



Mary Ann Van Haelst

July 29, 1930 - October 18, 2012

Mary A. Van Haelst (nee Nelson), age 82, passed away Thursday evening, October 18, 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. Mary was born on July 29, 1930 in Geneva, IL and resided in Braidwood, IL. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Van Haelst whom she married on September 8th 1951 in St. Charles, IL. Mary is the mother of 4 children, Julea (Rex) Krohn of Machesney Park IL, Denise (John) Murdie of Manhattan IL, Frank (Jennie) Van Haelst of Braidwood IL, and Nelson (Sylvia) Van Haelst of Custer Park IL. Mary was Gram to Rex Michael (Tamra) Krohn of Cedar Rapids Iowa, Kris (Dean) Latka of Janesville, Wisconsin, Annie (Nathan) McPherson of Morris, IL, Cassie (Ben) Bailey of Dwight, IL, John (Lauren) Murdie of Channahon IL, Linden Murdie and Mary Murdie of Manhattan IL, Jacob Murdie of Symerton, IL, and Grant Van Haelst of Custer Park, IL. "GGV; Geeves" (Great Gramma Van Haelst) was loved dearly by her bunch of great-grand children, Abby, Matthew and Hope Krohn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Alex and Sadie Latka of Janesville, Wisconsin, Andrew McPherson of Morris, IL, John "Nugget" Murdie and twins Colin and Brock Murdie of Channahon, IL, and Bryce and Charlotte Bailey of Dwight IL. Mary was a long time member of the New Lenox Sportsmen's Club (Meneoka). Mary and her husband Frank were the 1st residents; residing in the club for ten years. She enjoyed fishing with her husband Frank until his passing, and had wonderful memories of beach friends and trap shooters. Mary was an avid reader, and one of the original Braidwood Friends of the library. She also supported her children's interest by

supporting Chaney Monge Junior High in Crest Hill, IL as a Band Parent. Mary spent much of her time with her grandchildren and their interests; she spent her summers as a beach bum and was a great Reed Custer Baseball fan. Mary has been very busy volunteering for Joliet Area Community Hospice and the Kuzma Care Cottage in Wilmington for the last several years. A very special Thank You goes out to Mary's wonderful friends at Hospice, Meneoka and all her pals in Braidwood. Your support during her illness will remain a timeless memory for her family. Words cannot express the family's gratitude for the loving care she received while at the Joliet Hospice home. R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, in charge of arrangements. Cremation rites were accorded and a private ceremony will be held with the family at a later date. Gifts and Honorariums may be given in Mary's name to either: Joliet Area Community Hospice 250 Water Stone Circle Joliet, IL 60431 or Kuzma Care Cottage 635 South Main Street, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Long time friend,

It's been a while since anyone posted on this tribute page. I guess it's my turn.

I knew Frank and Mary from the 1970's when they were Club residents with the children and the two German Shepard dogs. What a great time.

After all the tree planting we did that you can still see today at Meneoka, the camping with Rich Tucknott, catfish fishing, I could go on, but these were great times.

After I took on the Trap Shooting for 17 years, Frank and Mary were on my side. I can't believe the fun we had. I miss them both.

Roger Turczak

Roger Turczak - April 17, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ John & Denise & family

I just read the Braidwood Journal about Mary's death & I am so very sorry!!! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you & your family at this time.

Janice "O'Bert" Studer

Janice Studer - November 05, 2012 at 11:47 AM



MM

“ Dear all of Mary's family,

We all have great memories of Mary and are saddened by her passing. She loved her family and enjoyed being involved in all your activities. Please know that you are in our thought and prayers. We will miss her.

Love, Mary Jo Murdie and Steve Woodbury and family

Mary Jo Murdie - November 01, 2012 at 01:30 PM



“ Dear Grant & Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a favorite around Comet Park for coaches and players alike. As you know, many days she was the first person at the ballpark, sitting in her lawn chair, reading her book until game time. We will greatly miss her smile and gentle ways. May God bless you and your family. Please accept our condolences from the entire Comet Baseball family.

Jerry Cougill - October 25, 2012 at 10:21 AM

BA

“ Dear family of Mary,

Over a few several years of volunteering at the Hospice home, I was so blest to have known Mary. She was such a sweet lady, always having a kind word about everyone, especially about her family. You were so blest to have her. I will miss her, too.

Barbara Meurer

Barbara - October 23, 2012 at 12:35 PM

JR

“ Our hearts go out to the VanHaelst family in the passing of their dear, sweet and cherished Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. She was the kindest, most selfless woman we have ever known and will missed by so many. I appreciated them, Frank and Mary, so much for letting me come and stay with them in the Summmertimes at the club, mixed up kid that I was, lol. I think that when I feel warm sunshine on my face I will think of Mary. We will keep you in our prayers in hopes that it will ease your grief. Love,
Mark and Jenni Richond

Jennifer Richmond - October 23, 2012 at 11:23 AM

ML

“ I have great memories of Mary when I as a little girl and then later as an adult. She was a sweet lady and I know she absolutely adored her family. May you have peace during this difficult time.

Love: Murdieanne

Marianne Leahy - October 22, 2012 at 03:00 PM



“ Dear Frank and Jennie,
We want to express our sympathies on the passing of your mother. Praying that God will bless you with peace and comfort at this sad time.

Jim and Debbie Krugler

Debbie Krugler - October 22, 2012 at 08:18 AM

PN

“ Denise,,John and family Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. Your mother was a very nice lady and I will always remember her from waiting on her at the restaurant . Peggy Nugent

Peggy {Murdie} Nugent - October 20, 2012 at 03:44 PM

PB

“ *Nelson, Frank and Family - Our Thoughts and Prayers are with each of you. With Deepest Sympathy from your Bergstrom CAPPS and Quality Family*

Patti Bailey - October 19, 2012 at 03:04 PM