



Mary Jo Kilby

April 1, 1915 - July 12, 2012

Mary Jo. Kilby, 97, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 11:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

Mary, the daughter of Vito and Dominica (Cali) Riggio, was born April 1, 1915, in Murphysboro. She married Harry T. Kilby on October 24, 1935, in Murphysboro, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on February 24, 1991.

Mrs. Kilby worked alongside of her husband at Kilby's Barbeque in Murphysboro, a restaurant which they owned for 20 years. She also worked at MauReen's Dress Shop. Many young ladies relied on Mrs. Kilby for her sense of style and good taste in clothing. Her greatest enjoyment, however, was creating a beautiful home and cooking delicious meals for her family.

Mary was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, and she was a member of the St. Andrew Altar Society. She was also a charter member of the St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter Marilyn Kilby of Murphysboro;

her granddaughter Laura Kilby Blaes of Waterloo;

two sisters Minnie Hooks of Murphysboro and Frances Rendleman of Red

Bud;

and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry; three sisters Clara Schiro, Magdalen Stevens, and Josephine Riggio; and three brothers Thomas, Vito, and Anthony Riggio.

A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2012 at St. Andrew Catholic church with Msgr. James Buerster officiating. Burial will be in St. Andrew Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday until 9:45 a.m. at Pettett Funeral Home, where a Prayer Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Grade School Endowment Fund. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Kilby*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Laura and family so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love Bernie and Pat*

Pat Feldt - July 14, 2012 at 06:37 PM



“ *Marilyn,
Please accept my sincerest and heart felt sympathies in your time of loss. Know that Mom is in a better place and have faith in God to give you the strength in this time of grief. My prayers go out to you and the family.*

Larry Zucksworth

Larry Zucksworth - July 14, 2012 at 02:14 PM



“ *"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." Mimi, I am thankful for your light and love shining down on Laura and Marilyn. You were a friend to all who came to your door. God surely blessed us all with your presence here on Earth. We rejoice to know that you are with the Lord and can rest in peace now.*



Cindy Tesdall - July 14, 2012 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Mimi, your light will shine forever in my life, even as it shines most brightly in Heaven. I love you with all my heart for always.*



Your granddaughter, Laura - July 14, 2012 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Laura,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your Grandmother. My condolences to you and the rest of your family. I read the obituary and she was a wonderful lady and it sounds like she led a full and wonderful life. Her picture was lovely and she looked like she must have been so kind. I also think you resemble her.

Barb Smith

Barbara Smith - July 14, 2012 at 01:21 PM