



Mary Jane Tenbarga

October 16, 1925 - May 31, 2021

Mary Jane Tenbarga, 95, a lifelong Indiana resident of Haubstadt and Poseyville – passed away at her home in the early hours of Memorial Day, May 31, 2021. She was born the daughter of Adam and Tillie (Elpers) Schmitt of Poseyville on Oct. 16, 1925.

Mary Jane devoted her rich, long life to her faith, her family including ten children, their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her friends. She enjoyed giving back to the Haubstadt community and the Catholic Church. To the many whose days were made brighter by her love and friendship, Mary Jane will be remembered for her generous nature and positive outlook. She developed a can-do spirit in taking on challenges beginning at a young age. As a first grader, she began school by speaking no English, only German.

Mary Jane would marry Wilfred Tenbarga in 1948, following his return from distinguished World War II military service. On March 31, they began their journey to own and operate a family grain and dairy farm.

Mary Jane took joy in simple pleasures: tending her flowers and garden, clabber card games, and Saturday night dancing to polkas and waltzes.

In recent years, Mary Jane enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and

great-grandchildren, supporting their activities, and spoiling them with her delicious cinnamon rolls, caramel corn, red velvet cake, and homemade ice cream. Through the years, numerous priests at Sts. Peter and Paul have also been the beneficiary of Mary Jane's cooking and baking skills.

Mary Jane's love of quilting can be seen in the many quilts she made for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as those quilted by the Labor of Love Ladies for the Sts. Peter and Paul Die Kirche Auktion.

While a parishioner at Sts. Peter and Paul, Mary Jane was active in the Daughters of Isabella and the Parish Altar Society. She and Wilfred were selected for lifetime membership in the Catholic Diocese of Evansville's Brute Society.

Mary Jane is survived by her children and spouses: William Tenbarga and Don (Elaine) Tenbarga, both of Haubstadt; Theresa (David) Vick of Evansville, IN; John Tenbarga, Fred (Jonelle) Tenbarga, Michael Tenbarga, all of Haubstadt; Ann (John) Beuligmann of Poseyville, IN; Mark (Susan) Tenbarga of Haubstadt; Mary Ellen (James) Duke of Columbus, IN; and Bernie (Lisa) Tenbarga of Haubstadt. Survivors also include 31 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, her sister, Rosalee Scheller, and three sisters-in-law: Mary Schmitt, Catherine and Rosemary Tenbarga and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Wilfred Tenbarga on June 12, 2002; her father & mother-in-law, Leo & Lula Tenbarga; brothers, Anthony, Fred and Ivan Schmitt; sisters-in-law Magdalen Schmitt, Anita Tenbarga, Connie Tenbarga and Melinda Schmitt, Lillian Elpers, and brothers-in-law Arthur Scheller, James Tenbarga, Francis Tenbarga, Sylverius Tenbarga, Clemons Schmitt, Melvin Tenbarga, and Raphael Elpers.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am, Monday June 7, 2021 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Reverend Tyler Tenbarge officiating. Burial will follow in the Sts. Peter and Paul church cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Evansville, IN from 1:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, June 6 with a prayer service at 6:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 211 N. Vine Street, Haubstadt, IN 47639 for the care and upkeep of the Meditation Garden or to The Father Deydier House of Discernment, 2701 W. Franklin Street, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Haubstadt, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 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>

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
211 N. Vine Street
Haubstadt, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Tenbarge*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing upon returning from our vacation! She was such a wonderful person to know and be around! Our deepest sympathies to the entire family 🙏 Dave & Marilyn Elpers*

Dave & Marilyn Elpers - June 13, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Tenbarge family.
Paula Alstatt*

Paula Alstatt - June 07, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Andy and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to all the family. I wish I could have spent more time getting to know Mary Jane. Ten years ago Mary Jane approached me to ask if I would take over the Altar Society Christmas quilt raffle . She started it and she had it for a very long time. It was a little scary because she always did such a wonderful job and made a lot of money for our church. How could I refuse such a sweet lady. I did have some meetings with her about the change over and enjoyed every moment I spent with her. I'll never forget after our next Christmas party she came to me and told me that I had done a wonderful job. That made it all worth while. She was a very special Lady with a very special family. May She Rest In Peace! Andy and Anna Mae Seib*

Anna Mae Seib - June 07, 2021 at 02:35 PM

MR

“ Our condolences to all the family of Mary Jane. Such a beautiful lady. She always had a smile on her face, was a hard worker, and lived for her family and friends. We'll always remember how she helped sew flags for GSHS guard with other women in her basement. She was a true servant of the Lord. May you find comfort knowing she is with her husband now and in the arms of the Lord!
Bruce and Marilee Rostron and Family

Marilee Rostron - June 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM

CF

“ Rosemary Tenbarge, my sympathy to you and all of Mary Jane's family.
Eternal rest grant unto Mary Jane, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all our dearly departed, thru the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen.



Cathy (Weiss) Funkhouser - June 04, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarge.



June 04, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarga.*



June 04, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarga.*



June 04, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ann and John & family Prayers Jim & Hazel Tepool*

Jim & Hazel Tepool - June 04, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to Mary Jane's family. I have known her a long time. I passed by her house many times when I taught at Holy Cross. Sister Laura Marie Schmitt*

Laura Marie Schmitt - June 04, 2021 at 08:34 AM



*My deepest sympathy to the Tenbarga family.
Paula Alstatt*

Paula Alstatt - June 07, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarge.*



June 03, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarge.*



June 03, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Sure will miss my sweet godmother who impacted my life with her beautiful ways! The memories I will hold forever in my heart! To All my cousins, Randy and I will continue to keep you in our prayers!! I know my dad and uncle Tony were waiting for Her with open Arms! We were All blessed to have Aunt Mary Jane in our lives and now we have a beautiful angel looking over us! Much love and God bless! Randy and Tammy*

Randy and Tammy Spindler - June 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BB

“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to all my cousins and their spouses on the loss of your mother. Aunt Mary Jane was an amazing role model for many. Her kind heart, stories, laughter and unbelievable smile that touched your heart will be missed greatly. I was so lucky to have this amazing lady in my life. I will miss her. I love you all and please know you are in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. 🙏 again we are so sorry for your loss.
Don and Barb Barrett

barbara Barrett - June 03, 2021 at 05:40 PM

TC

“ From Harold and Sharon Coleman and Tammy Cox, we send our condolences and prayers to all of the Tenbarga family.

Tamara Cox - June 03, 2021 at 05:34 PM

EW

“ The Family of Lila and Ivan Simon send their condolences to all of Mary Janes family

Elaine Will - June 03, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarga.



June 03, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Tenbarga.*



June 03, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Mary Jane Tenbarga was Just a Sweet and Gracious and Generous Person!!! She Loved Her Family and Her Friends!! So Blessed To Call Her My Friend!!!! Rest In Peace and In Heaven Sweet Mary Jane!!!!*

Gina Moore - June 03, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *To the Entire Tenbarga Family, Our deepest sympathy and prayers for your loss. She was such a unique and wonderful person and will be missed by so many people. Sincerely, Jim and Mary Breivogel*

Mary Breivogel - June 03, 2021 at 03:40 PM