



MARY PLESE

August 10, 1918 - June 8, 2013

MARY JANE PLESE, age 94, formerly of Gary, IN, died peacefully at her home in El Paso, TX, Saturday, June 8, 2013.

Survived by her sister, Helen Verbancic; her daughter, Madge Plese, and son, Joseph Plese, both of El Paso, TX, her son, Richard Plese and daughter-in-law, Sherri of Hot Springs Village, AR; four grandchildren: Tamice (William) Carlson, Joseph (Crissy) Plese, Jacqueline (Christopher) Baker, Jessica (Michael) Meyer; nine great-grandchildren: Carter and Quinn Carlson, Alyssa, Julia and Ryan Baker, Caitlin and Anna Meyer, Joseph and Faith Plese; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by husband, Joseph; parents, Nicholas and Lucia (Bobinac) Kolakovich; brother, Louis Kolakovich; sisters: Katherine Jerkovic, Ann Sabovcik; grandson, Jeffrey Scott Levy.

Mrs. Plese was born on August 10, 1918 in Indiana Harbor, IN. She married her beloved husband of 56 years, the late Joseph Plese, in 1937. They raised their family in Indiana Harbor then moved to Gary, IN in the early 1950's where she was in sales and then cared for and loved all of the children that she baby sat for.

Mary was an active member of Saint Joseph the Worker (Croatian) Catholic Church, Gary. She was a member of Queen of Peace Church in El Paso, TX, after moving there in 1990. In her golden years, she enjoyed volunteering at

the Monte Vista Nursing home, where she was recognized as "Volunteer of the Year". She enjoyed playing Bunco with "the girls" and socializing with the Red Hat Ladies. Mary had a life-long love of music and dancing, and a gift for gab and storytelling. She was a source of tremendous joy and laughter for her family and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of El Paso, 14411 Miracle Way, El Paso, TX 79925 in memory of Mary Jane Kolakovich Plese. Hospice of El Paso has provided the family and patient extraordinary daily support for the past months. Mary Jane was under the outstanding care of Lucia Tate. The family will forever be grateful for the love, tenderness and friendship she had with Mary Jane Plese.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service
6360 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410
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Service

JUN **14.** 5:00 PM (CT)

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Prayers

JUN **15.** 9:30 AM (CT)

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Mass

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
330 E. 45th Ave.
Gary, IN

Tribute Wall

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“Madge and family, We are so sorry to hear about Mary's passing. I wish we could be there with her now as she was so often with us when we needed her. Ray and I and our children have been talking and remembering Mary, crying and laughing as we recall so many wonderful days with her. We will remember her always. We now live in Sarasota, Fl and are unable to attend her service. We will be making a donation to Hospice in El Paso in her memory.

Ray and Donna

Ray and Donna Doherty - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM