



Mary Jane Graesser

February 16, 1933 - December 10, 2025

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Mary Jane Graesser, who the Lord called home on December 10, 2025 at age 92. She was born on February 16, 1933 in Rogers City, MI as the only child to Ervin and Kathleen Hasenburg.

Mary Jane was valedictorian of Rogers City High School and continued her education at the University of Michigan graduating with an RN degree from the School of Nursing and St. Joseph College with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Arts. While at the University of Michigan she met her future husband at the Michigan Sailing Club. Mary Jane lived a life of service volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul Society, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, tour guide at the State of Michigan capitol, St. Gerard Church lector, volunteer and honor guard. She had an active life, quick wit, enjoyed traveling and visited all 7 continents. She will be deeply missed.

Mary Jane's greatest love was her children. She is survived by Nancy, David (Michelle and daughter Emma), Steve (Melissa and children Mitchell, Aimee and Emmett), Carolyn (Kevin and daughters Lindsey and Lauren), Linda, Susan's children Justin and Jessica and four great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by daughters Kris (and daughter Megan) and Susan (and husband Guy) and ex-husband Otto.

Services will be held on Wednesday January 7, 2026 at St. Gerard Church (4437 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917) with visitation at 9:30 am, mass at 10:30 am and lunch immediately following mass.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

VH

“ *What a beautiful person Mary Jane was! I have an early memory of her when we were about 3-5 years old. She had chicken pox and I went over to play with her. Her mom said, Sorry, Mary Jane can't play with you because of the pox. I said, I already had them, so she called my mom and my mom said to let me play with her, it was ok. She left us alone to play, and later found us jumping on the bed together. I remember her mom just smiling and let us be. We were friends all thru school until graduation and remained long distant friends until her death. A true friend, she was - - Pegge(Erickson) Hubler*

Virginia Hubler - December 22, 2025 at 07:47 PM

JB

*To my sadness, I only met Mary Jane a few years ago, through my long friendship with daughter Linda. I found her to be a true lady, and enjoyed talks together. I recall talking about our life's work experiences and she laughed about some and pondered some. A sad loss of a delightful person.
Jim (JimB) Baker.*

Jim Baker - December 22, 2025 at 08:09 PM

LR

Mary Jane and I were friends since grade school and until her death. I have many memories of things we did together. One is when we were in high school. We and our boyfriends got together at her house. She played the piano and we sang to our hearts content. She and her daughter Linda visited me in Harbor Springs this summer. What a blessing. Rest in Peace, Mary Jane

Laurie Ross

Laurie Ross - December 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

SC

I am Linda Graessers friend living in Ann Arbor and helped out Mary Jane when Linda had to attend to work responsibilities. I remember Mary Jane as a kind and well traveled woman. She and Linda took many exciting vacations. Mary Jane was proudest of all her children. A very sweet person.

Stephanie Crane - December 24, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JK

I worked with MaryJane at Sparrow Hispital. She was an excellent bedside nurse, very conscientious and through. She was a leader, rolemodel and set high standards. I would also see her at the pool after we both retired. We bothered water aerobics. I miss seeing her and her positive attitude. Rest in peace, dear friend and colleague.

Janice Kinsey - December 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM