



Mary Jane McNeilly

December 29, 1936 - October 5, 2022

Mary Jane McNeilly of Grand Ledge passed away October 5, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. Mary Jane was born December 29, 1936 in Detroit, daughter of Frank and Helene (Calder) Letzau. She graduated from Resurrection High School Class of 1955. Mary Jane worked for the MSU Library and while working at the university she met Gerald McNeilly. Mary Jane Letzau and Gerald McNeilly were united in marriage on September 24, 1960 and they were blessed with 6 wonderful children. Later in life, Mary Jane worked for the Diocese of Lansing in the Office of Education Catechesis and Youth Ministry. Since the 1970's she had faithfully been involved with Hands of Rosary Makers at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lansing where she made in excess of 315,000 rosaries. In addition to making rosaries, Mary Jane displayed her talents and creativity by putting kits together, with her family, which included computers, stereos, and even a boat. Mary Jane continued to stay connected with her graduating class from Resurrection where she would organize reunions. The gatherings were more like family reunions because of how close her graduating class was. She had a "green thumb" and enjoyed growing and tending to her rose gardens and also looked forward to camping and playing bingo. Mary Jane also made many afghans for the disabled veterans in Grand Rapids. The most important thing to Mary Jane was spending time with her family and especially with the grandkids. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gerald; children, Jill (John) Ostrander, John, James (Susan), Joseph and Jeffrey (Missy); 18

grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren with one on the way; special extended family, Jessica Gorski, Teresa Wolski, Kathleen Wolski Nuttall and Carolyn Kowalik. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her daughter, Julie McNeilly on January 1, 2022 and sister and brother-in-law, Anna Mae and Bob Drew. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 8, 2022, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Mary Jane at 11:00 AM Saturday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/4WNI T8z9VHQ> . Rite of Committal will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:30 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and at the church Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass at 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be given to Hands of Mary Rosary Makers, 3815 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48910 or McLaren Homecare & Hospice, 1515 Cal Drive, Davison, Michigan 48423.

Cemetery Details

Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2520 W. Willow
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Grand Ledge, MI 48837
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Visitation

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

OCT 7. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Mary Jane was our 1955 Resurrection Classmate and we stayed in contact until her passing through computer. She was so special and will be missed by so many. RIP sweet girl. You are now an Angel. Love you, JoAnn Passarelli-Clink-Howard.*



JoAnn Passarelli - January 06, 2023 at 12:17 PM

LM

“ *I am just now hearing of the passing of Mary Jane. I had the privilege of styling her hair for many years and always looked forward to our time together. She was a bright spot in my day. Rest in Peace with your daughter Julie. Many prayers to Jerry and children. Lisa Maxwell*


Lisa Beth Maxwell - December 05, 2022 at 11:28 AM

NT

“ *What an amazing, wonderful woman--and dear friend. Jane was the connector, the community building of our remarkable Resurrection class of 1955. She helped plan many a class reunion, kept the official class address list, connected with many classmates...and about eight of us would gather for lunch periodically---which gave me a good excuse to drive into Lansing from Detroit. She has a beautiful spirit and a bountiful heart. We all loved her and will surely miss her...We are all growing older (hopefully wiser and caring) and so I regret that leg issues prevent me from driving into Grand Ledge--but I shall be there in spirit. Nancyann Turner, OP*

nancyann turner - October 07, 2022 at 07:53 PM



Thank you Sister Nancyann! Mom mentioned you every now and then. I'd love to actually meet you - my email is below 

*~joseph
mcjoeman@gmail.com*

Joe McNeilly Sr. - June 22, 2023 at 12:43 AM

DQ

“ I worked with Jane for a while at the Diocese of Lansing. What a wonderful, caring person with a beautiful smile. She will be missed. I send my sympathy to the family and especially Jill as she kept me updated on Jane's progress. I am so sorry I can't be there with you at visitation or the funeral due to my knee replacement. I am sending love and hugs and I know Jane is an angel now watching over all her family and friends. Sincerely, Donna Queen



Donna Queen - October 07, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.



October 06, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.



October 06, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.*



October 06, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.*



October 06, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.*



October 06, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.*



October 06, 2022 at 03:53 PM

FM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Jane's family and friends. I have fond memories of Mary Jane from my time at the diocese and at St. Michael Parish.*

Fr Bob McGraw - October 06, 2022 at 03:27 PM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mike Huhn - October 06, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane McNeilly.*



October 06, 2022 at 10:52 AM