



Mary Froida

April 21, 1934 - September 30, 2021

Mary L. Froida, was called home by God on September 30, 2021. She was 87 years' old and in a lot of pain. Mary has now been reunited with her loved ones that have passed before her, especially her youngest daughter Mary Jean Froida Merkelis (taken at the young age of 45).

Mary, entered life on April 21, 1934, known as the "Silent Generation". The eldest daughter of seven children, she grew up a tomboy on the south side of Chicago. She loved the outdoors to include, but not limited to... playing baseball, camping, fishing, and hunting.

Mary L. Petras (nee) and Jerry A. Froida, tied the knot, on July 18, 1953. Marrying a Navy man she relocated to the Naval Base in Key West, Florida. Navy days are never dull. The loving couple started their family early and were blessed with four beautiful daughters: Gail Ann; Connie Marie; Erin Therese and Mary Jean. As the girls grew up, the Froida house, became the place where everyone went and all were welcome. There was food and laughter due to Mary being a fun-loving Mom, (funny without even knowing it), with a wonderful sense of humor, and many times laughing at herself (she was a good old sport).

Mary was always devoted to her family and their needs. She worked for many years as an Election Judge Clerk, for the Cook County Board of Elections.

Over the years Mary gave a helping hand to Sisters, Nephews, Parents, Friends (Neighbors) extending her “love” for family beyond her own.

Mary was very influential in her daughters’ lives... Serving as a “Room Mother”, Coaching a 16-inch softball team, Umpiring for the “Tri-City” Girls Softball League ~ Even once sacrificing her own body making a call a second base, where a hole - - took Mary DOWN, she popped right back up, AND STILL MADE THE CALL, “YOU’RE OUT”!!

In retirement, Mary loved her backyard nature feeding the birds and squirrels watching her dog romp around the yard. Throughout her life Mary mothered many dogs and cats.

Mary, a faithful Catholic church going woman continually prayed daily for family and friends, lighting holy candles for their special intentions.

Mary’s final chapter in life was her unconditional love for her Grandchildren Belinda; Tommy and Eric, her hearts “Most Treasured Love”.

This woman was many things to many people and whether you called her: Dear; Mary; Mom; “The Boss”; “Bubbs”; Grammie or O’l Mar (her personal favorite) she touched our lives deeply - -

Friends and family are welcome to visit the family on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a service following at 2 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, IN 46307.

“We will hold you in our heart, until we hold you in heaven”.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



October 06, 2021 at 12:12 PM

KC

“ Well my Dear Sister it's time for me to say my good-bye with some happy memories of our time together and the love we shared. Won't be easy though, we shared so much.

Young adulthood brought us very close as you were always there for me. Marriage came after that and yes, you were there with Jeanie to make it a happy time. Ordinary life after that, raising children, etc. .and moving with your Bro as he was a Marine. We never lost touch. You were there for me no matter what. We lived far apart and there you were making me laugh, sending me hugs, and just being My Big Sister!!

Your favorite saying to me when i called and asked how you were was "looked at the obits. I wasn't there, so I guess I'm doing fine", And then you told me you were going to live to be 100!! Asked why so long and you said "because God doesn't want me yet and the Devil is afraid to to take me!" Guess God decided He did want you after all because that is where you are now!! Bet you really made the Devil mad going home.

Say hello to Mom and Dad from me and Ken's, Jeanie. I will miss you so much! Now you will have to take care of me from Heaven till I join you! I love you with all my heart as you did me. Rest in peace my marvelous, wonderful Sister. Keep them laughing up there as you did all of us down here. Till we meet again.....

Your Baby Sister, Kay

Karen Combs - October 06, 2021 at 04:01 AM

GF

What A "BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL" TRIBUTE.... Aunt Karen, you brought tears to my eyes and a lump in my throat. Thank You for reminding me of her saying... about the obits, God and the Devil. Gail Ann

Gail Froida - October 07, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Froida.*



October 05, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Froida.*



October 05, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Mom you lived your life to the fullest. You taught yourself to speak again after your stroke(no outside help). I watched you work so hard. I saw you go up and the stairs checking on me, coming down to help when I came home from shopping. Mom you showed me your strength and LOVE! Frosty (the dog) is missing you. Mom you are in my heart prayers thoughts always. I love you. I can't wait to hold your hand again*

Connie Froida - October 05, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Froida.*



October 04, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Froida.*



October 04, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Froida.*



October 04, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JW

“ Mary Froida and I met 50 years ago... Thank You, O'I Mar for these special "travel" memories. Mary, Jerry, Gail and myself (Jodi) attended two of Jerry's Navy Reunions. In 2003, we travelled to Key West, Florida (Gail's one and only trip their since birth). Where, Gail got her 1st tattoo memorializing the vacation. 2005, the four of us car pooled to Charleston, South Carolina. Both trips we spent the days together attending the activities, sightseeing, dinning and reminiscing the good o'l Navy days. In 2004, Gail and I accompanied Mary and Jerry to Surf City (Top Sail), North Carolina. This vacation was preceded at the residence of J.W. and Charlotte Hubbard's annual stew. (Mary, Jerry, J.W. and Charlotte were life long best friends having met in the Navy.) Over the years, I was always welcome to tag-a-long on many camping outings (Kentucky, Tippecanoe and Lake Eliza). A couple road trips included: Uncle Joe's place (Chicago, Detroit). Thank You, O'I Mar for accepting me and your unconditional love. Love, Jodi

Jodi A Wroblewski - October 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM

GF

“ For years an annual 4th of July tradition was that my nephew (Tommy) would showcase an all out "Fireworks" display at my parents house. The day always started with a cooler full of beer and red solo cups, followed by a BBQ. Daytime festivities included a "Homerun Derby" and "Corn Hole" competition's. When night fell the fireworks extravaganza began, the music was loud and high energy where Myself (Gail) and Mom (O'I Mar) began Jitterbugging!!!! Good Times Remembered!!! Gail Ann Froida

Gail Froida - October 04, 2021 at 03:19 PM