



Mary Jane Sublette

November 24, 1925 - November 29, 2025

Mary Jane (Pickering) Sublette, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 29, 2025, five days after celebrating her 100th birthday with family. The daughter of James A. Pickering Sr. and Susie Laura (Rockwell) Pickering, she was born on November 24, 1925, in Douglas, Wyoming. After graduating from high school in Colorado, she began her over seventy-year love story with Donald O. Sublette when they met at a USO dance in Pueblo, Colorado during World War II. They exchanged wedding vows in Pueblo on June 15, 1945, and moved to Kankakee where they raised three children. Mary Jane worked for the late Dr. Herbert P. Swartz.

As a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church for 79 years, she was a dedicated volunteer and participated in numerous church events. She enjoyed hosting family activities, reading, traveling, gardening, cooking, crafting, exercising, completing puzzles, and solving word searches.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Steve (Barb) Sublette of Montrose, Colorado; daughter and son-in-law, Helen (Bill) Spriggs of Kankakee; daughter, Cynthia Sloan of Bourbonnais; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna (Vince) Saindon of Bourbonnais; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Gus (Gwen) Sublette of Grand Junction, Colorado, six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; parents; brothers, James and Charles Pickering; sisters, Helen (Pickering) Penaluna and Catherine (Pickering) Parga; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Iris (Sublette)

Faford and Ade Faford; sister-in-law, Gloria (Sublette) Patton and Pat Sublette; and son-in-law, Vern Sloan.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church of Kankakee or Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

ET

“ Please accept my deepest condolences to her family. When my husband, Peter, and I moved to Westwood she was so kind and thoughtful

Evelyn Torchia - December 15, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Mrs Sublette was one of the kindest Moms on the southside. She always wore a smile. I felt at home and safe when I was around her. She and my Mom were good friends. God Bless you Mrs Sublette.

Peggy Shockley - December 14, 2025 at 09:18 PM

TP

“ Helen, Cindy and Steve you have our deepest sympathy. Your mother I met during high school days and from that time forward I really thought she was a wonderful person. So glad you had her for so many years. God Bless you all and she is up with our Lord . 🙏🙏🙏

Tom Wasser and Paula - December 14, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MB

“ It is with sadness that this beautiful and sweet lady has passed. I truly enjoyed getting a hug from her and saying hello every Sunday. She always had a smile. I am sending my deepest sympathy to the Sublette families as I know how much this dear lady is missed. God bless the your family during these difficult days. Love, Mary Lou Bates

Mary Lou Bates - December 14, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SH

“ Sheri lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Sheri - December 14, 2025 at 09:33 AM

SH

Such a sweet lady and my most sincere condolences to Helen and Cindi!!

Sheri - December 14, 2025 at 09:32 AM

KL

“ Kaye Lovell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Kaye Lovell - December 13, 2025 at 06:17 PM

TD

“ Tom Dandelles lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Tom Dandelles - December 13, 2025 at 03:27 PM

VA

“ Helen Cindy and Steve, I am so sorry about mom passing away! I really enjoyed taking care of her!! Love all of you!! Vicky

Victoria Acosta - December 13, 2025 at 10:07 AM

FH

“ Fred Hiles lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Fred Hiles - December 12, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CR

“ I had the nicest time visiting with your mom as well as others at our “Craft ladies” meetings at church. Your mom was a sweetheart ❤️

Cindy Roberts - December 11, 2025 at 12:45 AM

DW

“ Dixie & Kevin Weerts lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Dixie & Kevin Weerts - December 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JS

“ Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Sublette



Janice Shenk - December 10, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JS

My thoughts and prayers to you Steve and family. What a wonderful like she must have had.

Janice Shenk - December 10, 2025 at 04:09 PM