



Mary A. Ruszkowski

June 4, 1924 - May 30, 2015

Mary Ann Ruszkowski, 90, of Beech Grove, now resting this day in the arms of her Savior, passed peacefully on Saturday, May 30, 2015. She was the daughter of Francesco (Frank) Fortuna and Mary Polance who both migrated to the United States from Yugoslavia and later married in Cleveland, OH. Mary was born in 1924 and spent her early childhood in Cleveland before her family relocated to Beech Grove, Indiana for employment with the railroad. She was the Valedictorian of her class of Beech Grove High School and began employment with a local bank upon graduation. Mary married Walter J. Ruszkowski, a veteran of WWII in 1948.

Mary was a devoted wife, mom and grandmother. She was an avid reader, painter, gardener, crafter and a foodie ahead of her time. Her family and friends benefitted from her keen interest and knowledge of nutrition, cooking and baking. She joyfully and lovingly shared her interests with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary is predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Walter, who died in 2011. She is survived by her sons, David F. Ruskowski (Linda) and Allen J. Ruszkowski (Mary Steinman); four grandchildren, Nick Ruskowski (Michelle), Lori Miller (Dr. Frank), Andrea Ruszkowski and Elena Ruszkowski; two great-grandchildren, Maximillian Ruskowski and Mia Miller; brother, Dr. Frank Fortuna (Eleanor); nephews and nieces, Doug Fortuna, Chris Fortuna (Lynette), Nancy Fortuna Allman (Mike) and Jill Fortuna Garcia (Carlos).

Her kind, caring nature, gentleness of spirit and fun-loving sense of humor will forever live in the hearts of all who knew her. She was a unique and original person and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road.

Graveside services will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Online condolences may be made at www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
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Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

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Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - June 04, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TS

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I always loved Mary. She was a very kind and loving person.

*Sincerely,
Tammy Schlatter*

Tammy Schlatter - June 04, 2015 at 10:07 AM



Nancy Allman

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful light in our lives. Rest in Peace Aunt Mary.

*Love,
Nancy and Mike*

Nancy Allman - June 04, 2015 at 07:06 PM

JG

Such a beautiful spirit inside and out - she had a wonderful way of making each of us feel so very special. This video is a wonderful way to share her legacy of love and light with the younger members of our family.

*Love,
Jill, Carlos & Family*

jill garcia - June 04, 2015 at 08:52 PM

AJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Annette Janke



Annette Janke - June 03, 2015 at 04:45 PM

CM

“ Dave: My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Be Blessed. Carolyn Meinbresse

Carolyn Meinbresse - June 03, 2015 at 04:10 PM

SC

“ Dave and family,
I send my sympathy at the death of your dear mom. I promise you and your family, as well as your mom, will be remembered in prayer. May she rest in peace.
Sr. Cheryl

Sr. Cheryl - June 03, 2015 at 08:30 AM

SM

“ Dave and Linda,
Please accept my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Now Mary knows the beauty of heaven and an eternity of peace.
Sister Marlene

Sister Marlene - June 02, 2015 at 03:00 PM

FJ

“ *May the Lord Jesus who is the resurrection and the life embrace Mary into his loving care. May you Dave, and your family find strength and peace at this difficult time. Fr. Tony Janik*

Fr. Tony Janik - June 02, 2015 at 02:54 PM

JE

“ *May Mary experience the peace that comes with being in intimate union with our Lord and Savior, Jesus. May the love of family and friends console you and be a sign of God's presence in our midst. Jim Etter*

James Etter - June 02, 2015 at 08:19 AM

TO

“ *My prayers are with you Dave, & your family. My you find peace & love with your family & friends. God Bless. Tina Bixenman OTR*

Tina Bixenman OTR - June 01, 2015 at 12:33 PM

DE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Todd and Debbie Kabella
Crown Point, IN*



Debbie - June 01, 2015 at 12:22 PM

HG

“ *Mary was a very pleasant and wonderful woman that I Honey Gibson had the pleasure of taking care of. We will all love and miss you beautiful, Love you Mary R.I.P beautiful lady!*

Honey Gibson - June 01, 2015 at 11:34 AM