



Mary Jane Zarins

March 22, 1933 - October 11, 2025

Mary J Zarins, age 92 of Minnetonka, MN died peacefully on Saturday, October 11, 2025. She was preceded in death by husband Helmars and daughter Lisa, brothers Ray, Jack, Harold and a sister Betty. She is survived by brothers William and Richard and a sister Ginny as well as many nieces and nephews and honorary granddaughter Abby.

Mary was born on March 22, 1933 in Hallock, MN. She grew up on the farm in Lancaster, MN with her eight brothers and sisters. She worked for Land O Lakes and Control Data but her favorite job was being a Nanny. Oh how she loved the little kids! Mary enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Going out for lunch or dinner - her favorite restaurant being Jimmy's in Minnetonka and of course The Olive Garden and Culver's. She was always up for a conversation with friends and family as well as meeting new people. Mary was a special lady who touched the hearts of so many! She will be dearly missed!

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Thursday, October 23rd at Washburn McReavy Funeral Home - Hopkins Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins MN. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m. followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sharing and Caring Hands/Mary's Place - www.sharingandcaringhands.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Mimi was often at the Knollwood Mall Panera (the old one, before mall was renovated) on Saturday mornings. We'd meet her for breakfast with our two year old, fresh out of the pool from toddler lessons at Foss Swim School. Mimi adored our daughter and the two of them carried on over breakfast for several years. Life moved on for us and we hadn't seen Mimi for more than a decade, but we always send her a Christmas card, and continue to think of her fondly. What a sparkle in her eye when children were around!

P. Moyer - December 06, 2025 at 12:02 AM

AG

“ Mimi was the nanny for my twins, Sammy and Gigi; as she affectionately called them. They were her last full-time job and they were the luckiest to be loved and cared for by her. Mimi's spirit was infectious. Sam and Gwyn are better for being loved by her. She will be so missed. We love you, Mimi. -Sammy, Gigi, Amy, Papa Ron, and Grandma Christy

Amy Gibson - December 03, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JR

“ Mary's daughter Lisa was a wonderful employee for my insurance agency. Mary would accompany Lisa to some of our office gatherings & her gentle, caring, respectful personality had all of us loving this kind lady. Mary continued her frequent office visits after Lisa passed bringing her sunny disposition lifting the spirits of everyone. With the advent of COVID, selling the agency & retiring our visits stopped. However Mary(and Lisa) will always have a warm spot in my heart. May they find each other & rest in peace together! My condolences to their family & friends!

John Rendall - October 30, 2025 at 06:38 PM

AS

“ We told Mimi she was the “Energizer Bunny” (a battery commercial on tv) – takes a lickin’ & keeps on tickin’! We were amazed just How Incredibly Strong Natured she always remained through all her illnesses. She barely complained (unless asked) & instead wanted to know how I was doing, and wanted to help, listen, be empathetic. I considered her my poster child of how to face life’s difficulties with grace, optimism, realistic acceptance, fortitude, rationality, practicality, endurance, resiliency. This is what I learned from Mimi: Love NOW.

Andra & Silvija - October 21, 2025 at 05:54 PM

AS

“ Andra & Silvija lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Zarins



Andra & Silvija - October 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM

CM

“ Most beautiful caring lady every I’m going to miss you Mary most I’m going to miss is you telling me you need your hair fixed and I was there to fix it for you 🥰



cherrine mitchell - October 19, 2025 at 12:18 AM

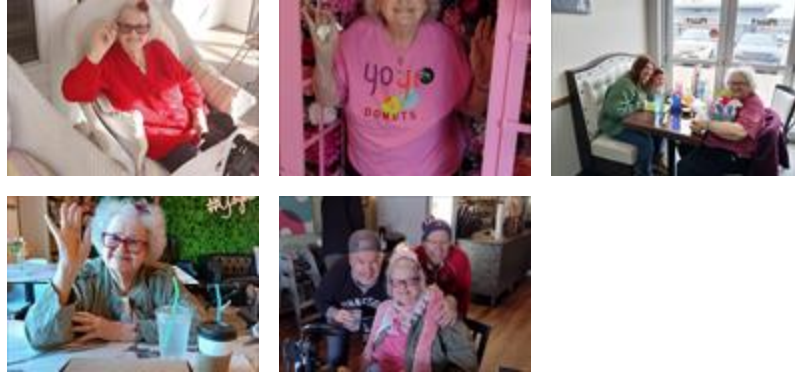
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(I think my previous comment disappeared?) Thank You for posting 🌸 & lovely sentiment 💖

Andra - October 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MW

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Martin Wyland - October 18, 2025 at 08:07 AM

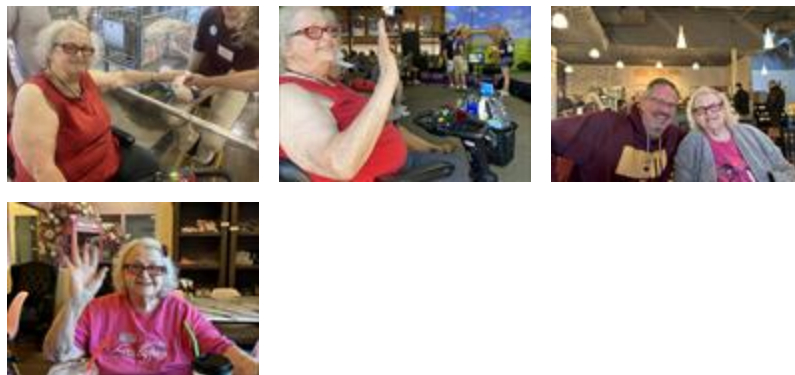
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Love these pictures! Thank you for posting 🌹 They perfectly encapture the Happy, Smiley, Rosey, always Loving Spirit of Mimi 💖

Andra - October 21, 2025 at 06:07 PM

JS

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Jeffrey Steele - October 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

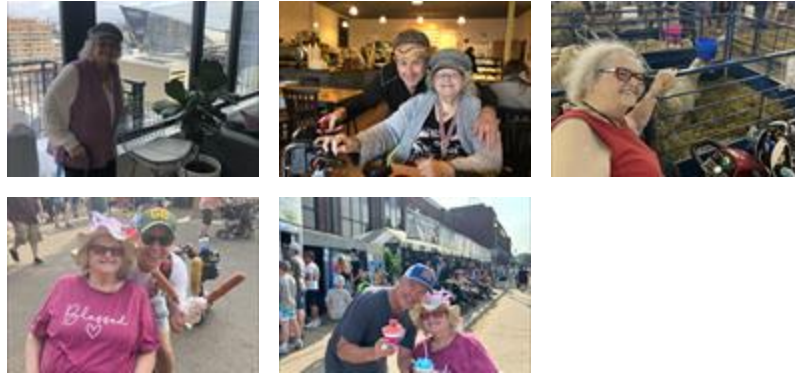
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Thank you for posting pictures 🌹 It's nice to see how Mimi could enjoy herself 💖

Andra - October 21, 2025 at 06:16 PM

BS

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Bill Schmidt - October 17, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AN

Thank you for posting pictures of Mimi 🌹 She looks so happy & hip!

Andra - October 21, 2025 at 06:10 PM