



Mary Jane Gehlhausen

July 21, 1924 - August 10, 2020

Mary Jane (Richey) Gehlhausen, 96, peacefully passed away on August 10, 2020 at Oakwood Health Campus in Tell City. She was born July 21, 1924 in Indianapolis to Edward, a railroad steam engine engineer and Nettie Mae (McCool) Richey, a homemaker. She and her parents moved to Southern Indiana in her early years. She graduated from Birdseye High School in 1942. Upon graduation, she moved back to Indianapolis to become one of the many young women who went to work in the WWII war effort. At the Lukas-Harold Corporation she helped make the Norden bombsight at this highly secretive plant in Indy. The bombsight was a crucial part of the Allied victory in WWII.

Mary Jane, or Janey as some called her was an independent woman ahead of her time. She loved to read, garden, working in her flowers, and delighted in spending time with her children and grandkids. One of her outstanding qualities was her ability to adapt and accept change in her life. Blessed with an open mind and a huge heart, she was a wonderful and thoughtful letter and note writer to many friends and family. Very practical and down to earth with a good sense of humor, she had many friends. Always thinking of others first, and never tried to put pressure on or control others. She was able to drive, and drove until she was 93. Even if she always had a heavy foot on the gas. She married Victor Garrett Gehlhausen on March 18, 1945. They celebrated over 52 years of married life until he passed away on November 5, 1997.

During her many working years she worked a many different factories, including G.E., Tell City Chair, DMI in Huntingburg and Sound Design. Later in life she worked in the laundry at a nursing home in Jasper, and in housekeeping at a Jasper hotel.

She was a survivor of Covid 19, but it depleted her strength and accelerated her decline.

Mary Jane is survived by four sons, David (Elizabeth) Gehlhausen of Henderson, KY., Mike (Iola) Gehlhausen, Bill (Ramona) Gehlhausen, and Chris "Petey" (Bonnie) Gehlhausen all of Birdseye. One daughter, Nancy (Fred) Etienne of Magnet. Eleven grandchildren, Garrett and Arin (Jenny) Gehlhausen, Lisa (Jon) Heichelbech; Adam (Nicole) and Ryan (Maral) Etienne; Jeremy (Crystal), Jason and Tori (John) Gehlhausen; Nic Gordon; Logan (Betsy) and Jordan (Heith) Gehlhausen and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, Victoria, a daughter at birth, a son, Keith and a grandson Scott Gehlhausen. Her parents, Edward and Nettie Richey, three sisters, Virginia Cook, Edna Stephenson, and Verna Wynne, and a nephew who was like a brother to her, William Baurle.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 central on Friday August 14, 2020 at St. Martin Of Tours Church in Siberia. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation at the church from 8:00 until the time of the mass. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Martins Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be shared at www.becherfuneralhome.com.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 08:00AM - 10:00AM

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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
Siberia, IN, US

AUG **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Siberia, IN, US

AUG **Burial**

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St. Martin Of Tours Catholic Church Cemetery
IN, US

Comments



“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear mother and grandmother. May your memories and the love you shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Your friends at the Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Office

VU Alumni and Foundation Office - August 17, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Nancy and Family, We were so sorry to hear about your mom’s passing. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts, and we pray that God will give you strength to help you get through this difficult time. Love, prayers, and (((HUGS))). Karen and Norm Kessens

Karen Kessens - August 13, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Mom, we love you. We will miss you but know you are at peace. Tell everyone in heaven Hi for us. Until we see you again. Thanks for everything..
love, Nancy



Nancy Jane Etienne - August 13, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Fred, Nancy, and Family. Sorry to hear about the passing of Mary. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Paul and Becky Hubert - August 13, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Joyce Stallman And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Gehlhausen



Joyce Stallman and family - August 13, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Soo sorry Nancy and Chris I had no idea you were brother and sister and your in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. God bless your families

Dean, Marolyn & Hunter Flamion - August 13, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Tracey McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Gehlhausen



Tracey McIntosh - August 13, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Nancy and Fred and the Gehlhausen family, we offer you our sympathy for the loss of your mother. She will be missed by all of you. Kenny and Diana LaGrange

Kenny LaGrange - August 13, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ I enjoyed the times I was with Mary Jane over the last 50 years. She was always a classy lady; upbeat, supportive, encouraging. She and Vic raised a great family. I'm sorry for your grief at this time. All of you were close to your mother. You appreciated her and you know she appreciated you!
Laura Terry

laura terry - August 12, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Gehlhausen.



August 12, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Condolences to all the family. She was a wonderful gracious lady I had the privilege of knowing for many years
Jim Black

Jim Black - August 12, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ D. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mary Jane Gehlhausen.



D. - August 11, 2020 at 10:51 PM