emma & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Blazek.

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EB

“ Ella, Xavier, Leah, Zoe and Brodie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jane Blazek.



Ella, Xavier, Leah, Zoe and Brodie - April 17, 2025 at 06:59 PM

BF

“ Betty Lynn & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Jane Blazek.



Betty Lynn & Family - April 17, 2025 at 03:29 PM

MC

“ *Bill & I enjoyed our many visits with Uncle John and Aunt Mary Jane. Aunt Mary was always the hostess with the most essential. She will be missed.*



Mary Jane Cook - April 16, 2025 at 06:53 PM

JW

Mary Jane was a lovely person, inside and out; and I'm very grateful to have known her. She and my husband were cousins and we spent many happy hours with her and John. One of my most treasured memories is of the trip the four of us made to Europe along with another cousin and her husband. All of them and many other dear relatives and friends are now rejoicing together in heaven. My condolences to Mary Jane's family who were the sun and the moon and all the stars to her. Jan Peterson Wayward

Jan Peterson Wayward - April 18, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ *Dave & Betty, Dave & Patti, Tom & Marsha purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Jane Blazek.*



Dave & Betty, Dave & Patti, Tom & Marsha - April 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BM

“ *Bob and Mary MacEachern planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Blazek.*

Bob and Mary MacEachern - April 15, 2025 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ *Bob and Mary MacEachern purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jane Blazek.*



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