



Mary R. Rusch

October 2, 1940 - December 8, 2020

Mary Ruth (Heil) Rusch, 80, died Tuesday December 8, 2020. She leaves behind five daughters, Ruth Rusch, Laura Nitanda (Jim), Barbara Zeman (Mike), Karen De Zetter (Jim), and April Rusch (Jeremy Hodges); grandchildren Marie De Zetter, Anthony Zeman, and William Zeman; brother John Heil (Genevieve); sisters-in-law and good friends Norma Heil and Linda Heil; and nieces Kathleen Heil, Debbie Walter, Cindy Previte, and Lora Bundy. Mary was born October 2, 1940 in Rocky Ford, Colorado to Scott and Nina Ruth (Dunaway) Heil. She graduated from Rocky Ford High School in 1958. She went to college in Emporia, KS before attending Cook County School of Nursing in Chicago, IL. While in nursing school she met and married her husband, Henry (Hank). They were married on March 11, 1961 on Hank's 29th birthday. Mary graduated nursing school, a proud accomplishment, in 1962. In addition to having a long career in nursing, she was also a business owner. In the early 1980s she owned and ran the Fabric Corner in Peotone, IL. Later in life, she was known as the proprietor of Mad Mama's Pies in Silverton, CO. The business received national recognition when it was featured in Rand McNally's Best of the Road in 2006. She and her husband loved taking road trips which Mary continued to do even after Hank's death in 2017. She was an avid quilter making many quilts for those she loved. A favorite hobby was to stop at quilting shops on road trips. After living in the mountains in Durango, CO, Mary and Hank moved back to Chicago in 2013 to be near family. There she was a member of Martin Luther

Church and kept busy with her quilting, baking, and various volunteer activities.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband Hank; parents; brothers Scott, Bill, and Jack; and nephews Larry, John David, and Tom.

Visitation will be Tuesday December 15th at 10:00 a.m. with services at 11:00 at Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home, 7710 W. Addison St, Chicago.

Interment will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Homewood Memorial Gardens in Homewood, IL.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Cyprian Food Pantry, 6535 West Irving Park, Chicago, IL 60634.

For the safety of Mary's family and yours please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

CDC guidelines limit attendance to 50 people at a time.

Livestream of the chapel service will begin 10:55 AM and may be watched at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8iYgwbVxBk>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home
7710 West Addison Street
Chicago, IL 60634
(773) 625-3444

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Committal Service

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Homewood Memorial Gardens Cemetery
600 Ridge Rd.
Homewood, IL 60430

Tribute Wall

CR

“ I’m a Silvertonian who enjoyed knowing Mary at Mad Momma’s pies. They were the best around and I admired her work ethic to have her dream. I still have a namesake headscarf to wear in her memory. Rest In Peace dear friend, Clare Renoux

clare renoux - December 17, 2020 at 07:06 PM

KH

“Only an Aunt can give a hug like a mother, keep secrets like a sister, and share love like a friend.”

Through the years, as I grew our relationship changed and I feel blessed to have had Aunt Mary in my life for 59 ½ years. Blessed to know her as an adult. She showed me how to have the courage to do the hard things in life as well as the bravery to try new things. She encouraged me to be a better person by her selfless actions. Most of all, she loved all of us unconditionally. Every time I bake a pie, make a cheesecake, sew, quilt, and cuddle my grandchildren she will be there in my heart. She has left an amazing legacy behind in how she touched all our lives. I love you Aunt Mary, forever and always. Thank you for being my dad’s little sister, my mom’s best friend, and my Aunt.

Kathleen Heil - December 16, 2020 at 07:46 PM

KG

“ Karen And Thomas From Germany lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Rusch



Karen and Thomas from Germany - December 15, 2020 at 12:33 PM

RP

“ I got to know Mary through her daughter Karen, who happened to be my friend and co-worker. I still remember our first meeting at Karen's home for 2002 Thanksgiving dinner. After that we met many times and I still remember spending fun filled weekends at Silverton at the bakery. It was always great experience to meet her and Frank and listen to their life stories. May she rest in peace.

Rajiv Prinja - December 15, 2020 at 11:44 AM

PD

“ Patty DeZetter lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Rusch



Patty DeZetter - December 15, 2020 at 11:20 AM

SM

“ I'm so grateful to have spent 34 years on this world with Aunt Mary. As a child she encouraged creativity, as a teenager our wild sides and as an adult wisdom. She was present at my promotion to Major and I am forever grateful to be part of a family filled with strong women. We love you all.



Sarah McKay - December 14, 2020 at 08:28 PM



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Jeremy Hodges - December 14, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ From your cousins, Betty and Virginia
May you rest In peace. 🙏
We will always treasure the fond memories as kids on your farm in
Colorado;
and the day I introduced you to Hank

Betty Brewer - December 14, 2020 at 03:29 PM



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Kathleen Heil - December 13, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Debbie Walter lit a candle in memory of Mary
R. Rusch



Debbie Walter - December 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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Debbie Walter - December 13, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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Anita Sampley - December 13, 2020 at 09:02 PM



Jeremy Hodges

Oscar's in Durango. Choo choo.

Jeremy Hodges - December 14, 2020 at 12:53 AM

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Michele Knickrehm - December 13, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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Beautiful

Kathleen Heil - December 13, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary R. Rusch.*



December 13, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *Anita Sampley lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Rusch*



Anita Sampley - December 13, 2020 at 06:14 PM



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Jeremy Hodges - December 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM



What a great photo of everyone.

Kathleen Heil - December 13, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LS

“ Love, Norma, Kathleen, Rachel and Sarah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary R. Rusch.



Love, Norma, Kathleen, Rachel and Sarah - December 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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Kathleen Heil - December 13, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Kathleen Heil lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Rusch



Kathleen Heil - December 13, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Jeremy Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Rusch*



Jeremy Hodges - December 12, 2020 at 01:57 PM