



Mary Jane Kennedy

February 16, 1941 - January 1, 2019

Albany-Mary Jane (Rowland) Kennedy, 77, entered into eternal life on January 1, 2019 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Glens Falls, Mary Jane graduated from Corinth Central High School (class of 1958) and from Felt & Tarrant Comptometer School. She was employed at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and The City School District of Albany before her retirement in 1998.

Mary Jane was predeceased by William J. Kennedy, her husband of 37 years, her parents Clauson and Barbara Jayne (Morrissey) Rowland, and brother Paul Rowland.

Mary Jane greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is the loving mother of Mary McGarvey of Latham, Ann Kennedy-Rigosu (Anthony) of Altamont, Dennis Kennedy of Albany, and Erin Erickson (Cameron) of Latham. She is the beloved Nana to Christopher McGarvey, Aidan Erickson, Ella Erickson, and Alannah Rigosu.

In addition to her children and grandchildren, Mary Jane is survived by her brother Gary Rowland, aunts Joyce Rowland Barry and Helen (“Honey”) Morrissey Potter, sisters-in-law Joyce Rowland and Rose Kennedy as well as her dear friend and cousin Donna Balcom. Several other cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends, especially Marge Manning, also survive Mary Jane.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary Jane’s family on Sunday, January 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany on Monday, January 7 at 9 a.m., followed by interment at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mary Jane’s name to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105, the Ronald McDonald House, 139 South Lake Ave., Albany, NY 12208, or Night Out For You Inc., P.O. Box 1341, Latham, NY 12110.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

JAN 7. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
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info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



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



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 05, 2019 at 10:18 AM



Beautiful done. Great family.

Terry Mariano - January 05, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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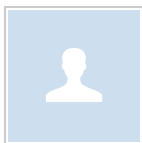
Mary Jane and I were friends and classmates for over 70 years. How I admired that woman! Despite her physical problems, she was always smiling, and always ready to participate in life. She held our Class of 1958 together by contacting everyone for the reunions. Mary Jane was the most athletic girl in our class, and it hurt to see her confined to her motorized scooter--but she sure could make that thing dance! I picture her now in Heaven, playing ball, running, and free at last.
Pat McCourt DiTata

Pat McCourt DiTata - January 07, 2019 at 04:02 PM

MM

Thank you for sharing that Pat - we appreciate it!

Mary McGarvey - January 09, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ *Mary Jane Kennedy*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

BT

“ My family lived across the street from Mary Jane when we were growing up in Corinth. My brother Dennis and I were a few years younger than Mary Jane and my sisters Kathleen and Maureen so we didn't get to play baseball or the other games with the “older” kids, but we were always on the sidelines watching and felt a part of it all. My mother belonged to to same card club as Mary Jane's mother, her Aunt Polly, and other ladies on the block. When it was my mother's turn to have the party at our house, Dennis and I would have to go up to bed earlier than usual. But we'd sneak down the stairs and listen to the them talking and laughing. It was such a pure and magical time growing up on Oak Street and we were all part of a bigger family. It's wonderful having these special memories but also at times like this very sad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Peace and love Mary Jane. You'll always be in our hearts.

Barbara Telasky - January 08, 2019 at 01:51 PM

MM

Thank you for sharing such nice memories!

Mary McGarvey - January 08, 2019 at 05:46 PM

MB

“ It is with a hole in my heart that I write this note to the family of my lifelong friend, Mary Jane. We lived across the street from Mary Jane’s family, and we started first grade in Palmer School together. We made our First Communion together. We thought we were so special, neither of us wanted to take our First Communion outfits off. So, we walked around the blocks several times and up the lane to visit her Aunt Polly; we wanted everyone to admire us. As the years passed, we played after school, climbed trees, built a tree house, sang in the church choir, participated in many church-related events through the Sodality Club, played baseball and all of the childhood games until it was time to go home to dinner. Throughout high school, we walked to and from school on most days and had a chance to discuss our social lives. After high school, our lives went their separate ways, and we would see one another at occasional reunions. She loved to talk about her family and adored her children and grandchildren. Although you will surely miss her, you have wonderful memories of your times together, and you will have peace knowing that she will suffer no more and that she will spend forever in the peace of Christ. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.
Sincerely, Maureen Bogle

Maureen Bogle - January 07, 2019 at 04:46 PM

MM

Thank you so much for your kind words and memories!

Mary McGarvey - January 07, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences on the passing of Mary Jane. I have so many fond memories of her, as she and her brothers and I grew up two houses apart on Oak Street in Corinth. We played many games of Monopoly and pinochle, and spent many days playing hide 'n seek and Red Rover. Her dad and mom were good friends with my parents for many years. She will always be fixed in my memory as part of the Oak Street Gang, along the Bogle family. We will offer up special prayers for her.*

Marie Clark Poutre - January 07, 2019 at 01:35 PM

MM

Thank you so much! Appreciate hearing those memories!

Mary McGarvey - January 07, 2019 at 08:30 PM

KC

“ *It was special growing up on the third block of Oak Street. Our families all knew one another and we, as kids, played together, went to church with each other, walked together to school and stayed as long as we could out behind the convent playing softball until the bells and whistles called us home for supper. Of course, Mary Jane was a part of all of this. Then we grew up and have all gone our separate ways but do remember each other during happy and sad times and this is one of those. As MaryJane goes on this new journey we hope she will be free of pain and suffering. We extend our deepest sympathy to all and pray that you find peace and love in your memories. Sincerely, Charles and Kathleen (Bogle) Clements*

kathleen clements - January 06, 2019 at 01:48 PM

MM

Thank you so much!!

