



Mary A. Bobalik

December 8, 1924 - July 25, 2015

Mary Bobalik, a longtime resident of Kankakee, passed away Saturday (July 25, 2015).

She was born Dec. 8, 1924, in Whiting, Ind. Mary Kramizeh was the youngest of six children, all who have preceded her in death. Mary received her registered nursing certification from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Gary, Ind. She married Peter Gerka in 1951 and together they had a daughter, Geraldine. After Peter's passing, she married George Bobalik in 1956. They moved to Kankakee and had five children, including a son, Thomas, who passed away at birth.

Mary was a loving and caring person, devoted wife, mother and friend. After raising her family, she returned to school in 1973, renewed her nursing license and began a second nursing career in the obstetrics department of Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She loved sewing, baking, gardening, golfing and travel. She had a generous and giving heart, and always was among the first to help others in need. As a lifelong volunteer, she was a very active member of St. Martin of Tours parish, where she was a Eucharistic minister, member of the Council of Catholic Women and aided mission relief. Upon retiring, she spent many years volunteering at Taft School, helping children with reading difficulties.

Surviving are her children, Geraldine (Jim) Macdonell. of Hillsborough, N.J., Peter Bobalik, of Greensboro, N.C., Julia (Charles) Carey, of Madison, N.J., Joseph Bobalik, of Aurora, Colo., and Tony and (Karen Maier) Bobalik, of Chicago; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great joy.

Mary joins her best friend and adoring husband, George, who passed away 8 days prior to her, on July 17, 2015. A public viewing will be held for Mary and George from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at St. Martin of Tours Church, Kankakee, with a luncheon to follow.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall

CT

“ I remember George and Mary Bobalik from growing up at St. Martin's parish. Both were so very active in church ministry and I always loved hearing Mr. Bobalik read at Masses, he was a holy man of God. To the children and family of George and Mary, your parents were the model of the Holy Mass and Christian works, they are indeed rejoicing in heaven and hopefully have met up with my parents! May all of you know the joys of heaven and the loving comforting arms of Jesus.

*Cecilia (Dion) and James D. Trent, III
Hyndman, PA*

Cecilia Dion Trent - August 18, 2015 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ Tony... our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your Family as we send our Heartfelt condolences to your Family at this time... Morris and I truly Love your family and we pray God will comfort you and Karen with His peace and grace.

Love you All... always...


Sincerely,

Brenda & Morris Stewart & family...

We light this candle in memory of ... Mr. and Mrs. Bobalik may they rest in peace!



Morris & Brenda Stewart - August 13, 2015 at 02:21 PM


Barbara
Darling

“ I had the privilege to work with your Mom, and then care for both your Dad and Mom.

My deepest sympathy to you in your double loss.

Barb Darling

Barbara Darling - August 07, 2015 at 10:50 PM

LA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during the lost of your mother and father. I was able to get to know your mom years ago when your mom was my nurse when I had my sons at RMC. She was the most loving and caring woman.

Laurie Anderson - July 30, 2015 at 06:11 PM

LA

“ Laurie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Bobalik



Laurie Anderson - July 30, 2015 at 06:02 PM

PZ

“ I was back in Kankakee several years ago and went and visited with your Mom. I had a great time talking with her and catching up on what you all were doing. We talked about the old neighborhood and those carefree days of growing up on and around School street. Your Mom and Dad will always be remembered by me.

Keeping all of you in my thoughts.

Paul Ziemer

Paul Ziemer - July 30, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JB

“ *I know you are now at peace with Dad, your family and friends. I love you.*

Joe Bobalik - July 29, 2015 at 08:38 PM

DL

“ *We are praying for all of you. May you feel God's arms around you during this time.*

*Love,
Lyon family*

Donna Lyon - July 29, 2015 at 07:34 PM

MS

“ *Dear Bobaliks, thinking of all of you at this tough time and remembering your mom and dad. We had such a great neighborhood to grow up in. Your mom was generous and kind. Your dad funny and sweet. Your parents raised great kids and they both will be missed.*

Mary O'Gorman Schmidt

m schmidt - July 29, 2015 at 02:15 PM

CW

“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Bobalik*



Christopher Wilcox - July 29, 2015 at 12:49 PM

KB

“ *a wonderful and loving person.* ”



Karen Bobalik - July 29, 2015 at 11:54 AM

HM

“ *Heather M lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Bobalik* ”



Heather M - July 29, 2015 at 06:26 AM



“ *Denise Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Mary A. Bobalik* ”



Denise Marcotte - July 29, 2015 at 12:21 AM