



Mary Ann Lerner

October 10, 1935 - September 12, 2019

Age 83, of Wilmington, IL passed away peacefully, Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born October 10, 1935 in Chicago, IL to the late Joseph and Clara (nee Malewicki) Dorski. She worked and retired from the Andrew Corporation in Orland Park, IL. Mary was a former member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood and the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Wilmington. She currently attended St. John Paul II in Kankakee. Mary was devout in her faith and greatly enjoyed singing in the church choir. She was also a minister of care, lector, and member of the Legion of Mary and CCW. She taught water aerobics, performed at the Joliet Drama Guild and in the Morris Theatre Guild. Surviving are her beloved husband, Thomas Raymond Lerner, Sr. of Wilmington, whom she married October 10, 1953 in Chicago, IL; her loving children, Patricia (Raymond) O'Gorman, Thomas (Mary E.) Lerner, Jr., Therese (Lee) Ondera, Edward (Patty) Lerner, Joyce (Dennis) Holm, Rose (Donald) Umlauf, Catherine Lerner, Joseph (Holley) Lerner, Angelique (Lawrence) Johnson, and Barbara Lerner; grandmother to twenty-four; great-grandmother to nineteen, with two on the way; and loving sister to, Rita Orzechowski of Joliet, IL. Preceding her in death were her parents; one grandchild, Sarah; and one infant brother, Eugene Dorski. Visitation for Mary will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 2-6 p.m. Funeral services will be from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Monday, September 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to the St. Teresa

Catholic Church in Kankakee, IL for the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. Private inurnment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to masses or mission thirty day masses. For more information and to sign her online guestbook please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church
361 N. St. Joseph Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7683

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *The single most amazing, loving, kind, compassionate, brave, humble and lovely person I have ever known. I love and miss you Mom! You'll always be my birthday buddy, my comfort, my angel and my best friend.*

Have fun splashing in the "big pool" with all of the other angels. SD!
Barb Lerner

Barbara Lerner - October 16, 2019 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ *The picture of Mary here is perfect. That smile!*

It was always a pleasure to be onstage with Mary at Joliet Drama Guild. She and Tom contributed a great deal to the organization.

My sincere condolences to Tom and the family

Sue Martin

Sue Martin - September 16, 2019 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ *We were Joliet Drama Guild friends of both Mary and Tom, with very fond memories of both. Blessings to all her family as you cope with not having her physical presence with you.*

David and Marcille Sandahl

Marcille Sandahl - September 15, 2019 at 03:57 PM

DM

“ Many years ago, as I sat in IC church, the most beautiful voice joined mine in harmony as we sang the Entrance Song. After listening to this lady harmonizing with me throughout mass, I introduced myself and my husband to Mary and Tom. I invited her to sing in the choir that day, which began years of singing together and a beautiful friendship between us and our husbands. We will miss you Mary, but we know you are now singing in God’s Heavenly Choir. We send our deepest sympathies to Tom and family.

Deb and Ron Mitchell - September 15, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ Whenever I saw Mary at Immaculate Conception Church, she always had a smile and offered a kind word. I enjoyed singing with her in the IC choir. My deepest condolences to Tom and family. May Mary rest in the peace of Christ.

John Slanicky - September 13, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lerner.



September 13, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lerner.



September 13, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lerner.*



September 13, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *I knew Mary as Mom. She and her daughters met every month in what they called "Club". Mary and her daughter Joyce welcomed me into the "club" along with her other daughters. I will miss her smile and her hugs. She is home with her beloved Jesus. Who could ask for anything better for such a blessed soul.*

Linda Mensching - September 12, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mary was also a frequent volunteer at the Braidwood Food Pantry. She was very much loved and definitely will be missed. It is comforting to know she is in the arms of Our Lord.*
Noreen Brandle

Noreen Brandle - September 12, 2019 at 08:08 PM