



## Mary Josephine McDonald

April 24, 1937 - May 1, 2025

Mary Josephine McDonald, age 88, of Cabery, passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025 at her home.

She was born April 24, 1937 in Fairfield, the daughter of Delbert & Ruby Farrell Osterman.

Mary Jo married Gerald D. McDonald on January 2, 1960 in Mount Carmel. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1995.

Mary Jo worked in Human Resources at Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee for several years.

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cabery and St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher. Mary Jo was a member of the CCW and Carmelites: Mystical Star of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelite Community. She enjoyed the outdoors and participating in scouting events with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly & Carl Smicker of Cabery and Sharon Shelby of Cabery; five grandchildren, Shawn Shelby, Amy Corrigan, Kenna (Jordan) Panger, Brittany Smicker, and Mathew Smicker; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Lex, George, and Paul Osterman.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz in Kankakee.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher. The rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. at the church, led by the Carmelites.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the funeral Mass.

Inurnment will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery in Cabery.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Cabery, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
350 N. Main Street  
Herscher, IL 60941  
(815) 426-2153  
<http://www.saintmargaretmaryherscher.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mary Josephine McDonald.



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“ I have lots of fond memories of my Aunt Mary especially as a child. I was the flower girl when she married Uncle Jerry. I walked down the aisle in my little white dress with my basket of flowers and didn't throw out a single petal! She was not upset at all and laughed it off. She was a strong woman who lived and loved her faith 🙏

Janet Porter - May 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM



Thank you for sharing this beautiful memory.

Kim Smicker Mary's daughter - May 03, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ Grandma was the strongest 💪 most loving people ❤️ I've come across in my life. She's truly inspiring and will be missed eternally



Amy Corrigan - May 03, 2025 at 02:29 AM