



Mary Helen Frey

July 29, 1928 - September 16, 2016

Mary H. Frey, age 88, of Dixon, died peacefully September 16, 2016, surrounded by her children. She was born July 29, 1928, in Dixon, the daughter of George and Julia (Sarvus) Muntean. She married Jean L. (Bud) Frey in 1947. Together they had 6 children: Mary Lynn, John, David, Randy, Laura, and Ronnie.

Mary attended Dixon schools and worked different jobs all of her life, starting with A&P Grocery Store, and retiring from Raynor Garage Doors. She loved being with all of her grandkids. Mary loved to bake and her pies were legendary. She loved taking walks up her lane, bonfires, her music, and watching old movies. She was always smiling.

Mary was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, and the Catholic Womens Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband December 2, 1999; 3 sons John, David, and Randy Frey; 2 grandchildren Jesse and Lee Allen Frey; 2 sisters Gladys Gabany and Julia Healy; 2 brothers Georgie Muntean and Louie Gabany.

Survivors include her three children Mary Lynn (James) Davison, Laura (Jim) Schrock, and Ronnie (Peg) Frey, all of Dixon; 14 grandchildren Jeni (Monty) Smith, D.J. Emmert, Ryan (Jenny) Lavelle, Anna Davison, Tonya Davison Shaw, Seth (Jamie) Frey, Chance Frey, Erin (Matt) Herpstreith, Matt Schrock, Megan Schrock, Aaron (Julie) Grimes, Eric (Jasmyn) Grimes, and Shane (Heather) Grimes; 15 great-grandchildren Vince Smith, Spenser (Nolan

Yocum) Smith, Mackenzie Shaw, Emery and Julian Lavelle, Vivienne Frey, Caleb and Austin Herpstreith, Mariah, Addie, Emma, Justis, Noah, Emily, and Liam Grimes; 1 great-great granddaughter Nora Ashlyn Yocum; many nieces and nephews.

May the angels watch over you until we are all together again.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Bernard Sehr, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, from 8:30 AM until 9:45 AM in the church. A memorial has been established.

“The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. True beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It's the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows & the beauty of a woman only grows with passing years.” - Audrey Hepburn

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Service

SEP 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Helen Frey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM




“ *Mary Helen Frey*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My memories of Mary Frey are the same as my siblings..always fun to go visit Mary and we kids all grew up together. I have known her most of my life and will always remember her as Happy, smiling and laughing. She had a heart of gold and loved everyone. Always baking and serving coffee every visit. I rarely returned to Dixon without seeing Mary as part of my visit. I mostly appreciate the friendship she and my mother had for most of their adult lives. My mom came here from Germany and Mary was one of the first friends she made. Mom loved Mary very much. Mary would often take all of us to church with her family when Dad was working and Mom didn't drive...picture 7 or 8 kids all piled into back of a station wagon! Mary will be missed by all who knew her and will always be an "angel" to me! I will keep a candle at church lit in her memory...*



*Kathy Wyble
The Villages, Florida*

Kathy Wyble - September 20, 2016 at 11:49 AM

KW

Sorry that I forgot to include my maiden name is Fordham and my Mom is Erika Fordham...have 8 brothers and sisters, who all loved Mary also and several still live in Dixon..Lisa Goad, Jamie Fordham and Amanda Fordham already posted..Thanks!

Kathy Wyble - September 20, 2016 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ Mary was like a "Mother" to all of us at Raynor during I worked there. Then I went to work for ComEd in 1981. My deepest memories were of how sweet and thoughtful she was. My Deepest Sympathies to her family as she will be sorely missed!

Dennis Stowell - September 20, 2016 at 01:37 AM

AF

*“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mary my whole life as my grandma Erika and her were great friends. One of the sweetest ladies I've ever met that always had a welcoming smile and hug. I always looked forward to going out to her house to play games.She will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to you all during this time.
Amanda Fordham*

Amanda Fordham - September 18, 2016 at 08:22 PM

LB

“ Love, Sharon and Craig Barnhart purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Frey.



Love, Sharon and Craig Barnhart - September 18, 2016 at 01:31 PM

SB

“ *Mary Lynn, Laura, and Ronnie,*

I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very special lady, loved by everyone. I have so many fond memories of your mom and loved visiting with her each time I was in Dixon. She will always be in my heart.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Love,
Sharon and Craig Barnhart*

sharon barnhart - September 18, 2016 at 12:41 PM

JF

“ *I will always remember going over to Mary's when I was growing up with my mom and sitting around the kitchen table, listening to her favorite music and playing aggravation or sorry and enjoying a pop along with something Mary had baked! I am glad I was able to share this with my wife too when we came home for a visit! I will also remember the sticks of gum she would put in greeting cards, a tradition we carried on with her in our cards to her!*
Sincerely, Jamie and Colleen Fordham

Jamie&Colleen Fordham - September 18, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JF

“ *Jamie And Colleen Fordham lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Frey*



Jamie and Colleen Fordham - September 18, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Vikki Fordham Anderies lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Frey*



Vikki Fordham Anderies - September 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *Lisa Goad lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Frey*



Lisa Goad - September 17, 2016 at 06:02 PM

LG

“ My mom, Erika, and Mary have been life-long friends. I always looked forward to going with mom to visit. They would sit at the kitchen table and talk while all us kids ran around the yard, usually playing hide and go seek. If we weren't outside, we were sitting at the table with them playing Aggravation or Crazy 8's and listening to music on the radio. Mary always had some sweet treat for us, too! My favorite was her rhubarb pie. I loved how you could never leave without her grabbing a "quick picture" with her camera. As an adult, I still enjoyed visiting with her and my own children were just as welcome at that kitchen table. She always made you feel special. My sympathy goes out to her family. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Lisa Fordham Goad



Lisa Goad - September 17, 2016 at 06:01 PM

DC

“ Dan and Kimberley Cleary purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Helen Frey.



Dan and Kimberley Cleary - September 17, 2016 at 04:11 PM

RG

“ *She was such a neat funny lady . The chats she had when I did her hair ..may she rest in piece*



Robin Griffith - September 17, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Frey.*



September 17, 2016 at 02:41 PM