



## Mary Peabody

Mary Margaret Barry Peabody, 43, of Chicago, formerly of Kankakee, died Friday (Feb. 18, 2005) at the Bernard Mitchell Hospital of the University of Chicago. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, 1480 W. Court St., Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 428 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee. She was born March 10, 1961, in Joliet, to Clement and Joan (Youtz) Barry, the ninth of 10 children. After graduating from Kankakee Westview High School, she received a bachelor of arts degree in theatre from Illinois State University, where she performed in numerous theatrical productions. In 1990, Mary won second place on "Jeopardy!" which led to a free trip to the Bahamas. While working at the San Diego Repertory Theatre, she met Roy Peabody, a playwright. In 1989, she performed in "Out There," his first produced drama. Mary and Roy were married on his birthday, June 10, 1990, in Balboa Park, in San Diego. They moved to Chicago the following year where they were founding members of Palookaville, a professional theater company. Mary performed the lead roles in the first three Palookaville productions: "The Tip" and "Medea" in 1992 and "Flute Lessons" in 1993. She also performed at Steppenwolf in "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Rise and Fall Of Little Voice" in 1993, where she took over the role of Mari Hoff when Rondi Reed became injured. When "Little Voice" moved to Broadway in 1994, Mary accompanied the production as an understudy, where she fell in love with New York. Mary approached her battle with cancer with the same

guts, grace and humor that she tackled her acting. As such, she was an inspiration to those who knew her. She is survived by her husband and son, Max, of Chicago. She is also survived by her parents of Mesa, Ariz.; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Jeremiah of San Diego, Calif., Douglas and Judy of Canton, Ga., Leo and Janet of Prairieville, La., Daniel of Bonfield, Nicholas and Karen of Bourbonnais; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Marilyn and Len Mulcahy of Kankakee, Marian of Mesa, Ariz., Bernadette of San Diego, Calif.; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by one sister, Madonna Barry. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to one of Mary's favorite charities, Heifer International, which helps poor and hungry families worldwide

# Tribute Wall



“ *What a wonderful site! Now to be able to come here FOREVER!  
Thank you so much!*

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**Marian Barry** - December 11, 2010 at 01:27 PM



*Its not me mary marie Peabody. Not me*

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**Not Mary Margaret Peabody** - August 29, 2017 at 08:23 AM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the lose of a beloved  
sister. We will be remembering you all in these days of sadness.  
Knowing our loved ones are with our Lord and Savior and no longer  
suffering helps during these times. God Bless!###imported-  
begin###Leonard & Renee Meaux###imported-end###*

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“ Leo, Janet & Family,  
I'm deeply sorry for your lost.  
I'm praying for you and your family.  
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of mercies and God of all comfort,...  
Corinthians 1:3.  
Love  
Belinda

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“ THE WARM AND STRENGTH OF GOD'S ARMS IS A PILLOW  
FOR THE DECEASE. BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN  
THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH: YEA, SAITH THE SPIRIT,  
THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS; AND THEIR  
WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.  
BETTY  
WATSON

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“ My heart goes out to all of you. May you be comforted by all of the  
wonderful memories of Mary. And by the warm thoughts of those  
who care. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this  
time.  
God Bless you all  
Pam  
Kammann

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“ Mary had the ability to make you feel like you were the most interesting person she knew. She she had a terrific sense of humor. I'm really missing her comments and input on our family website. Whenever I put something on there, I would anxiously await her comment...and usually laugh out loud when I"d read it. I love you Mary. See you later,JB###imported-begin##Jeremiah Barry###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Keep your faith in God and he will comfort you.<br><br><br>Shaun Anderson###imported-begin##Shaun Anderson###imported-end##

