



Mary Therese Kuffel Briol

March 25, 1930 - April 9, 2020

Loving Mother, grandmother, wife, and devoted teacher of 30 years at Nativity of Mary School, passed away peacefully, at the age of 90, on Holy Thursday with family by her side. Mary was a totally selfless person who always put family and students ahead of her own needs. Constantly busy with husband, kids, church, and classroom work, she still found time to deal with anything asked of her, and her favorite saying was "If you want something done, ask a busy person." She loved her grandchildren and never forgot a birthday. They all looked forward to those cards with a sweet, handwritten message and a crisp \$5 bill inside! Mary was an avid hiker, birder, gardener, lover of warm weather and of the great outdoors. She especially looked forward to the colorful spring tulips, irises, and peonies. Mary loved libraries and to read and she instilled that in all of her children. Mysteries were her favorite and she truly enjoyed being part of the Penn Lake Library Mystery Book Club. She was also an expert at Scrabble and a skilled 500 player. Mary was intelligent, kind, sweet, and fun! She was married to Edward, the love of her life, for almost 70 years. Mary will be truly at peace now that she will see her beloved sister, Jean, and will be by Ed's side for eternity. Survived by her 7 children, Mark, Stephen (Heather), Dennice (Robert), Thad (Cheryl), Zoanne (Bill) , Jeannine (Bob) and Michelle; 20 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; brothers Jim (Jeanne) and Don (Priscilla); brother in-law Matt; many nieces and nephews. On Tues., April 21 at 10am a private Mass of Christian burial will be webcast at <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Mary-Briol/#!/PhotosVideos>

In lieu of flowers, Memorials preferred to your favorite charity.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



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“ Jo and I are sorry about losing Mary Therese. In my growing up in the St Cloud area, we had Rosalie (Palmersheim) and Billy, Charles and Rosemary Kuffel, Frances and Clara Kuffel on 21st, later Ralph and Eleanor Stanear in Sartell, and Lad and Helen on the farm. The farm was special and to out there for the celebration of someone's birthday was a real treat--Helen was an outstanding cook, the servings were huge and laughter filled the house...all this aided in preparation and serving by Jean and Mary Therese. In the later years of our visiting on these occasions, Mary Therese was a student at St Cloud State (the Teachers College), had begun to date Eddie, one of the funniest guys I had ever listened to in person (he told many stories). Mary Therese enjoyed a laugh back in those days but at core was a serious student. She was a blessing to those around her back in the day, and it appears it was the same the rest of her life. We are all the better for knowing her. Blessings to all in the Briol family as well as to Jim, Don, and Matt and their families.

Dick and Jo Kuffel

Richard Kuffel - April 18 at 06:34 PM