



## Mary Ann Gilray

August 23, 1930 - May 11, 2024

Mary Ann Gilray, 93, of Park Falls, WI passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Mary Ann was born August 23, 1930 in Antigo, WI, the daughter of late Joseph and Evelyn (Kozarek) Hubatch.

Mary Ann attended Maple Grove (one room) Grade School and Mattoon High school. She graduated with a teaching degree in 1950 from Langlade County Normal School. On June 6, 1953 she married her college sweetheart, Jim Gilray, at Saint Joseph Church in Phlox, WI. Mary Ann taught in Marinette for one year then started her family – a career that she loved. After raising her family, she went back to another career that she loved and taught Elementary School in Gurnee, IL. She taught there for 24 years. During this time she attended evening school and received her Bachelor of Arts from Carthage College in 1971 and her Master's in Education from Northeastern University in Chicago in 1985. She then helped to start the Gifted Program for the Gurnee School District.

She is survived by four children; Suzanne (Ken) Jarvis, Kathleen (John) Hamel, Patricia (Kevin) Davenport and Joe (Barb) Gilray; two sisters, Dorothy (Willie) Stegal and Patricia Denfeld; one brother, James Hubatch; twelve grandchildren, James, Sean, Andrew, Robert, Christina, Michael, Diana, Thomas, Jillian, Annika, Emily and Claire; and 19 great grandchildren, Ethan, Brianna, Jacob, Hailey, Wyatt, Season, Shane, Amaris, Rain, Liam, Nolan, Declan, Truly, Travis, Zackery, Leo, Geneva, George and baby boy Santella. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim; and brother Tom

Hubatch.

Mary Ann moved to Park Falls in 2017 and quickly grew to love the town and its folks. She was an active member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Park Falls serving on the Evangelization team and as a member of the Adoration team, the Prayer Group, and the Conference of Catholic Women. She volunteered at the Food Pantry, attended book discussion at the library, visited nursing home patients as a Gray Lady, and worked at the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop twice a week (a 'job' that she treasured). She spent her leisure hours gardening, taking daily walks, reading, baking, listening to good music and cheering on the Green Bay Packers. She loved hosting family visits to the Northwoods and making each and every visitor do something fun and unique in our area... Copper Falls, Great Adventures, Timms Hill, Winter Greenhouse, etc. She will truly be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Anthony's Church in Park Falls. A visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 am until the hour of the service.

Burial will be held at Ascension Catholic Cemetery in Libertyville, IL in the last week of July and a Celebration of Life will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Mary Ann's family would like to thank the Compassus Hospice team of Arbor Vita, especially Kitty and Jill, who took such excellent care of her at home.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 S 5th Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
(715) 762-4494

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

AC

“ I met Mary Ann at St. Patrick Church in Wadsworth, IL where she was part of our ProLife group. She was strong, prayerful and vocal in her support of the humanity of the unborn. A petite woman, she was fierce in her beliefs and did not back down on this often controversial cause, even within our own Catholic church. I admired this about her. I am happy to see that her family tree has many branches. God bless you all. I have no doubt that she will live on in your hearts. I am grateful to have met her, and for the times we were together.

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**Ann Cashin** - May 21, 2024 at 11:31 AM

VS

“ Maryann was such a beautiful soul. We shared many memories together, especially the ones from our trips to the Holy Land and to Fatima. I joined her bible study group and she was such an inspiration to me in my journey to become closer to our lord. God truly created an angel in her. Pray for us, dear lady. You will be missed!

Roseann

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**Vic and Roseann Sinkovitz** - May 19, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BN

“ Mary Ann was the driving force of the food pantry at St Patrick Church. Such a lovely, compassionate woman, she will always shine brightly as an inspiration to me. We will miss her visits back to see us. She is surely busy doing God's work from her new position. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.

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**Barbara and Al Noster** - May 17, 2024 at 07:47 AM

JP

“ I will miss Mary Ann in so many ways. She was a faithful Friend of the Library, volunteering for any and every activity. A regular at the cashier's desk at the Auxiliary Thrift Shop, she had a smile for everyone who came by. Truly an inspiration to me in how she dealt with her illness.

*Jeanne Patenaude May 16, 2024*

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**Jeanne Patenaude** - May 16, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DP

“ Mary Ann touched so many lives as a teacher. She was substituting when we met and if the students behaved, they could chew gum at the end of the day, a genius m. O will always remember her hospitality. She was so welcoming and fun

*When I had back surgery, she brought homemade pickles to my mom and I. When I was blessed with two teenagers she became the ice cream lady. She bought ice cream bars from a man who came by selling them and sent them to my grateful kids. For years our family enjoyed following clues to their Easter baskets, an idea I copied from her.*

*You can tell so much about a person by looking at their family. Everyone of her and Jim's kids are delights.*

*You knew she was fun when she let little Joe show off his Land if Lakes butter box trick.*

*She left a beautiful legacy.*

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**Diana Palinca** - May 14, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KR

“ I'm so so sorry to hear that MaryAnn passed away. What a sweet lady- always a smile and a kind word. We have been missing her at the book club. She always had wonderful comments to share with us. She will be missed by many. I'm sure she will be listening to us from above! Hugs to all of you. Kathy Rose

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**Kathleen Rose** - May 14, 2024 at 02:08 PM

SL

*Aunt Mary Ann: a kind, talented, smart person who always made a person feel welcome in her home. She was, and still is, an inspiration to me as how to live a good life. She was a special servant of our Lord. She will live forever in heaven. I shall be so blessed to see her again some day. I love you and will miss you until that day. Sharie*

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**Sharie Leibold** - May 17, 2024 at 08:01 AM