



Mary Jane Brinkman

December 22, 2021

Brinkman, Mary Jane (nee Schwindeman), a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 98 on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; three sisters, Lucille Lewis (Len), Ruth Keller (Chip), Irene Fischer (Carl) and a brother, Urban Schwindeman (Charlotte). She is survived by two daughters, Connie Franklin (Larry, deceased), Sharon Sigler (John) and a son, Ron Brinkman (Shelley).

Mary was all about family. Along with her 3 children, she loved spending special time with her 8 grandchildren, Todd Franklin (Beth), Stacia Franklin, Stephanie Sigler (deceased), Brock Sigler (Kellie), Heidi Godby (Josh), Drew Brinkman (Noelle), Shannon Brinkman, and Lauren Allen. That same love was shared with her 12 great grandchildren, Kaelan, Eliana, Mason, Kennedee, Rylee, Max, Hunter, Arya, Ainsley, Zeke, Luke, and Josh. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mary and Ralph were born and grew up in Dayton, where they married in 1944. After Ralph served his 4 year term in the US Navy, they returned to civilian life and moved from Mobile, AL to Hummelstown, PA (near Hershey). They enjoyed their time in Pennsylvania, where they built their first home, with the help of several friends. They moved back to Dayton in 1965 and have since lived in the Centerville area.

Mary loved life and being with people. She was always quick with a smile and first to lend a helping hand where it was needed. She was an active member of her church community at Incarnation where she met and made many lifelong friends.

The family would like to especially acknowledge and thank Kim and the entire St. Leonard SDR staff for all their efforts and caring shown to Mary.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 12/29, from 5:00- 7:00 p.m., at the Westbrook Funeral Home, 5980 Bigger Rd. Her Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, at Incarnation Church after which she will be buried next to her husband, Ralph, at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Westbrock Funeral Home

5980 Bigger Road, Kettering, OH, US, 45440

DEC **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Church of the Incarnation

7415 Far Hills Ave, Centerville, OH, US, 45459

Comments



“ A very dear lady. . . . a very dear soul, Mary was full of kindness and generosity, she was dedicated to her Lord and her church community. A great baker of many many cakes! Mary would supply many new Catholics who went through RCIA with a daily meditation book and sometimes a religious medal or rosary. Mary gave many years and hours at all times to cleaning the Church. She loved people and she truly radiated God's love and always with her bright face and bigger than life smile! Joy now fills her heart, she has waited patiently, she enjoys the rewards of her goodness
Thanks, Mary, for your love and kindness
Tim Niesel

Tim Niesel - December 29, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ I have happy memories with Mary when she helped cleaned the church, and I worked in the Sacristy on Mondays. Then a group of us would go over to Bill's doughnuts for coffee, doughnuts, and much talk and laughter. She was a lovely person with a beautiful smile for everyone.
May she rest in peace.
Amy Bartz

Amy Bartz - December 28, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ We met Mary at St Leonard. She was a neighbor of my Dad's. Mary grew up on Wyoming St, a block from my house on Missouri Av...30 years before me. We knew some of the same people. Mary remembered them when they were young, I knew them when they were old. Mary shared a great story from her days in the neighborhood; the day she roller skated down the Nassau St hill. I'll always think of that story and laugh when I think of my old neighborhood.

God bless Mary and those of you who loved her most.

Joe and Julie Saluke

Joe Saluke - December 28, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Brinkman.



December 25, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ May God bless Aunt Mary; she was such a fun and good person, and always had a smile on her face. I'm sure that Uncle Ralph has greeted her with open arms. She led a beautiful life on earth, and now has a closer place with God.

Judy Schwindeman Connelie - December 24, 2021 at 09:54 PM