Mary McGarvey - January 07, 2019 at 08:31 PM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember your Mom and family from growing up down the street. She was always smiling and always had a warm generous heart. Her demeanor never waivered through the years. I am sure you have wonderful long lasting loving memories to keep you forever smiling with thoughts of her. She will always be near in your hearts. Will miss you Mary Jane.

Mary Balcom Lozier - January 06, 2019 at 11:45 AM

MM

Thank you so much!

Mary McGarvey - January 07, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DN

“ Sorry for your loss. Darlene use to talk a lot to each other. Darlene said she loved St Patrick Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church. Dar gave her hugs. May God bless everyone in your family. Tom & Darlene Nicholson

Darlene & Tom Nicholson - January 06, 2019 at 10:41 AM

MM

Thank you!!!

Mary McGarvey - January 07, 2019 at 08:32 PM

JF

“ I am so sorry for your loss - I talked on the phone with her in December and she said things were looking better. We were classmates of the Corinth class of 1958 and have very fond memories of her during that time. We attended a number of our class reunions together and had a wonderful time catching up. Despite her restrictions, she was a blast to be around - so sorry I had to miss our 60th reunion this past June. My deepest sympathy goes out to her whole family especially Erin, Cameron and their children. She was a great, great lady and will be sorely missed.

Judy Feil - January 05, 2019 at 09:15 AM

MM

Thank you for your kind words Judy! Our mom loved those reunions - thank you for so many ears of friendship with her.

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:23 PM

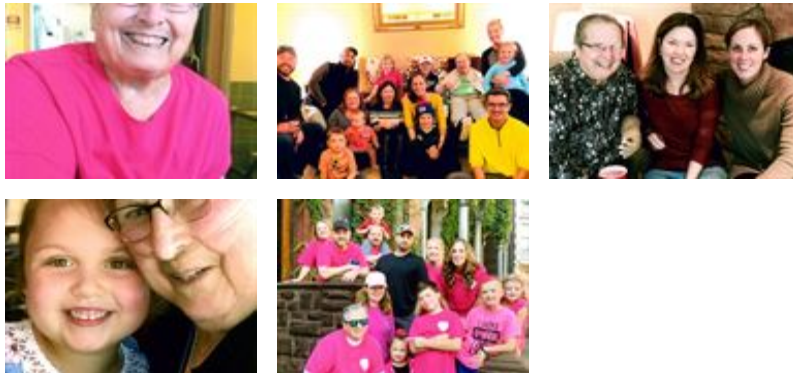
MM

Years!

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:24 PM

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“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 05, 2019 at 09:13 AM

JU

“ PLEASE EXTEND MY SYMPATHY TO MARY JANE'S FAMILY. THEY DON'T KNOW ME BUT I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH MARY JANE AND JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES. SINCERELY, JOYCE UNDERWOOD CORINTH NEW YORK. CLASS OF 1958,

JOYCE UNDERWOOD - January 05, 2019 at 08:03 AM

MM

Thank you so much Joyce!

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:48 PM

BA

“ To Mary Jane's children and Gary,
So sorry for your loss. I have many memories of Mary Jane especially the Christmas get togethers with Gramma and Grampa Rowland. Such a lovely family.

Brenda Anderon

Brenda Anderson - January 05, 2019 at 06:23 AM

MM

Thank you Brenda!

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:48 PM

SR

“ I remember your MOM from School No 26. I remember all of you as students! Your Mom was a hard working woman and a pleasure to work with. May she rest I peace. Fond regards to you all at this most difficult time.

Suzanne Rosenblum

Suzanne Rosenblum - January 05, 2019 at 12:27 AM

MM

Thank you Mrs. Rosenblum!!

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Dennis, I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts, and heart, and prayers. ~Marcia Duval*

Marcia Duval - January 04, 2019 at 11:58 PM

BA

“ *Fran and I will always remember our fun discussions while sitting in the Blessed Mother's chapel waiting for the 7pm mass to start at Blessed Sacrament. We have such fond memories of our times spent together with our sweet friend. We shall miss you greatly. Until we meet again, Love, Barbara and Fran*

barbara & fran angellotti - January 04, 2019 at 07:26 PM

MM

Thank you Barb and Fran! Our parents enjoyed seeing you at mass each week :)

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:50 PM

LM

“ *Dennis,
So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family for this loss. May her spirit live on in all of you.
Lucie Marion*

Lucille Marion - January 04, 2019 at 10:09 AM

TC

“ Ann, Mary, Erin and Dennis: we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your mom be at peace. ~Tammy & Dennis

Tammy L Cumo - January 04, 2019 at 09:46 AM

MM

Thank you Tammy!!

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Kennedy.



January 04, 2019 at 08:43 AM

LM

“ Dear Ann: I am so sorry for your loss .

Linda Motzer - January 04, 2019 at 07:50 AM

CH

“ Our deepest love is with you all during this sad time. Revel in the memories you have made! Love you all,
The Riffelbach's

christina - January 04, 2019 at 07:29 AM

MM

Thank you Chris! ❤️

Mary McGarvey - January 05, 2019 at 04:51 PM