



Mary J. Koehler

August 11, 1933 - May 17, 2020

Mrs. Mary Janet “Bobo” Koehler of Centerville, Ohio passed away on 17 May 2020 at the St. Leonard Faith Community at the age of 86, lovingly surrounded by her children. Born in 1933 as Mary Janet Recker in Lima, Ohio at St. Rita’s Hospital and raised in Leipsic, Ohio, she is best known for her winning “Hollywood-class” smile, her long-standing “suffer no fools” attitude, and her vibrant zest for life. She was a wife and mother of six, a professional nurse for over 40 years, a Nursing Instructor and eventually Professor of Nursing at Sinclair Community College, and an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, St Albert the Great Church and St Leonard Catholic Church. Upon retirement from Sinclair College, she enjoyed two decades of volunteer service and camaraderie at Corner Cupboard Charities in Dayton, Ohio. Her final resting place will be the Calvary Cemetery of Dayton.

Mary J. Koehler is preceded in death by her parents (Wayland B. Recker and H. LuElla Clancy Recker) and her three siblings (Robert B. Recker, Lou Recker Dohm, and Pat Recker Kolodzik). She is survived by her six amazing children: Janet Koehler Knapp (Bob) (children Faith Todd (Grady), Connor Knapp, Brigette Christopher (Caleb), Christian Knapp (Charlotte), MaryClaire Thomas (Micah), and Caleb Knapp). Chuck Koehler (Kathy) (son Ben). Kurt Koehler (Lorie) (children Colleen, Keith, Craig, and Kourtney). David Koehler (Sherri) (daughters Katy, Megan, and Erin Rich (Cameron). Jimmy Koehler (Mindy). Joan Koehler Trick (daughters Lydia and Gretchen). Mary “Jay” is also survived by more great grandchildren (twelve) “than you can shake a stick at”; they all loved her deeply and affectionately called her Bobo (Duncan, Joseph, LuElla, Sam, Charlie, Cordelia, Charlene, Henry, Jimmy, Mark, Asher and Lillian).

Due to the restrictions regarding Covid-19 Virus prevention guidelines, it is requested that no flowers be sent. Instead, donations to Corner Cupboard Charities of Dayton or to Dayton Right to Life would greatly honor Mary Janet Koehler and her memory.

Her life will be celebrated with Catholic Mass at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Kettering, Ohio on Tuesday, May 26 at 10am. Social distancing rules will be applied.

Church is asking you wear masks. A private visitation for the family only will be before the mass. Graveside services at Calvary Cemetery.

There will be a celebration of life as soon as restrictions are lifted and family and friends

can come together and reminisce.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery
1625 Calvary Drive
Dayton, OH, 45409

Events

MAY 26 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM
St. Albert the Great
3033 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH, US, 45429

Comments



“ Condolences to all the Koehler family but especially to our dear friend, Janet, and all the Knapps. What a great family you have--a great testimony to and legacy for Mary Janet Koehler. The Murphys love you and are praying for you. Always, Mike, Valinda, and children

Mike and Valinda Murphy - May 25, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ I am so sorry for your family's loss.

Lisa Molnar Maga - May 21, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bob Knapp - May 20, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ Sending my sincere condolences to the Koehler family during this difficult time. Mama bear will be missed. I've always admired Mary and the strength she displayed while raising a great bunch of kids.

I have been remembering the summer nights we all spent sitting at the picnic table in the yard on Rugby. We all shared so many great times out there, where the laughter was so strong it would hurt. Mary was always right in the middle of it, dishing it out as well as she could take it. She had a great sense of humor and passed it on to you kids, I will cherish all the memories i have because of Mary.

I would post a picture of of one of those nights but I believe they have all been burned to protect the identity of the innocent.

Thank you Mary for sharing your life with me.

Sean Davidson

Sean - May 18, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Many have shared so many memories and have said amazing things about Bobo these last couple of days and you should know it has meant a lot to the family. The best part of my world would not exist if it wasn't for Bobo. Thank you for raising such a wonderful batch of kids Bobo. Saying you will be missed doesn't even come close.
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Mindy Koehler - May 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ Great picture

jimmy k - May 25, 2020 at 02:49 PM