



Marian Elizabeth Schmitz

July 14, 1933 - September 9, 2023

Mineral Point - Marian Elizabeth (Gratz) Schmitz, 90, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at her home on September 9, 2023.

She was born July 14, 1933 in Dodgeville, WI to Lloyd and Olive (Harris) Gratz. Marian attended Mineral Point High School and graduated in 1951. She married the love of her life, Kenneth (Kenny) Schmitz, on April 18, 1953 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Mineral Point, WI spending almost 59 years together before his passing in 2011.

Kenny and Marian farmed near Waldwick, WI until December, 1971 where they raised their six children. They then moved to Mineral Point, WI where Marian was very active in the community as a member of the Mineral Point Historical Society, Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society, Uplands Garden Club in addition to serving on the Mineral Point School Board and driving over 30 years as a district school bus driver. She was also owner and operator of Wedding World for many years.

Marian enjoyed the many years with Kenny bowling, dancing, traveling, and entertaining family and friends at Yellowstone Lake, Lake Joy, and 20 years at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park, FL One of her greatest passions was genealogy especially ancestors from Cornwall, England.

Marian is survived by children Ron (Sue) of Boca Raton, FL; Randy (Mary) of Cobb, WI; Jerry (Tracy) of Mineral Point, WI; Cathy (Dan) Ernzen of Dodgeville, WI; Mary Kay (Brian) Engelke of Mineral Point, WI; and Dale of Mineral Point, WI; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Carolyn (Don) Meuer, Dodgeville, WI and Janet (Richard) Hyland, Belleville, WI, sisters-in-law Helen Schmitz, Mineral Point, WI and Barb Schmitz, Mineral Point, WI.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth; parents/step-parents, Lloyd (Gladys) Gratz and Olive (Al) Sherman; mother-in-law, father and mother-in-law, William and Margaret Schmitz, brother and sister-in-laws, Kathleen (Stan) Nicholson, Harold Schmitz, Donald (Margaret) Schmitz, Bernard (Marilyn) Schmitz, John (Mary) Schmitz, Laverne Schmitz, Joe (Marlene) Schmitz, William Schmitz, Janice (Ralph) Pittz; niece, Pat Nicholson; nephew and niece Gary and Carol Jean Schmitz; nephew, Jeff Hyland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 18, 2023 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point, WI. Fr. Tafadzwa Kushamba will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 2:00 until 5:00 PM at the GORGEN FUNERAL HOME in Mineral Point and on Monday from 9:30 until 10:50 AM at the church.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

801 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen Funeral Home
310 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
(608) 987-3421
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

SEP 18. 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Mary's & St. Paul's Catholic Church
224 Davis St
Mineral Point, WI 53565-1113
(608) 987-2026

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall



“ I just heard about Marion's passing. I grew up in the Waldwick area and was a friend of the Gratz family. Marion was a good friend and will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.
Carolyn U'Ren



Carolyn U'Ren - December 11, 2023 at 03:51 PM

JF

“ Marian was a kind and wonderful person who loved her family very much. Her grandson Mark married my daughter Janelle. Marian loved to dance. At their wedding 4 years ago she danced the whole night. I spent a lot of time with her. She had my husband and I out to her house to visit. I remember her being such a good driver. She drove us out to the country area showing us where everyone lived over the year, and told us a lot of great stories about the family. She was a wonderful hostess. I will miss her so much. God bless her soul. Janice Ferguson

Janice Ferguson - September 18, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marian Elizabeth Schmitz.



September 14, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Sympathy & prayers for Marian's family & friends. She was a women of many interests. I enjoyed working on genealogy with her.*



Linda Osterhouse - September 13, 2023 at 12:33 PM

SF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Marians passing. She was a delightful lady and my dear friend. So many happy memories of time spent with her in Florida. Rest in peace, my friend. You will not be forgotten.*

shirley fields - September 12, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JD

Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about your sister. I wish I could be there for you in person.

Joanne Dalsoren - September 12, 2023 at 09:28 PM

RM

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of you in your loss of Marian. I enjoyed many contacts with her over the years and most recently many chats with her at Desiree's beauty parlor. She was a woman of many interests and involvements of good for the community. Keep your good memories of her to heal in your loss. Rosalie May*

Rosalie May - September 12, 2023 at 12:11 AM

FS

Marian was one of those people that you meet and never forget. She was my bus driver for several year. Always had a smile and warm words of wisdom to go with it, my thoughts and prayers to the family. Heaven has gained a angel.

Frank Schaaf - September 12, 2023 at 03:54 PM

CK

We have many wonderful memories of Marian and her family when she and Kenny were here in Reflections. She was a great friend.

Carmen Kullberg - September 14, 2023 at 10:20 AM

MH

My most sincere sympathy to all the family on the loss of Marian. I have known her since forever and valued our friendship. We were childhood friends, Cornish Cousins and real cousins as well. She will be missed by many. May God Bless you all and your happy memories will help you through.

Marion Howard - September 14, 2023 at 10:53 AM