



Mary Alice Rink

March 5, 1933 - March 15, 2019

Mineral Point - Mary Rink left this life on her final journey on Friday, March 15, following a massive stroke at the age of 86.

She was life-long resident of Mineral Point and a member of St. Mary's church where she received all her sacraments from her baptism to her death.

She was married to Bill Rink for 42 years and were blessed with five "A #1" children: Shelley (Keith Miescher), Andy Rink, Tracey Rink, Denise (Ron) Lovell and Marty (Lastina) Rink; 5 grandchildren followed: Missy (Nate McKittrick), Kimmie (Paul Koch), Lexi, Lea and Ben Lovell, then three great grandchildren: Clara, Hazel, and Leo McKittrick.

Her career highlights include starting as a Clerk-Stenographer for the federal government in 1952, with FBI security clearance and ended with her retirement from Lands' End after 25 years.

Throughout her life, she made and enjoyed many friends and had the gift to let people know how much they meant to her. As a result, she had many different groups of friends with whom she enjoyed love and laughter.

Her love of travel lead her to many adventures. She is now on her final journey and the best vacation of her life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 12:00 noon at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Fr Michael Tarigopula will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the church, followed by a church luncheon, and by an Irish Toast at Tony's Tap.

The family would like to thank the members of St Mary's who assisted our mother during the emergency situation, the EMTs, the staff at Upland Hills Hospital for their excellent care and to Gorgen Funeral Home in assisting us with her final journey.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall



“*Mary was my first cousin. Due to our 20+ years difference, we didn't know each other growing up. I live in Florida, I was visiting one of our aunt's for lunch in Menomonee Falls. She drove from Mineral Point to have lunch with us (that's 2 hours). She said "Hi, I'm your cousin, I came because I wanted to meet you." She was the glue of the Fischer clan. She welcomed us into her home on a different visit years later. It's been 5 years since her passing. But I do think of her fondly as the years pass. Sweet lady... she is missed.*

Jeanine Metts - August 23, 2024 at 09:11 AM



“*Mary Alice Rink*

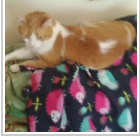
November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“*Dear Shelley, Andy, Tracey, Denise, Marty, and families, we are profoundly saddened by the passing of Mary. She had the ability to light up any group of people with her cheerful good humor and unique laughter! She will be greatly missed at the Fischer family reunions. Mary truly believed in the golden rule, and made everyone feel like they were her special best friend. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love and peace, Tom and Mary(Hebring) Patza

Mary Hebring Patza - March 24, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ To. Shelly .Andy. Tracey . Denice. Marty . our deepest symaphty of your mom mary Rink. Who passed away. I use to be a studee kristey . my granpa and grandma was a studee . aunt clara Gilman was my grandma sister . sorry i cant make it . Lonnie Studee passed away 7 yrs ago my brother its very hard dealing with him gone . do you have any photos. I can have or anything to remember your mom . i remember you all going to aunt clara house . we have all grown up . my mom is in assisted liveing dealing with demitia. It hard for me . send me a memorial card of service etc .heres my address mrs. Kristine dreger 7085 counnty roadpd verona wisc . 53593 . our deepest symaphty to you all . from the. DREGERS . BOB. KRISTINE. KYLE . AMANDA .

Kristine Dreger - March 22, 2019 at 02:35 PM

JS

“ The Class of 1982 (True Blue Brew Crew!!) would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Rink family. Many, many fond memories of living on the "south" side of Mineral Point. Growing up in Mineral Point and having the BEST neighborhood, are memories that are with me forever. XOXOXO

Julie (Ottoway) Sincox

Julie Sincox - March 22, 2019 at 11:48 AM

CS

“*Mary was a beacon of light welcoming all of her Fischer aunts and uncles back to their home town. She shared her hospitality and family lore with her cousins. She was always ready to help Uncle John even though she was a busy young mother. Everyone loved being with Mary because of her positive attitude. She always had something interesting to say. She will be sorely missed. We loved you, Mary.*

Christine (Steffens) Slimko, and Ken Slimko

Christine Slimko - March 22, 2019 at 10:37 AM

LW

“*Our deepest sympathy to your families. Your Mom was one of the best.*

*Leigh Williams
(Chuck and Ione)*

Leigh Williams - March 21, 2019 at 10:59 AM

MJ

“ Mary and her family we're always "there" for my family. Literally and figuratively; as they were the neighbors right up the hill!

