



## Mary Jane Kretzler

May 12, 1937 - December 1, 2019

Albany-Mary Jane Kretzler passed away peacefully December 1, 2019 after a brief stay at the Teresian House in Albany. She was born May 12, 1937, in Albany to the late Kenneth G. Hunter and Josephine E. (Durand) Hunter.

She was a graduate of the Cathedral Academy and Cortland State University. Mary Jane had a long and distinguished career as a teacher in the Albany City School District, spending the bulk of her career as an elementary school teacher at Albany Public School #19 on New Scotland Avenue. Retiring in 1994, she was admired and respected by her students and her peers.

If you were to ask MJ about her favorite memories growing up in Albany, she would undoubtedly tell you they involved spending time with her father, whom she adored deeply, and helping him out at the family's drug store. Hunter's Pharmacy on Madison Ave was a local institution, fondly remembered by all who spent time in the neighborhood.

MJ loved sports and was a fan of the New York Yankees. An athlete herself, she was an accomplished bowler and an avid golfer. She was a member at Western Turnpike Golf Course where she twice earned the title of Club

Champion. She spent several winters in Florida after her retirement, enjoying golf, sunshine and the special company of her companion, the late Bob Cox of Guilderland. She always returned home to Albany for the warmer months, however, to enjoy her greatest treasure; her family.

Mary Jane leaves behind her three beloved children; Karen (Dale) Gallacchi, Tom (Sheryl) Kretzler and Nancy Chrysogelos, as well as her six cherished grandchildren; Jason, Megan, Tommy, Katie, Carly and Ryan. She is also survived by her two brothers, Jim and Ken as well as a number of cousins, nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her former husband, Thomas F. Kretzler of Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary Jane's family Wednesday, December 4, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 9:15 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany at 10:00 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember MJ in a special way may make a donation to the

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station,  
PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163. [michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Kretzler*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 03, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *Mary Jane Kretzler*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Kretzler.*



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December 03, 2019 at 06:26 PM



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 03, 2019 at 04:53 PM

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*Karen & Dale, Tom and Sheryl and the rest of Kretzler /Gallacchi family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I didn't know her, I heard a lot about her and know she was a heck of a golfer and bowler. Need not to say the apples didn't fall far from the tree. Even more important she was an excellent mother and knowing TK and Karen, she has left a great legacy in you both as wonderful parents yourselves! May God bless your whole family during this difficult time and may your wonderful memories give you comfort always.*

MICHAEL REYNOLDS - December 06, 2019 at 12:10 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Kretzler.



December 03, 2019 at 02:22 PM



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



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December 03, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Kretzler.*



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December 02, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *My condolences to Karen Tommy and Nancy very sorry to hear about your Mom's passing in my prayers*

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**Tom McClune** - December 02, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Kretzler.*



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December 02, 2019 at 01:26 PM