



Mary Jane Schroeder

June 10, 1932 - February 8, 2026

Mary Jane “Janie” Schroeder, 93, of Evansville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the West River Health Campus. Janie was born on June 10, 1932, in Evansville, to the late Leo A. and Lucina (Schaefer) Scheller. Janie was a faithful Catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Mary Jane attended Mater Dei High School and was in the first graduating class in 1950. It was about this time at a free outdoor movie, where she met the man of her dreams, Jim Schroeder. This meeting was the start of God’s plan. For the next six decades, these two people showed the world what true love is all about. Married October 11, 1952, a 66-year adventure began where God, love, family, and happiness was felt anytime you were in their presence.

“The only day wasted is one without laughter”, was the eternal message Janie wanted all those around her to experience. She realized that God’s greatest gift to her was her five children, Jim, Janie, Julie, John and Joni. However, for over thirty years, she was also a childcare provider in her home for many, many toddlers who she could teach and guide daily with kindness, faith, and sharing.

Janie taught her children the art of love, hard work, having fun, and dwelling on the positive. Surviving are Jim (Kristine), Janie Mesker (Larry), Julie

Bradley (Mark), John (Tammy), and her son-in-law, Terry Cardin. She is also survived by sixteen wonderful grandchildren, fifty-one precious great grandchildren and one sweet great great grandchild.

Janie knew that having fun was so important. We have countless memories of camping, drive-in movies, large, noisy family get togethers, swimming, fishing, sports, and much more. She always made sure that hugs and kisses were the magic formula for a perfect foundation for all to remember her by.

Mary Jane truly enjoyed her Ladies Club meeting monthly, which consisted of high school friends and family for over sixty years. They were known to share much, much FOOD, much talking and much laughter. Our mom embraced Sacred Heart's Haiti mission in the 1980's and 90's as she wrote and received letters from pastors at Dominic Savio School.

Janie was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; daughter, Joni; and brothers, Joe, Bob, Don, and Richard Scheller and a sister, Margie Crowe.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service held at 6:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2701 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Haiti Mission or Habitat for Humanity Evansville.

Our family would like to thank all of the people at West River Legacy Unit who made her last years amazing by loving her everyday as she loved them. We also wish to thank the wonderful people of Heart to Heart Hospice.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Dr
Evansville, IN 47720-5964
(812) 423-1356

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
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<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Jane Schroeder*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 18 at 07:02 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Schroeder*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 17 at 10:48 AM



“ *To the Schroeder family, Donna and I are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a beautiful lady that will truly be missed. May the lord comfort your family in your time of need. God bless Steve and Donna McGinness*



Steve McGinness - February 18 at 08:45 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 17 at 06:18 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 17 at 04:33 PM



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



February 17 at 10:51 AM



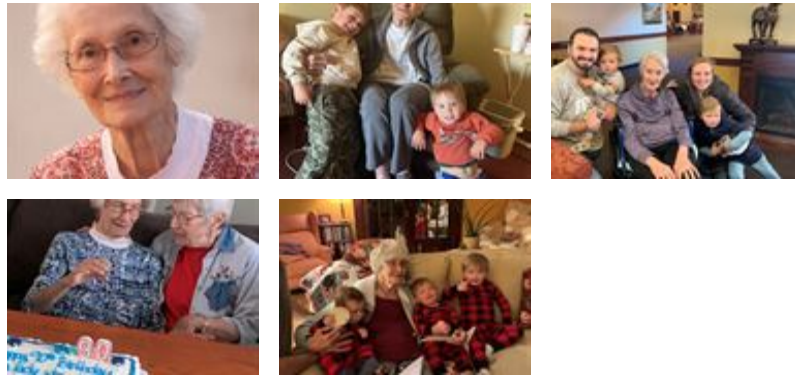
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Schroeder.*



February 17 at 10:42 AM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 17 at 10:39 AM



“ *“Schroeder” as my kids called her when they were little, was such a blessing in our life. She was such a caring, loving woman, and that was reflected so much in the way she cared for Jaymi and Andy. She went above and beyond teaching, those kids, the simple things like tying their shoes, and all sorts of things that toddlers needed to know how to do. The kids loved her crafts, the homemade Play-Doh, and trips to swim and do all sorts of things. She taught them how to share, she taught them how to give and how to be a good friend to others. God has truly gained a beautiful Angel. Love, Jane Babb & Family*

Jane Babb - February 16 at 07:16 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - February 16 at 01:22 PM

JB

“ So very sorry for your loss, she was a beautiful lady who I am sure you will all miss.

June Reddington Baker - February 15 at 03:53 PM

DC

My sincere sympathy Julie on the loss of your mother. 🙏

Donna Cassin - February 16 at 06:25 PM

SH

“ To our extended family... all the Schroeders... we have loved your family like we love ours since gaining John as another brother (in-law). We have been honored to share birthdays, Mother/Father Days, Holidays and other special events with Janie & Jim and John's brother & sisters over the years. Janie, her smile & positive attitude will be missed. May God bless your entire family and may Janie rest in peace.

Sam & Brenda (Weiss) Hosick - February 13 at 11:26 AM

BS

“ A very kind and sweet lady! So sorry for your loss Janie and family!
Bobbie Ann Grotius Schutz

Bobbie Ann Grotius Schutz - February 13 at 09:33 AM

KB

“ Our family loved visiting with Janie while my FIL was at West River. She was always so sweet & every time she saw me, she made sure to ask what high school I attended. Her love for MD was still true. Our thoughts & prayers are with her family & our neighbors. Janie was pure joy.

Kim Baggett - February 12 at 10:19 PM

ND

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janie's passing. She was a good friend of my parents, Kenny and Betty McAtee whom she graduated from MD with. My husband was at Westriver this past year and I enjoyed her company each day. She was a very sweet lady. With sympathy ,
Nancy McAtee Dame.

Nancy Dame - February 12 at 09:30 PM

RN

“ Janie, Larry, Julie, Mark and families, So very sorry for the loss of your mother. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cherish your memories.
Reatha and Ron Nurrenbern

Reatha Nurrenbern - February 12 at 05:16 PM