



Mary Jane Harnish - McKnight

December 3, 1922 - January 30, 2020

Mary Jane Harnish-McKnight, 97 of Bluffton passed away on Thursday morning, January 30, 2020, at Signature Healthcare of Bluffton.

She was born on December 3, 1922 in Cook County, IL. to John & Mary Lucille (Stewart) Patty. A graduate of Union Center School, Mary Jane worked General Electric in Fort Wayne and owned & operator of the Coffee Pot Restaurant in Bluffton, with her husband Paul. She had a love for helping others and would often babysit or care for others who were sick. She was a member of the Bible Holiness Church in Bluffton where she played the piano and now called Christian New Light Church. Mary Jane was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord. It was her desire for her family and others to know Him and walk in His ways.

In January of 1944, Mary Jane married Paul R. Harnish in Bluffton and he preceded her in death in 1972. On December 24, 2000, Mary Jane married Rev. Charles F. McKnight and he preceded her in death in 2010.

Survivors include her children; Penny (Chet) Bercot of Decatur, Pam (Dave) Nixon Bluffton along with 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Velma Jean Johnson of Berne.

Mary Jane is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a son Paul Raymond Harnish, II., and a daughter, Patty L Harnish, a grandson, Paul Raymond Harnish, III. along with siblings; Wilma Hall, Joan Schwartz and John Patty.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Monday (Feb. 3rd) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Mary Jane's stepson, Pastor Tim McKnight officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling Hours will be held from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Sunday (Feb 2nd.) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorials may be made to Wells County Camp of Gideons International.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Harnish - McKnight*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 02, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Mary Jane Harnish - McKnight*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I met Mary Jane when my husband was at Signature for recovery from surgery the end of 2019. I also visited the friends I had made at Signature after he came home. It was so enjoyable visiting with Mary Jane. We would talk and pray together. Such a sweet lady...Kim Banas*

Kim Banas - February 06, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Jane Harnish - McKnight*.



February 01, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of *Mary Jane Harnish - McKnight*.



January 31, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Gone from my Sight*

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side
spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and
starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of
beauty and strength. I stand watch her at length until
she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the
sea and sky come to mingle with each other.*

Then someone at my side says:

“There, she is gone!”

“Gone where?”

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in
mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my
side and she is just as able to bear her load of living
freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just
at the moment when someone at my side says:*

“There, she is gone!”

*There are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:*

“Here she comes!”

And, that is dying.

Adapted from the poetry of Henry Van Dyke

*Hoping this little poem will bring comfort to the Harnish family. We
will be keeping you all in our prayers.*

Rodney & Nola Rains - January 30, 2020 at 01:43 PM

CM

I so enjoyed Aunt Mary Janes sweet, quiet spirit and deep love and commitment to the love of her life, Jesus Christ. What a great testimony of faith to me! What a joy to know such a lovely person.

cindy misner - February 01, 2020 at 05:28 PM

SW

Mary Jane was so kind. She babysat for Cammy, and was the sweetest person that I have ever met... always always kind. ❤️

sally welker - February 01, 2020 at 07:56 PM