



## Mary Teresa Eckrich

February 16, 1949 - October 23, 2017

Teresa Eckrich,

68, of Nineveh, IN, passed away October 23, 2017. She was born February 16, 1949 to Matthew J., Jr. and Mary Helen Eckrich. Teresa was a graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldenburg, IN, Class of 1967. She received her Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Marian College and a Masters degree in School Administration and Counseling from Indiana University. Teresa loved music, but more importantly, she lived to develop that same love and appreciation of music in those she taught, both children and adults. Anyone who had the privilege of singing or performing for her at masses or in performances, experienced the gentle push that always brought the best out of their gift. She was one of the lucky ones who never worked – just served in the ministries that she loved.

Teresa married her partner Denise M. Stone of 45 years, October 26, 2013.

She became the Music Director at Little Flower and also a Music teacher teaching Pre Kindergarten through eighth grade for 35 years. Teresa was a long time member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 27, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Teresa is survived by her companion of 45 years, Denise M. Stone; mother, Mary Helen Eckrich; siblings, Cathy Walter (John), Christina Tebbe, Betsy Glowinski (Ashly Insco), Matthew John Eckrich III, Mark R. Eckrich (Nancy),

Thomas M. Eckrich (Patti) and Kevin Klaiber (Jan); and 24 nieces and nephews. Her father, Matthew J. Eckrich, Jr., preceded her in death in 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the "Teresa Eckrich to God through Music Scholarship Fund", in care of Little Flower Catholic Church.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Drexel Chapel

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

435 W. Troy Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
<http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church  
4720 East 13th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
(317) 357-8352

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Miss Eckrich, as we knew her with respect, taught me how to sing so sweetly, work hard, be proud, hold our heads up, and especially breath from the diaphragm. I was raised by my parents to always use the proper Mr. Miss, Mrs. title. I would have never called her by her first name. Never thought I would look so sweet as Peep Bo and sing like a bird in the Mikado. When we stood on the stage as the Bells of St. Mary's I was so proud of that accomplishment. She never called us her choir girls, or was disrespectful. She showed us the music for the upcoming season, I wasn't sure if I could do it, but I still learnt it. I still know all the parts of the Alleluia Chorus. There was no such term as giving up. She was stern, but never demeaning. I will never forget what she did for me. Since that time, I have accomplished so much, due to fact of working hard, doing my best, and sticking to the task to completion. She is truly with God and will conduct a heavenly choir of angels. I prayed for God's healing hands to ease her pain, and be with her.  
Thank you so much Miss Eckrich. You will live in my memory.  
Josephine Taylor (Wagner).

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**Josephine Taylor** - October 29, 2017 at 02:58 PM

CG

“ Denise, I could have never have been so lucky as to have gotten to meet and know you and Teresa. You two and your choir have always had a special place in my heart. Thank you for being a wonderful couple. I will think of Teresa while playing Anderson Symphony this weekend. All my best to you.

Cheryl Guise

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**Cheryl G** - October 27, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



October 27, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *Christina Tebbe, children and grandchildren purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



**Christina Tebbe, children and grandchildren** - October 26, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ *Lots of good memories...like when she told Dan Pioletti that we were actually twins separated at birth that reconnected at Marian ...and he believed her! All those years when she was at Scecina and I at Ritter ...when we could actually read each others minds in preparing the music!! Teresa will be missed...much love and prayers for Denise and all the Eckrich's.*

*Mary Kubala*

**Mary Kubala** - October 26, 2017 at 06:22 AM



*So many memories that span a lifetime- she lived and served to her fullest every day!*

**denise stone** - October 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM

SH

*Denise, you and your family are in our prayers.*

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**Susie Holton** - October 27, 2017 at 01:30 PM

CH

*Mary, you and Teresa introduced me to what would become a life-long friend in the orchestra pit at Clowes Hall. You noted we were both headed for Purdue. Such life-changing moments and vivid memories flood in as I think of those days in the 80s.*

*I also bore witness to many of those mind-reading episodes.*

*Denise, several of those vivid memories find me at your home in the early morning hours following many Midnight Masses. I always remember your smile.*

*Mary Hellen, Please rest assured in knowing your daughter made impacts in our lives and will be missed by her students and friends.*

*I pray for you all in this time of loss.*

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**Charles Huckleberry** - October 27, 2017 at 04:59 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for all of you.  
Joy and Pete Schroeder*

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**Joy Schroeder** - October 28, 2017 at 09:43 AM

WA

“ *Most joyful memory: Teresa, dancing with Gumby at her birthday party...what a stitch! What a memory...*

*Music connected her with so many people that you have to feel there's a note now missing in the orchestra of this universe. But she plays on! For all of us who have faith, who believe that there is a heaven to which the faithful are bound, we must hold to the promised hope that the note which left us here now plays beautifully, wondrously there. I know that's no consolation to a hurting heart in the here-and-now, but may that thought remain with you long enough to see Teresa, in your mind, conducting that magnificent heavenly choir: Her heart would overflow with inexpressible joy. (Right now, I'm hearing the "Hallelujah Chorus," the first choral song she taught me...she always was musically ambitious...)*

*Our sympathies to Denise, Mary Helen, and all the Eckriches.*

*With our love,  
William and Anita*

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**William & Anita** - October 25, 2017 at 05:56 PM

DS

*Thank you- she always said making music together is intimate and reaches into the souls participating with an "other world ness" at times.*

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**denise stone** - October 27, 2017 at 11:13 AM

WA

“ *William and Anita purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



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**William and Anita** - October 25, 2017 at 05:39 PM

WF

“ *With love, The Hinshaw and Insko families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



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**With love, The Hinshaw and Insko families** - October 25, 2017  
at 12:32 PM

HM

“ *To Denise and the family and friends of Teresa-I am so very sorry to learn of Teresa's passing. I had worked with her during Vacation Bible School for a few years and was privileged to see her love of both music and teaching. Her devotion to the children was so special-a true gift.*

*Thank you, Teresa, for all that you gave to us of yourself. We will always treasure those times.*

*Holly McClara*

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**Holly McClara** - October 24, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MN

“ *Oh Denise we are so sorry to to hear of Teresa's death but happy to have the opportunity to visit and share some laughter with you both recently. Our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Marty and Shirley Newman.*

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**Marty Newman** - October 24, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



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October 24, 2017 at 06:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Teresa Eckrich.*



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October 24, 2017 at 02:25 PM