



## Mary Helen Shea

February 27, 1938 - June 15, 2020

Mary Helen Shea, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away June 15, 2020. She was born February 27, 1938 in Speedway, Indiana to the late Leonard C. Endres and Delia Mary (King) Endres. Mary Helen graduated from The Saint Agnes Academy in June 1956. Mary Helen met Frank James Shea in 1961 while both worked at Wabash Fire and Casualty Insurance, Mary Helen in the payroll audit department and Frank in the print shop. They started dating in 1962 and were married on May 25, 1963. Frank preceded Mary Helen in death on November 28, 2002.

Mary Helen has been a member of Little Flower Catholic Church for over 50 years, and served as a volunteer for the Parish Center Office and Little Flower Festival along with athletic activities. Mary Helen loved her church, her family and friends, and adored her grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 East 13th Street, Indianapolis.

Mary Helen (The Big M, Gma Bud) is survived by her loving children, Lori Finnigan (Pat), Dennis J. Shea and Angie M. Shea; grandchildren, The Originals, Charles Joseph Downing (Amanda), Thomas Michael Downing (Caitlin) and Chelsea Shea Finnigan; The Replacements, Dillon Patrick Finnigan, Marianne Shea Downing and Austin Matthew Huffman; and great-

grandchildren, Ryleigh, Ezekiel and Elliott. Mary Helen was preceded in death by her brothers, Jerry Endres and David Endres.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Little Flower Catholic School Tuition Assistance, 4720 East 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 18.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

**JUN 19.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Bob and Carrie Wiese purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Shea.*



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**Bob and Carrie Wiese** - June 17, 2020 at 02:42 PM

KA

“ *Kay purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Shea.*



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**Kay** - June 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ *I am saddened by the passing of your mom. I am so thankful I get to visit with her a few years ago at st. Joe cemetery. Your mom was my mother's first cousin on my mom's side. (Mom was Martha Ruth Endres Starkey). While I regret I never really knew you guys well I sure loved all the posts about her. Regardless there is kinship. Mom told me several stories of your mom in her youth and as you can imagine many more of your grandfather. All of you are in my prayers. May God grant her eternal rest. Love, Janet Starkey Petsch.*

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**janet starkey Petsch** - June 17, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JE

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my aunt, Mary Helen Shea. She was my father's younger sister. Jay and I went to her home to see her just a week ago; we had a wonderful visit. We reminisced about the times when my dad tried to get her involved in horse activities. We talked about how much she liked eating at the 'Steer Inn' restaurant; she especially enjoyed their spaghetti dinner. We touched upon a variety of topics and shared a few chuckles. She was a spunky, petite lady with a sharp wit. I cannot recall a time of being together when we did not laugh out loud about something. She will be sorely missed long into the future by everyone who loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins, Lori, Dennis, and Angie, for their strength, resilience, comfort, and peace through this painfully difficult time. 🥺  
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Jay Ard & Debra Jo Endres-Ard - June 16, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Shea.



June 16, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Shea.



June 16, 2020 at 07:23 PM

JN

“ Big M...Thanks for the laughs, the "looks", the love (I know you loved me) and ALL the memories...I sure will miss you ❤️ Joyce N

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**Joyce Neace** - June 16, 2020 at 07:01 PM

MB

“ Lori, Dennis, and Angie,  
All of you, as well as your families, are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was a sweet lady and one I enjoyed knowing for many years - not only at Little Flower, but for many years at Community Little League.  
May she rest in peace for she has earned her eternal reward. Peace to all!  
Mary Lou Beaupre

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**Mary Lou Beaupre** - June 16, 2020 at 05:57 PM

DB

“ To the family of Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Mary. She was a good & kind soul. Ever since I had heard she wasn't well I'd been praying for her to get better. May she rest in peace. God bless her & all of you.

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**Donna Brown** - June 16, 2020 at 05:19 PM