



Mary Ann Peterson

July 3, 1944 - September 15, 2013

Visitation for Mary Ann Peterson, 69, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Burial will be in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Loda. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the Sunrise Center for Equine Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Riding. She passed away Sunday (Sept. 15, 2013) at her home.

Mrs. Peterson was a registered nurse. She was born July 3, 1944, in Chicago, the daughter of Dr. James and Marion Prendergast Hamilton. Her husband, Dr. Jon Peterson, whom she married Aug. 5, 1967, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, passed away Feb. 27, 2006. She was a graduate of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's School of Nursing. She was a member of Muriels, Crusaders, Kankakee Country Club, and the Kankakee County Medical Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Kankakee Jr. League. She was a volunteer for Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She loved to travel. She enjoyed riding, golfing and the arts. She was an animal lover.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Myra Peterson, of Franklin, Tenn., and Jonathan and Michelle Peterson, of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Jamie Ann Peterson, of Oak Park; eight grandchildren, Jake and Andrew Peterson, Samuel, Ethan, Liam and Addison Peterson, and Benjamin

and Ava Strokosch; and two brothers, James "Jimmy" Hamilton, of Florence, Mont., and John "Jack" Hamilton, of Madison, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.com) or Sunrise Center (<http://www.sunrisefarmsinc.com/Publication1SunPDF.pdf>)

Cemetery Details

Pine Ridge Cemetery

Loda, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Peterson* ”



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Mary Grabowski lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Peterson* ”



Mary Grabowski - August 27, 2019 at 06:02 PM



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John Hamilton - September 28, 2013 at 10:13 PM



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John Hamilton - September 28, 2013 at 04:14 PM



Maybe it was 1954.

John Hamilton - September 28, 2013 at 04:15 PM



“ *In 1954 our school, Blessed Sacrament, in Lincoln, Nebraska had a talent show, and Mary Ann stole the show. She wore a long yellow dress with flowers and such, and a straw hat that was hanging behind her neck. She sang "Oh Susanna" and "Clementine," or songs like that. She was so engaging with the audience that she got rousing cheers. I had tried out, singing "Old Black Joe," but didn't make the cut. It would have been normal to be jealous, but I was thrilled. My parents were too. Here's a song: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zI0Q8ytD44Y> - Jack*

John Hamilton - September 22, 2013 at 10:23 AM



In the summer of 1966 I went skeet shooting at the then Manteno Trap & Skeet Range, or whatever name was close to that, with my dad, Mary Ann, and her then boyfriend, who became known in retrospect as "Ralph." My dad scored 24 or 25 out of 25, Mary Ann scored 23, Ralph scored 18, and I was worst at 16 (A year later I worked there, and got better).

I didn't care about my low score, but Ralph was kind of undone. I could tell that he was humiliated and angry, and that it did not bode well for their relationship. I think they got into a fight later that night, and not long after that she started dating Jon Peterson. Talent and skill often work together to make things turn out for the better. Here's another song: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mLdUFw4Xfc>

John Hamilton - September 22, 2013 at 02:35 PM



I was wrong. It was Sacred Heart School. Blessed Sacrament was the first school we went to in Lincoln. The skeet shooting was more likely in 1965.

John Hamilton - September 23, 2013 at 09:37 AM

CJ

“ *Carla And Jerry lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Peterson*



Carla and Jerry - September 21, 2013 at 01:12 PM

VB

“ *My prayers are with Mary Ann and her family. I knew her since we were In nursing school together. I feel blessed to have known Mary Ann and Jon. I have many fond memories we shared. You will be missed.*

Violet Mann Berry

Violet Mann Berry - September 19, 2013 at 08:42 PM

JJ

“ May God bless Mary Ann and her wonderful family. Her life is an exceptional yet rare example of a life well-lived and our family was blessed to witness her - quietly living and teaching us with every choice and gesture - small and large. Mary Ann was stoic and strong yet kind and compassionate, always capable and gracious. I am grateful that her memory and example will live with our family - especially my girls - forever. We love you Mary Ann, thank you.
Jen, Rick, Hailey & Genevieve Johns

Jen Johns - September 19, 2013 at 12:26 PM

CG

“ I knew Mary Ann and Jon Peterson when they were first married. She attended St. Pat's when I attended Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. I knew her parents very well and they were very kind to me and my daughter that I was raising alone. We were always invited on Christmas Eve because Dr. Hamilton and his wife did not have any grandchildren yet, and they practiced on her. Mary Ann and Jon were always kind to me and my family. I worked at St. Mary's and Riverside Medical Center so knew Jon from there. She was a beautiful and giving person inside and out. My sympathy and prayers go to all the family members.
From: Cheryl (Rusty) Baron Gash

Cheryl (Rusty) Baron Gash - September 18, 2013 at 04:56 PM



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John Hamilton - September 18, 2013 at 02:56 PM



His touchdown run was about thirty yards. I didn't have my camera ready. He looked great, like a pro. His team is the Bourbonnais Bears, or, as Jay used to say, the Bonus Bears.

John Hamilton - September 18, 2013 at 03:53 PM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. Jim and I are grateful for the blessing of knowing and sharing time with Mary Ann and Dr. Peterson.*

Jim and Sandi Kegg - September 18, 2013 at 02:24 PM

JG

“ *We are in shock upon learning of Mary Ann's passing. She was such a class act. Our sympathies and condolences to her family. It was a privilege to have known her.*
Jerry Glade and Carla Scheppler

Jerry Glade - September 18, 2013 at 01:54 PM

DV

“ *Please accept our sincere sympathy.*
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Vakselis
Las Cruces, NM

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Vakselis - September 18, 2013 at 01:02 PM

JA

“ *My prayers to the Peterson family during this sad time. Know that you have a community of love and support around you.*
In heartfelt sympathy,
Judy Amiano

Judy Amiano - September 18, 2013 at 11:42 AM



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John Hamilton - September 17, 2013 at 08:34 PM

PR

“ *I will never forget the great smile and the joy she would bring to all in her path. We were very blessed to know Mary Ann and the Peterson family . Our sympathies to all.*

*Paul & Judy Reinking
Goodyear , Az.*

Paul & Judy Reinking - September 17, 2013 at 01:04 PM

MT

“ *Our prayers are with the Peterson family in this sad loss. May God hold you close, wipe your tears, and bring sweet memories to reignite the smiles. Mary & John Thomson*



Mary Thomson - September 17, 2013 at 12:04 PM

JS

“ We were so sorry to learn of Mary Ann’s death, and we extend to Jay, Jamie, Jonathan and their children and all her family our very deepest sympathies and condolences. We were privileged and blessed to have both Jon and Mary Ann as life-long friends, and they left us with the very best of memories. Jon’s untimely death at age 62 was devastating, but Mary Ann “stepped up” and dealt with the blow of her husband’s passing with dignity and grace, which is always difficult under stressful and painful circumstances. When Mary Ann received her own disappointing diagnosis, she again “stepped up” to meet the inevitable, not with complaint or anger, but again with indomitable resoluteness and dignity. She set a wonderful example of how one behaves in a tough situation. Mary Ann’s effort and courage to keep enjoying life as much as possible demonstrated her strength and faith. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. With our very deepest sympathy,
Jean and Ed Smith

Jean & Ed Smith - September 16, 2013 at 07:05 PM