Mary was a lovely person, who always seemed to be laughing. No matter what she always put you at ease.

I was sad to hear the news about Mary, as she was one of those women that you always thought would be "there" sort of like Santa Claus and the North Pole! She just "was" Mary!

I would like to let Mary family know that I really appreciated Mary the most in my life, when she was there for my mother at her time of death. Mary was the shoulder my mother laid her head-on for the last time - literally.

I can only imagine the fear my mother felt as she was dying, but also the comfort she felt knowing that her good friend from childhood on was there right beside her holding her hand.

I was never more grateful to have Mary part of my family's life than I was that day. Thank you Mary's family for sharing such a very wonderful and caring person with all of us.

Mara (Barrette) Jensen - March 20, 2019 at 10:27 PM

DY

“ Mary was one of my 'Town Moms'. If my parents could not run back and forth with farm work going on, Mary and Bill, along with Pascalina, Betty, Mary Alice and the J & R Bar always gave me a place to stay if I needed to be at school late one evening for activities. I always enjoyed working the chicken barbecues with Mary and the enthusiasm she always greeted me with. When we would get together with classmates, she was just one of 'girls', always giggling and shaking her head at the stories we shared.

What a kind, adventurous, and generous soul heaven has gained. Thank you, Mary, for all you did in my life to help me along the way. a person always knew they we loved and well taken care of when you were with Mary.

Diane M Yager - March 20, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Rink.*



March 19, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Todd and Lori Gilb purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Rink.*



Todd and Lori Gilb - March 19, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ *Mary was a BEAUTIFUL woman, both on the inside and the outside. Now we have another angel. Mary's children were lucky to have her as their mother. She was special a special lady. Alvina Sturz*

Alvina - March 19, 2019 at 08:53 AM

DE

“Where do I start? I think Mary has known the Van Epps’ longer than I have. In our last visit we talked about her working for Van and what kind of fun they had when they were supposed to be working. Today someone asked me if Mary was the lady with the distinct laugh. I had to laugh as I remembered her and Van laughing together, they both had “that” laugh. Mary became a part of the family. If you saw Van, lone and Muggs together Mary was going to be there, too. Mary has been with our family in happy times and always there for us during sad times. I am so glad I got to visit with her and share some precious memories. I just listened to a song that has the line “There’ll be laughter even after you’re gone.” It doesn’t seem possible now, but in the days and years ahead there will be a time for laughter again. I’m sure when she meets up with Van, lone and Muggs there will be abundant laughter. Dawn Van Epps

Dawn Van Epps - March 18, 2019 at 09:01 PM

DD

“The MPHS Class of 1978 wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mary's family. She was a really great lady! We had a little conversation this fall regarding the class reunion for MPHS Class of 1978. She also worked with my Mom in Dodgeville at Amphenol and I know those ladies liked to get together and reminisce. So sorry for your loss.

Deb Douglas

Deb Douglas - March 18, 2019 at 05:42 PM

JR

“ I so enjoyed working with Mary at Lands End. She was always fun to be around. We also had fun times at her house for a party for someone. Such a neat person to know. I am so sorry she has left us.

Jane Roberts - March 18, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Rink.



March 18, 2019 at 01:07 PM

LG

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of Mary's family. I had the privilege of working with Mary many years at Lands' End and also sharing friendship in many ways whether a dip in her pool or sharing lunch. She was always a very caring person, concerned about others instead of herself. She always had a chuckle in her about something. She will be greatly missed by many.



Bob and Laura Gross

Laura Gross - March 18, 2019 at 09:29 AM

DT

“ *My sympathy to her family. I enjoyed visiting with Mary on many of the trips we went on. She went on the ADRC van to the Bell Tower theater to plays and other places. She also went on some longer trips that I went on. Her laughter was contagious as she enjoyed life. I will miss her.*

Donna Toay - March 18, 2019 at 09:02 AM

DT

“ *Donna Toay lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Rink*



Donna Toay - March 18, 2019 at 08:56 AM