



Mary Kay Rutledge

January 13, 1950 - December 5, 2020

Mary Kay Rutledge

70, of Indianapolis, passed away December 5, 2020. She was born January 13, 1950 to the late William and Mary Wells Keith. Mary Kay was a 1968 graduate of Warren Central High School and received her Associate's Degree in Dental Nursing from Indiana University. She married John W. Rutledge, June 17, 1972. Mary Kay worked as a paralegal for the American Legion Headquarters for 28 years. She was a long-time member of Downey Avenue Christian Church where she was a volunteer secretary.

Mary Kay is survived by her loving husband, John "Jack" Rutledge; daughter, Alicia W. Stephens (Jeremy); son, John "Will" Rutledge, Jr., (Julie); grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colin, Wyatt, Ryder; and two sisters, Kathleen Hamman (Henry) and Patricia Izuno (Forrest).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Downey Avenue Christian Church, 111 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington Street.

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Jack, I don't know if you will see this but i just had a 'flash back' and thought of you. I googled your name but didn't find anything. I googled Mary Kay and found this. I am so sorry for your loss. I think of all of you often. Wish we still had our family reunions. Please feel free to contact me at my email nrw2020@comcast.net. I miss being with my family. Love you and your family.

Nancy Roberson Wilson

Nancy Roberson Wilson - March 27, 2024 at 06:51 PM

SH

“ Sending love and prayers to Jack and their family. We all had so many good memories together. So sorry we lost touch. Just heard of Mary Kay passing and am heartbroken. My condolences to Jack, Alicia, Will and their families. Susie (Trump, Chaille) Hine. Would love to talk to Jack and rehash old times.

Susan (Trump), formerly Chaille, Hine - January 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JR

Susie, We do have a lot of fun, funny memories. MK's death was a shock. Love to you and family. We are both on FB...message me. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JG

“ Jo Ellen Gazvoda sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Kay Rutledge



Jo Ellen Gazvoda - December 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JR

Thank you

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:17 PM

KA

“ So many beautiful memories of sharing meals, laughs and my favorite ... playing dress-up with MK's coveted closet items!! Sending loving thoughts and heart-felt wishes for peace and comfort to Jack and family. This world lost a good one. Love, Kim Van Ess Arick

Kim Arick - December 14, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JR

Lets get together....

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ Mary Kay was a lovely lady that brought much joy into many people's lives. It was always good to see her no matter what the circumstances were. Please know that my heart aches along with your hearts. I will pray that in time your great memories of her will bring smiles back into your world.
Joan Stahl

Joan Stahl - December 10, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JR

Joan, You are a sweet one. Thank you

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:46 PM

DL

“ Mary Kay will truly be missed. She was so sweet, sincere and a great friend to me. God has gained an angel. I'm sending my deepest thoughts, prayers and love to the family. Please let me know if you need anything.

Denise Lhamon - December 10, 2020 at 09:11 AM

JR

Awwww Denise, MK enjoyed your friendship. Blessed to know you. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:54 PM

LB

“ I am so blessed that Mary Kay was able to make my wedding. It was so great to see her again. Our family definitely lost an amazing woman. I love you Mary Kay! Uncle Jack, you, Alicia and Will are in my thoughts. Love to you all!

Laura Beach - December 09, 2020 at 10:54 PM

JR

Laura, Thank you for your kindness. She thought about you often and your young family. Love you all. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

KA

“ Dear Jack and Family
I am so very sorry . My heart breaks for you. So very hard to suddenly lose your partner and love of your life. 💔. So sad for your kids and Grandkids. She was a real sweetheart.💔 Prayers to all of you.

God Bless

Kathy Arkins

Kathy Arkins - December 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM

JR

Kathy, Know you know how this feels. It sucks. Hearts are broken. But will mend. Love you

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:04 PM

PJ

“ *Extremely saddened about the loss of Mary Kay. She was a very wonderful person and good friend to all that knew her. She had such a shining spirit about her. She was smart, funny, kind and dear. Those who knew her would agree I'm sure. I really miss her! We were working together in the Executive Offices of The American Legion National Headquarters, and we also worked together in the Americanism Division prior to that. Cannot stop thinking about her. Sending my deepest condolences to her entire family.*



Patti Jackson - December 09, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JR

Patti, Such a sweet note. Thank you. MK was so happy to have you and Debbie so close. Appreciated the true friendship. I miss hearing about. Be well. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:09 PM

MB

“ *We were gifted a brief visit with Mary Kay and her sisters and Jack last fall in Tennessee. We spoke of the fun we shared in their childhood home as if no time had passed. Her personality had shine! We offer our condolences to all who will miss her and carry forward her bright legacy.*

Maureen and Tom Butler - December 09, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JR

Maureen, How thoughtful to hear from you...so kind.

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM

PW

“ *My sympathies go out to Mary Kay's family. She was a beautiful person inside and out and always with a smile for everyone. We worked together at The American Legion for many years.*

Patty Waltz - December 08, 2020 at 09:34 PM

JR

Patti, Thank you. She was a beautiful soul. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JW

“ *Joyce Wilcher lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Rutledge*



Joyce Wilcher - December 08, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JR

Joyce, Thank you for lighting a candle. Jack

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BR

“ *Incredibly heartbroken and sadden to learn of Mary Kay's passing. I work with her at The American Legion. My daughter and her granddaughter, Elizabeth, are four days apart and we always shared that connection and stories. I will miss her as she was a great lady! My deepest sympathy- Peace be with you all.*

Bridget Robinson - December 08, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JR

Bridget, MK enjoyed her grandkids! Your daughter is 10 as is our Elizabeth. Seeing a little pre-teen attitude recently. It was to cute. Thank you for your note. The shock has not passed. J

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ I worked at the American Legion with Mary Kay for several years. What a sweet soul she was. Always a kind word, smile, and her laughter was contagious. My sincere condolences to her family. God told us to “stay awake” for no one knows the day or hour, not even the Angels, of his coming. Mary Kay stayed awake. God bless

Debra Murrell

Debra Murrell - December 08, 2020 at 10:52 AM

JR

Bless you for your message. She a very sweet soul. Jack

john rutledge - February 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM

TD

*“ Words cannot express our deep sorrow. Mary Kay is a light, a true gift.
All our love - Eddie and Terri Davis*

Terr Davis - December 08, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JG

I worked with Mary Kay at the Legion for 18yrs. She was a very dear and wonderful friend. I am saddened that I will not hear your voice again. I will keep you close to my ❤️ forever. God Bless

Jo Ellen Gazvoda - December 14, 2020 at 06:12 PM