



## Martha J. Brockmole

February 15, 1923 - December 29, 2020

I leave this physical earth knowing that I truly experienced love and life. I continue my journey with a full heart, a happy soul, and joy beyond measure. If you ever heard me say, “child of grace”, then you were one of my many beloved students at Resurrection School. I wish you well as you follow that unique path that only your footsteps can fill. If you recall me saying, “I didn’t get the jacks” then you are counted among my clabber playing friends. May you always have some meld in your sweet deck of life.

If the phrase, “sleep with your passport” sounds familiar, then perhaps you accompanied me on one of my many travel adventures around the world. May you never have a dream that doesn’t turn into a plan. In my 97 years (born February 15, 1923 in St. Louis, MO), I have seen changes that could only be imagined in a science fiction novel. In my close to a century ride, I have worked and served and reaped God’s favor and protection.

It was a privilege and honor to have worn so many hats in this life including daughter, wife, friend, Harris Jr. College graduate, St. Louis University graduate, medical technologist, teacher, principal, artist, avid crocheter, American Legion member/past president (post 8), VFW member (post 1114), past president/emeritus Indiana/American Society of Clinical Lab Science, charter member Alpha Mu Tau honorary medical technology fraternity, past president northside AARP, American Association of University Women

member, tri-state Notre Dame Club member, RCIA instructor, Simon Bruté award recipient, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, and faithful Christian.

My most proud role, however, would be Mother. I temporarily leave behind Karen (Tony) Zaman of Phoenix, AZ, Dr. Dean (Candy) Brockmole of Dauphin, PA, and Jan (David) Jenkins of La Grange, TX. I can also count among my sweet blessings seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. After so many years, I am finally rejoining the love of my life, Dr. Arnold William Brockmole M.D. of Evansville and my two adoring parents, Frank and Martha Jakubiak of St. Louis.

My final gift to those I endearingly leave behind is a quote by Madeline Bridges. "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

Funeral services for Martha will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 06, 2021 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Raymond Brenner officiating. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Wednesday at Resurrection Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 N. Jefferson Street, La Grange, TX 78945 or to Resurrection Catholic School, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JAN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
5301 New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
5301 New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Martha J. Brockmole*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 04, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Martha J. Brockmole*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ Finally I am able to share memories of Ms. Martha! My friend Stacy Ryza and I were fortunate to know Ms. Martha for at least 10 years. We grew to know and love her after her confinement at home with health issues. Stacy and I were able to take the Eucharist to Ms. Martha every First Friday, until the closure of the church due to the Pandemic.

When Jan told us that Martha was placed on Hospice care, we asked Ms. Martha if she would like the new pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church to bring her the Sacrament of the Sick. She readily requested this sacrament. Then Stacy and I did bring our new pastor, Fr. Brian Phillips, to meet Ms. Martha. She also asked to talk with Fr. Brian privately and asked for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). After that visit, both Fr. Brian and Ms Martha had a wonderful conversation about both of them having Polish roots! We also visited her on her birthday and brought her treats to enjoy and were planning to again bring treats on her birthday in February, but it was not to be. We admired Ms. Martha tremendously and marveled that every month that we visited her, she was always sitting in her chair in her TV room, immaculately dressed, always had her hair beautifully done, and wore a scarf to match her dress, plus earrings and chain with a cross or a beautiful broach. Stacy and I did request Masses for her here at Sacred Heart Church in La Grange. The Masses were scheduled, one near her birthday plus two others. I met Jan when she and David moved to La Grange and I was teaching at La Grange Elementary School. Stacy and I met her sister Karen when she stayed with her mother while Jan and David went on vacation one year. We will never forget Ms. Martha and we will always keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara Brauner

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Barbara Elizabeth Brauner - February 13, 2021 at 03:57 PM

CH

“ *The Resurrection Class of 1967 send their condolences to the family of Mrs. Brockmole.*

*As her students, we enjoyed her many hats. We learned writing, history, science and math, inspired to careers in these subjects. We learned about “sets”, square roots, fractions and numerous new math curriculum, along with the BSCS science topics, historic events, and writing 500 word essays. At that time, we were unaware of how great of a teacher we had. Years later, we realized how great and wonderful of a teacher we had. Not just in school subjects, but also in how to treat others with respect , how to help others, how to study, and many more life lessons. She was more than a teacher, she was our neighbor, celebrating mass with us on Sunday, handing out super Halloween treats, and encouraging us to do our best. We are honored to have spent our early years learning from her. We are saddened by her passing. However, we know she is an angel in heaven.*