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“ molly,<br><br>I,am so sorry, I passed the church today and saw the funeral sign, I did not realize that your aunt's funeral was today. When I talked to you at the reconcilliation I i½thought that the arrangements were up north and that the arrangements were earlier during the week. Ken happen to be reading the papper today and saw the obit. i½i½We would have been there!!!! i½i½I i½am so sorry that we were not. i½Please give your mom a hug from all of us. i½Also the rest of the family---by the way she was gorgeous and you look just like her--your sister even more. i½I think she was blesd in many ways!!!! Love you, Gail,Mary Ellen, Joey,and Ken <br><br>###imported-begin##gail m dunleavy###imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Don LaCasse##imported-end##

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“ I only knew Mary for one year when Max are attending Edison School in Chicago. She always had a smile. She helped me with the craft fair at school. She was so talented. I remember her saying how you guys loved the Beatles and how she was painting a yellow submarine for Max's room. My prayers go out to Max and Roy on their loss.##imported-begin##Soraida Berrios-Guccione##imported-end##

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“ Dear Barry and Peabody Families,<br><br>I had the honor of working with Mary at San Diego Repertory Theatre and Roy at San Diego Opera. i¿½Mary's talent, committment and passion were an inspiration to many of us who worked with her in the arts here in San Diego, and we all wished her a million "standing O's" i¿½in Chicago when she and Roy left. i¿½I know today that her wonderful laugh is entertaining spirits elsewhere, and her expressive eyes are winking with the knowing that we will remember her forever. i¿½Roy...let us know when you'll be back to San Diego....<br><br>Love,<br><br>Gisele<br><br>##imported-begin##Gisele Papen##imported-end##

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“ Mary was a wonderful person that I had the privilege to know.   
½ We were in several of the drama productions in high school.   
½ We even directed one of the high school plays after we had graduated.   
½ My thoughts and prayers go out to you her family.   
½ Mary will be missed by all with her friendly smile and her caring for other people.   
<br><br>Deborah Yarneau-Voigts##imported-begin##Deborah Yarneau-Voigts##imported-end##

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“ Dear Barry and Peabody Family, <br><br>I am so sorry for your loss.   
½ I am with you in prayer and in spirit.   
½ I have fond memories of the day we spent with Mary's family and friends two summers ago -- like learning that Mary thought her Clary cousins were well dressed!!!   
½ That makes me smile, which is what she would want from all of us now.   
½ Love, Mary Kay##imported-begin##Mary (Clary) Moon##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Jerry Dugan##imported-end##

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“ I hadn't seen Mary in years, yet whenever she came to mind, she could still cause me to chuckle. What a wonderfully funny, beautiful person she was! I feel truly blessed to have known her. ĩ½It saddens me to know that the world is going to be a little less funny with her passing.<br><br><br><br>  
ĩ½My sincerest condolences,<br><br>  
ĩ½Tammy (Ninis) Kupferer##imported-begin##Tammy Ninis Kupferer##imported-end##

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“ I was very sad to hear we lost Mary. ĩ½I have not seen her since her mesmerizing role in "Medea" in 1992. ĩ½Although we have not kept in contact she has been in my thoughts over the years. ĩ½Mary is one of those people you don't forget. ĩ½We shared many a side splitting times in the Drama Dept at Westview and she was usually the cause of most of it. ĩ½She did everything to the fullest, especially laughing and making everyone else laugh too. ĩ½She was always passionate about acting and I knew she would make it happen. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to her husband, son and family. ĩ½Mary will be missed but remembered by all that knew her.##imported-begin##Debbie (Maslanka) Wilkerson##imported-end##

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“ I have looked at this page daily trying to decide what to say. It is hard. Words are not vivid enough to describe Mary. She could illuminate a room with her laugh and suck the air from the space in the next moment with a furrowed brow. *½*She was as few are, comfortable with herself. She was uncommon and amazing (even before 30). I will miss her greatly.   
  
  
  
Roy and Max- I am so sorry for your loss.   
  
Janice###imported-begin##Janice Smith-Matteson###imported-end##

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“ I am still having trouble processing the news of Mary?s passing for she was such an incredibly powerful life-force.   
  
