



## Mary Jane Shaffer

January 17, 1932 - April 3, 2020

Mary Jane Shaffer, age 88, of Washington, Iowa, died Friday, April 3, 2020, at her residence following a sudden illness.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public memorial at this time.

A public Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. James Church in Washington, Iowa with interment to follow at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Richmond, Iowa. Memorials have been established for St. James Catholic Church or St. James School. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for Mary Jane's family through the web at [www.jonesfh.com](http://www.jonesfh.com)

Mary Jane was born January 17, 1932, in Harper, Iowa, the daughter of Frank P. and Veronica Clara (Woltering) Lillig. She graduated from Keota High School. Mary Jane was united in marriage to Robert Earl Shaffer on June 26, 1955, in Keota, Iowa.

She worked at St. James School, Washington State Bank, Spurgeon's, and H & R Block. Mary Jane was an active member of St. James Catholic Church in Washington. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of America, Tuesday Coffee Club and the "Lunch Bunch" Group. Mary Jane volunteered at St. James Church, Earthly Blessings, Washington County Hospital Gift Shop, and at polling stations during local elections.

She is survived by three daughters: Roberta Wilson and husband Roy of Kalona, Iowa; Paula Dickinson and Fred Cunningham of North Liberty, Iowa; Glenda Shaffer of Coralville, Iowa; two granddaughters: Kelly Dickinson of North Liberty, Iowa; Kayla Heath of North Liberty, Iowa; great grandchildren: Bradley Dickinson, Bryen Dickinson, Brenna Dempsey, Hailey Heath, Kinsley Heath and Olivia Heath; and her grandpups.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1995; granddaughter, Rebecca Wilson; brother, Michael Lillig; and two sisters, Barbara Lyle and Anna Ruth

Altenhofen.

# Cemetery

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## Holy Trinity Cemetery

Richmond, IA,

# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Shaffer.



September 17 at 12:55 PM

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“ Condolences Snacker was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Shaffer.



April 08 at 09:54 AM

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“ Paula - you are in my prayers after hearing of your two recent losses, especially during these especially stressful times. I pray for God's healing hands to touch the hearts of you and your family. God Bless.

**Ruth Crowell** - April 08 at 09:47 AM

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“ Roberta, Paula, and Glenda, my heart and prayers go out to you on the loss of your mom. Aunt Mary Jane was a loving, kind and fun person to be around. I loved visiting her and talking about the Lillig family, our grandparents, aunts and uncles and growing up near Harper and in Keota. I admired how devoted she was to her much older sisters, calling, writing and visiting them long after they no longer remembered family. I am so thankful I got to talk to her last week after Aunt Barbara passed. I will always remember her smile and gleam in her eyes when she laughed.

**Cindy Altenhofen Peterson** - April 08 at 08:23 AM

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“ I had the privilege of working for Mary Jane at Spurgeons. Those were the good old days!

**Carla Jenkins** - April 08 at 07:44 AM

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“ Roberta,  
You probably don't remember me. I was one of your students at St. James School. I also remember your mom, Mrs. Shaffer, when she worked at the school. She was always so nice and friendly. She will be missed by many I am sure. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

**Dori Webb** - April 07 at 04:17 PM

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“ Paula, Roberta and Glenda, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful, caring person. My deepest sympathies to you and your families. ~  
Tari (Speece) Deiters



**Tari Deiters** - April 07 at 12:23 PM

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“ Roberta,  
  
I took one look at this photo and thought, "That's Roberta's Mom!" I'm so sorry for your loss! She was such a nice and endearing person. I hope your fond memories sustain you and may she rest in peace.

Jane Balvanz

**Jane Balvanz** - April 07 at 11:11 AM

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“ To the family of Mary Jane,  
  
I miss her "presence" already. She always came to the 6-7 adoration and we shared our thoughts and concerns. I loved her wonderful sense of humor and warm readiness to help wherever she could. Every Monday she would straighten the mass

books for the next week. A precious spirit among us.  
My heart, prayers and love be with each of you at this time of loss.

Margaret Marie

**Margaret Marie** - April 07 at 10:17 AM

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“ Roberta, so sorry to hear of you loss! Our sympathy is extended to your family!  
Blessings to all!

**Gary and Karen Murphy** - April 07 at 10:14 AM

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“ Susan (King) Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



**Susan (King) Hobbs** - April 07 at 06:59 AM

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“ Roberta,  
I have fond memories of your mom. She was always so kind to me whenever I was  
at your house on North Marion. I was so saddened when my mom told me about  
your loss. You, Paula and Glenda are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort  
you during this difficult time.  
Kathy (Kruse) Thorson

**Kathy (Kruse) Thorson** - April 07 at 01:26 AM

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“ Glenda, Roberta, and Paula: We are so very sorry for your loss. Mary Jane was a  
special person and a joy to all who knew her. She was such a wonderful person to  
work with, with a warm smile for everyone! With our sympathy, Rick & Phyllis Hofer

**Rick & Phyllis Hofer** - April 06 at 08:06 PM

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“ Anders Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



Anders family - April 06 at 07:25 PM

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“ After every Friday Mass, Mary Jane would quietly make sure the pews were straightened up and books put back after the students left to go back to school. We would always smile and greet one another, but I did not know her personally other than this interaction. Even so, I could tell she was a woman who made a difference in the lives of those around her. She will be missed by our parish community.

My sympathies and prayers for her dear friends and family,  
Beth McBride

Beth A McBride - April 06 at 04:08 PM

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“ Brittany lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



Brittany - April 06 at 02:29 PM

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“ Glenda, I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing. I have many wonderful memories of her back in our high school days. May she rest in peace.

Joni Luke - April 06 at 01:50 PM

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“ Sharon Niffenegger lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



Sharon Niffenegger - April 06 at 01:05 PM

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“ 22 files added to the album Memories Album



Cindy Peterson - April 06 at 12:07 PM

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“ I had the opportunity to work with Mary Jane at H&R Block & she was a lesson on life. Every day she had smile & after awhile you started to wonder what she was up to. She could out work anybody & made working fun. She is one of those special people that come into our lives.

Ted Drain - April 06 at 12:06 PM

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“ Ted Drain lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



Ted Drain - April 06 at 11:58 AM

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“ Roberta, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I knew that was her as soon as I saw her picture - you look so much like her.  
I am praying God's blessings to you of peace, comfort, and good memories.  
Take care. Marti

**Marti (Roth) Walker** - April 06 at 10:45 AM

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“ Todd and I enjoyed Mary Jane so much. She enjoyed giving Todd a hard time every time she seen him. And bring us Scratch cupcakes on occasion. We will miss her.  
RIP Mary Jane. Continue to watch over us.

**Vicky Salow** - April 05 at 04:33 PM

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“ So many times Mary Jane would share her big smile and greetings at our daily Masses. She was always so wonderful to all who knew her. I will miss her always.



**Steve Wolfer** - April 05 at 03:19 PM

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“ Ruth (Earnest) Heck lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



**ruth (Earnest) Heck** - April 05 at 03:17 PM

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“ Eternal rest grant her O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest In peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.

## Paul and Becky Kaefring

**Becky Kaefring** - April 05 at 02:37 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of doing Mary Jane's hair for years. We had many connections. We both live on the same street here in town & Keota was hometown for both of us. We had many laughs as we solved the world's problems. RIP Mary Jane, til we meet again.

**Robin Shull** - April 05 at 08:51 AM

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“ Chris Peiffer lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Shaffer



**Chris Peiffer** - April 04 at 05:42 PM