*May the family find comfort in their time of grief.*

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**CHERYL HERRMANN** - January 06, 2021 at 09:16 PM

SS

“ *Martha was one of the best teachers I've ever had on my staff. She was always prepared for her classes, strict but fair with her students. She was extremely knowledgeable about many subjects but willing to admit her inadequacies. What a blessing it was to have known and worked with her!*

*Sister Maureen Schmalzried*

*Principal of Resurrection School, 1979-1985.*

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**Sister Maureen Schmalzried** - January 05, 2021 at 08:48 PM

BK

“ Our sympathy to the family of Martha, she was a great teacher and friend.

*Berta Kares and family.*

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**Berta Kares** - January 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM

LS

“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to Martha’s family. I taught with her at Resurrection. She was a good teacher. She was fun to work with.

*Sister Laura Marie Schmitt*

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**laura marie schmitt** - January 03, 2021 at 08:33 AM

RS

“ Over the last two years I had the pleasure of spending time with Ms. Martha. I I will cherish the stories that she shared with me about her family, her faith, and her travels. She was truly a treasure and I will greatly miss our time together. My deepest sympathy to her family and those fortunate enough to know and love her.

*Rita Sulik*

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**Rita Sulik** - January 02, 2021 at 04:30 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I consider it an honor to have known Martha and been able to hear her stories in life. She was extremely elegant and vibrant lady. She will be greatly missed.

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**Miriam M** - January 02, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KB

“ I was lucky enough to have Mrs Brockmole for a couple of years at Resurrection. She prepared me for high school and life. She was firm but fair and set the bar high. If we struggled or gave up on ourselves, she pushed us until we reached our goals. She kept us grounded but taught us to reach for the stars. She was truly a blessing. Thank you, Mrs Brockmole ❤️😊  
Kathy Kissel Brown  
Resurrection Class of 1975

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**kathy brown** - January 01, 2021 at 05:35 PM

TB

“ I had some very good teachers; but Mrs. Brockmole was my very favorite. She didn't just teach a class. She prepared us for high school in that class as well. So well that we could tell we benefitted from her in Algebra and Geometry. She was strict and we knew who was in charge while at the same time let us see her sense of humor, truly caring about her students. Even as a 7th & 8th grader I knew she was very special, realized it more as I became a Mother. Thanks for the memories and life lessons, Mrs. Brockmole. Terri Graves Blazier, Resurrection Class of 1968.

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**Terri Graves Blazier** - January 01, 2021 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ I have been blessed to have had many excellent teachers, but none held a candle to Mrs. Brockmole. After my Mom and Dad, she taught me more about how to be the best person I can be than anyone. I cannot express how fortunate I was to have her as a teacher. Thank you for demanding so much from me Martha. I love you.

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**Jim Will Jr** - January 01, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MV

“Karen and Jan, I am sorry for the loss of your mother. I enjoyed meeting and speaking with her when I cared for Aunt Doris. What a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. Your families will be in my prayers. ~ Monica Voelker

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**Monica Voelker** - December 31, 2020 at 11:19 PM

CJ

“Although I did not know Martha, how I wish I would have. She seemed to be a wonderful, wonderful lady. Her obituary was so heart warming and tears were wept.

*Sending prayers*

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**Carmen Jay** - December 31, 2020 at 08:23 PM

JD

“ While I had wonderful teachers at Resurrection, Martha Brockmole will always be my favorite among all teachers.

*She was one of the original faculty members when Resurrection School opened in 1963 and her encouraging presence was felt as she greeted the students.*

*Several years later, she was my sixth and seventh grade teacher. She made a lasting impression as she knew how to “make you learn.”*

*I remember she was quite proud of being from St. Louis and reminisced about it often. A few sayings that I recall her using quite often were, “Math is a pure science.” Another saying was, “If two heads are better than one and one is a blockhead, which one are you?”*

*In my early adult years, she often invited me to sit with her and her mother at 5 PM Mass on Saturday’s while we still in our original church.*

*Many years later I was privileged to work with her on the 50th Jubilee Committee for Resurrection Church in 2004.*

*I will always be indebted to her for the instrumental role she played in my life.*

*My heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this difficult time.*

*Julie (Fechtmeister) Deeg  
Resurrection Class of 1968*

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**Julie Fechtmeister Deeg** - December 31, 2020 at 03:40 PM