



Mary Catherine Janosko

August 30, 1926 - April 8, 2017

Mary C. Janosko went to be with our Lord on April 8, 2017, in San Antonio, TX. Mary was born in Clairton, Pennsylvania, to parents, Lawrence and Catherine Kojundzic, who both immigrated from Croatia.

Mary was honored for her win of a major spelling bee at Clairton High School and was known for her spelling acumen through her entire life. She graduated from Clairton High School and shortly thereafter began working at the US Steel Clairton Coke Works as the lead pool secretary and later worked for Bob Bright as his lead aid.

While attending a St. Clair Catholic Church mixer, Mary met a handsome young man named Gerald "Jerry" Janosko and they would marry on June 23, 1956. Mary and Jerry were blessed with a family; first with son, Jeffrey, and later with daughter, Lori.

Subsequently, Mary and her family moved to Willard, Ohio, as Jerry accepted a job as an elementary school principal. In addition to raising two children and lovingly caring for her mother Catherine, Mary found time to be an active member of the North Central Ohio community as she was the "story lady" at the Willard Memorial Library, served on the Willard Bloodmobile, was active with the Rosary Altar Society at St. Francis Church, and wrote a column for the Willard Times Junction entitled "Mary J's Kitchen."

After Jerry's retirement from the Willard Public Schools, Mary and Jerry enjoyed traveling to many different parts of the country including California, Hawaii, Maine, Florida, Louisiana, Arizona and Texas as well as abroad. Mary never met a stranger and she was delighted by each new friend and enjoyed everyday to the fullest.

Unfortunately in early 2000, Mary suffered a massive stroke which left her partially paralyzed. Due to some excellent healthcare work from the Willard Area Hospital and the Toledo Clinic, Mary fully recovered and she and Jerry moved to San Antonio, Texas, to be near their granddaughter Catherine.

Mary (MaMaw) loved and adored her granddaughter Catherine as she attended her school choir concerts, shared secrets, giggled, painted their nails to match, cooked stuffed cabbage and spaghetti and meatballs, as well as other family favorites together. Catherine and her MaMaw shared a secret love and a secret language. They were often heard exchanging their favorite catch phrase, I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck.

Mom bravely battled Alzheimer's for years which was a testament to her tenacity and love for her family who she always held dear to her heart. Her husband Jerry by her side throughout the entire journey, lovingly tending to her every wish and need without fail. This is a true love; a love that spanned the ages.

Mary and her family would like to personally thank Carol Love, Ashely Dramis, Above and Beyond Home Care, Altus Hospice and especially BiBi, Josef, Tiki, Samantha, and Carl at Nancy's Carnation Group Home...Without you all, our journey with mom through the years would have never been this beautiful.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Jerry, daughter, Lori, son Jeff and

daughter-in-law Martha, and granddaughter Catherine, her niece Nancy Smider (Kunzic) and nephew Jack Kunzic, and sister-in-law Gayle Maxwell and brother-in-law Charles Maxwell. She was proceeded in death by brother, John Kunzic and his wife Alice, her niece Maureen Kunzic and her parents Lawrence and Catherine Kojundzic.

Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. Procession will depart from Prince of Peace Catholic Church following mass at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:30 pm. Friends are invited to sign in on the missionparks.com website under the tributes section.

Gerald and the family ask that "in lieu of flowers, donations be made in the name of Mary C Janosko to Alzheimer's Research via website <http://www.alzheimersresearchfoundation.com/make-a-donation/>. Or checks can mailed to the ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION, 3152 Little Road, Suite 146, Trinity, Florida 34655

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

APR 19. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR 20. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
7893 Grissom Rd
San Antonio, TX

Interment

APR 20. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Janosko.*



April 19, 2017 at 08:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Janosko.*



April 17, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *To the Janosko family, what an extraordinary lady and legacy to have forever. Lori, my dear friend in reading this beautiful obituary, I see so much of your mom in you.
Your mom, couldn't of ask any more from a daughter who adored her so.
Love you, my friend!
Kathy*

Kathy - April 15, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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“ *From me and my family, we were her caregivers for a short time but we got attached to her really fast. she was a great wife, mother and a person in general.*

We feel blessed that we had her and her family in our life. may God bless her soul and may she rest in peace. We love you and we miss you <3

Bibi, Titi, and Yousif.

bibi - April 13, 2017 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Love you momma...miss you with all my heart. You're free. Fly with the angels.*

LBJ - April 12, 2017 at 09:35 PM