



Mary Therese (Smith) Martin

May 5, 1929 - November 24, 2025

Mary Therese (Smith) Martin of Bradley, Illinois passed away peacefully on Monday, November 24, 2025 at the age of 96 with family by her side. Mary was born the daughter of Hilaire “Patsy” Smith and Mary Patricia (McGrath) on May 5, 1929 in Kankakee, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jean Smith Elliot, and her daughter Jacquelyn Keller.

Mary Therese married Homer T. Martin on November 6, 1954 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Until Homer’s death in July 2024, they were each other’s life long and loving companions for almost 70 years. They were blessed with five children, Barbara (Mike) Henry of Joliet, Jackie (Karl) Keller of Bourbonnais, Patrick (Sheila) Martin of Manteno, Meghan (Mike) Downey of Bourbonnais, and Joanne (Steve) Boettinger of Whitefish Bay, WI. They have fourteen grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. Spending time with family was the great joy of Mary’s life. Whether it was caring for them, baking for them (especially her chocolate chip cookies!), or attending and watching the many activities they were involved in, she never wanted to miss a thing.

Mary’s 96 years were filled with the simple pleasures of faith, family, gardening, reading, crafting and sewing. She was known to be a night owl with some of her best work being done after midnight! Doing her daily crossword puzzles kept her mind sharp and her knowledge of six and seven letter words for all kinds of things unmatched. Mary never met a holiday she

didn't celebrate. In addition to taking care of her family and her home, Mary was the office manager for Homer & Harry Martin Construction Company for over 25 years. Mary was a life-long parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. She volunteered countless hours over the years assisting with many of the parish needs as well as counting the weekly collection deposits every Monday morning. She enjoyed her many years singing in the parish choir as well.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *"On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Mary Therese (Smith) Martin.*



December 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *Becky and Phil Novak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Therese (Smith) Martin.*

Becky and Phil Novak - December 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *Dear Pat, Sheila and the Martin family
We were deeply saddened to learn of Mary's passing. Words cannot express our thoughts and prayers for your loss. She was an amazingly kind and caring person who provided so much love for her family, friends and church.*

Much Love, Phil, Becky and Todd Novak

philip novak - December 05, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DT

“ To the family, My deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother she was a beautiful lady inside & out. Growing up on N.Cleveland Ave your parents were the best. Always so kind & friendly,I always enjoyed talking with them. I’m sure Homer & Jackie were waiting for her with open arms 🌹 She was a wonderful woman. So sorry for your loss 😞🌹

Deborah Tofte - December 04, 2025 at 12:04 AM

CM

“ Condolences to the family, Mary was a wonderful woman. May she rest in eternal peace. Sing with the angels.

Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema



Catherine Miedema - December 02, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss Barb and all your family ❤️
Pat Luehrs

Pat Luehrs - December 02, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CB

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your sweet mom. She was a lovely lady. Praying for all of you. 🙏🙏



Candi Brenneisen - December 01, 2025 at 11:56 PM

SL

“ Patrick, I am very sorry for your loss. I always loved her smile and kindness. May she rest in peace. My prayers for her and her family.



Steven Lemner - December 01, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CE

“ Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Mary Therese (Smith) Martin



Connie Eaker - December 01, 2025 at 02:53 PM