



Mary E. Park

March 31, 1947 - December 25, 2024

Mary E. Park, age 77, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at St. Charles Health Care Center in Jasper.

Mary was born in Huntingburg, Indiana on March 31, 1947, to Vincent and Alma (Eckert) Schmitt. She married John "Bumpy" Park of Austin, Texas, on May 16, 1970, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

She was a graduate of Jasper High School and Lockyear's Business College in Evansville.

Mary worked at Kimball Corporate Payroll Department for 13 years before retiring due to illness. Prior to working at Kimball, she was employed at Old National Bank in Evansville, the Texas Governor's Office, and the Texas Department of Community Affairs in Austin, Texas.

She is a recipient of the Yellow Rose of Texas awarded under Governor Dolph Briscoe and Secretary of State Mark White for dedication to the State of Texas. She was most recently a nominee for the Simon Bruté Award at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the St. Annes Society, Daughters of Isabella, Christ Renews His Parish, Dubois County Museum,

Marriage Encounter in Texas, Charter Member of the Patoka Valley Quilters Guild, and past member of the American Payroll Association. She was also a contact person for several individuals around the country who are battling the rare disease of amyloidosis.

Mary was always ready for an adventure. She never let life's challenges hold her back from playing the role of travel guide or historian researching family histories. She always enjoyed reading a good book, quilting, knitting, and spending time with family and friends, or cheering on her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, John Park, Jasper; son, Michael (Stephanie) Park, Jasper; daughter, Melissa (Shawn) Collins, Evansville; three sisters: Eloise (Larry) Bodkins, Newburgh; Brenda (Glen) Heeke, Jasper; Annette (Jerry) Patton, Huntingburg; three grandsons: Griffin Park, Carson Park, and Bailey Collins, and one granddaughter, McKenna Collins.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary E. Park will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper. A rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. prior to the visitation. A second visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Tuesday, December 31st.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Amyloidosis Network International, the Mayo Clinic for amyloid research, the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association, Dubois County Museum, or plant a tree in someone's memory.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

DEC 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ So sorry for the loss, condolences to Bumpy (John) and the family. Sending love and hugs from the Gifford family. Remembering when Bumby brought his wife to meet the family in Austin. He always was like a brother growing up with my own brother Terry Johnson. May her memories get you through now and always. 🙏

Debra Johnson Gifford - January 06, 2025 at 06:41 AM

MC

Thank you for the kind words, hope your family is doing well.

Melissa Collins - January 26, 2025 at 11:43 PM

JD

“ I am sorry to hear about Mary passing. I worked with her while she was at Kimball and every time we were at a same location in the community we stopped to catch up with each other. I'm sorry I did not know she was failing in her health recently. She always had a positive attitude about her health. And what a knowledgeable person in payroll and was a wonderful leader. You are missed already Mary.

Julie Dutchess - December 31, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AK

“ So sorry for your lose, she was a special lady.

Ann Kinder - December 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was so friendly and a very spiritual lady. She will be missed.

Rosalie Hartwick - December 30, 2024 at 06:22 PM

SC

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolence and prayers go out to the family. May Mary rest in peace. 🙏🙏🙏

Sandra Critelli - December 29, 2024 at 08:38 PM

CK

“ I met Mary at a bible study class. She was an amazing lady and such an inspiration! Prayers for all

Cheryl Knies - December 29, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. I am going to miss Mary’s laugh and her smile. I am one of her knitting buddies and we shared a birthday month and year. Mary was a very special person. Dee McCauley

Dee McCauley - December 28, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SW

I met Mary at a Mysteries of the Rosary class. She was always ready to share her story and smile. She was very joyful and blessed. I know she will be greatly missed. But take to heart friends and family. I can’t imagine her without a smile, even now. Sarah W.

Sarah Woehler - December 30, 2024 at 08:43 AM

DH

“ Brenda So sorry to hear of your sister passing...Prayers for you and family

Dave and Ann Hostetter - December 28, 2024 at 05:21 AM

BE

“ What a wonderful person! She knew a lot about many different topics including her faith, politics, history, world events, etc. Her grandkids were her favorite topic of conversation. She was so proud of each of them! Rest in peace Mary.

Brenda Erny - December 27, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BP

“ What an “All Around” Wonderful & Fun Loving Person! The Mare Bear 🐻 had already battled “Death” once & “Won!” She was a “Fantastic” Friend to our Family & a joy to be associated with for our last minute Lunch or Supper outings as well the informal meetings of the Party Barn 6! She loved the Lord & her Husband John with all her Heart ❤️ and was proud of each Member of the Family! Always there for Her Son & Daughter and never to busy to back her Grandchildren in all of their endeavors! She will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have had her company! Rest in Peace! Bill and Cathy Powell

Bill Powell - December 27, 2024 at 02:47 PM