  
  
When she walked into a room, you knew it. I never ceased to be amazed, and I must confess, jealous, of Mary?s talents: singing, acting, cooking, sewing, painting, limerick-writing...she seemed to be able to do them all well and her gifts were many. Add to that the blessings of a fabulous, loving husband, an amazing and talented child, a close-knit family, and a large cast of supportive, devoted friends and Mary?s life seemed complete. *½*Perhaps that is the mystery...how could it have ended so abruptly?  
  
  
  
They say a candle burns brightest before it burns out. Could a flame have burned brighter than Mary?s during her brief time on this earth? I think not.   
  
  
  
To Roy, Max and Mary's many friends and family members...may your memories of her love sustain you during this difficult *½*time.   
  
  
  
God bless you, Mary. We will miss you very much.###imported-begin##Sue Stephenson###imported-end##

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“ Mary,  
  
  
  
Though we lost track of one another these last few years, you have been in my heart for always.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
  
  
May God be with your family...they now have a formidable ally among the angels.  
  
  
  
I remember you, and always will, for your strength, beauty, and talent  $\frac{1}{2}$ Godspeed, old friend.  
  
  
  
For Roy Peabody; Please call.  $\frac{1}{2}$ If I can help in any way, please let me know.  
  
God Bless You, Roy.  
  
  
  
Chuck Tracy##imported-begin##Chuck Tracy##imported-end##

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss.  $\frac{1}{2}$ My prayers are with all of you.  
  
Toni Hardy##imported-begin##Toni Hardy##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry that you have had to experience such a great loss as a mother, Max.  $\frac{1}{2}$ Remember, I told you that my mother passed when I was eight.  $\frac{1}{2}$ I had good days and bad days.  $\frac{1}{2}$ Hard times and not so hard times, but one day it got better.  $\frac{1}{2}$ It will get better, Max.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
  
  
  
I have my entire church praying for you and your family, and we will continue to do so.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
  
Love,  
  
Martie##imported-begin##Martie R. Susberry##imported-end##

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“ Rest In Peace, Mary Margaret....I Love You##imported-begin##Daniel Barry##imported-end##

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“ Mary told us repeatedly in school that she would be an actress and that we would see her name in lights someday. She is one of the few who pursued and realized her dream. My deepest sympathies to her friends and family.##imported-begin##Kris Satterwhite Stasicky##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry about your loss. We miss you very much.##imported-begin##Frankie Moreno##imported-end##

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“ There are no words or feelings to understand when our loved ones are taken away from us. ¶½The day will come when we all know and understand God's great plan and until then we can only find comfort in one another and in our personal relationship with Christ. ¶½Leo & Janet, know that your church family loves you and supports you in your time of loss. ¶½Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you through this time. ¶½We are all praying for you and your family.<br><br><br><br>Love, Mark and Donna###imported-begin###Mark and Donna Broussard###imported-end###

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“ I found this and I thought it expresses better than I ever could...<br><br>God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So He put his arms around you, and whispered, "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched you suffer, and saw you fade away. Although we love you dearly we knew you could not stay. A golden heart stopped beating, working hands were put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove, He only takes the best.<br><br>I will always love you. ¶½¶½Love, Me###imported-begin###Katy Line###imported-end###

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss but, I am truly praying for you and your family.<br><br><br><br>Mrs. Owens###imported-begin###Kimberly Owens###imported-end###

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“ It struck me, as I was sitting at the Mulcahy table with Mary at Christmas, that her smile lit up the room. I regret that I didn't hug her when she left that night. I've had only a few conversations with Mary, but I remember feeling as though she was looking right into my heart each time. I've heard stories of what a kind, funny, intelligent, outgoing, talented and generous person she was. I heard these from her sister Marilyn and her niece Katy. The love in their voices was consistent and I'm sure it will remain. I am truly sorry for the loss of this beautiful person. I can only hope that the people she's left behind can cherish the memories that they have of her... and her smile. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jenny Rieck##imported-end##

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