



Mildred "Mary Jane" Highland

April 5, 1929 - December 17, 2014

CARBONDALE – Mildred 'Mary Jane' Highland, 85, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

Mary Jane was born April 5, 1929, to Marcella and James Robinson in Carbondale. She married Charles 'Chick' Rudy Highland on July 18, 1953 in Carbondale, and he died July 14, 1978, after sharing 25 years of marriage.

Mary Jane was fun-loving and had a carefree spirit. She spent many years raising her family and being a devoted wife and mother. She worked throughout her life mostly as a cook in various establishments including Southern Illinois University and Giant City Lodge. She also worked at the Good Luck glove factory in Carbondale and part-time at Giant City School. Mary Jane loved to cook, was creative in the kitchen and enjoyed developing new recipes. Her recipe for Peanut Brittle was featured in the 1984 Southern Living Annual Recipes cookbook. She loved gardening, helping her late husband care for their animals, reading, writing stories, and various forms of art, history, and science.

Survivors include daughters Linda Fleetham of Canaan, NH, Elizabeth Allen of Knoxville, TN, and Margaret Highland of Streamwood, IL; sons Mike Jacobs of Panama City, FL and Steven E. Highland of Albuquerque, NM; stepson Charles Ralph Highland of Millstadt, IL; grandchildren Dana Erb of Dayton,

OH, David and James Jacobs of Panama City, FL, Daniel Wright of Peoria, IL, Christina and Steve P. 'Bert' Highland of Albuquerque, NM, Samantha and Grant Allen of Knoxville, TN; step grandchildren Valerie Loeffler, Greg Highland and Glenda Bajoras of Millstadt, IL; 14 great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; and two step great, great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Rudy Highland; daughter, Debra Sue Fauke; sister, Anna Dorene Burnett; brother Thomas 'Sam' Earl Robinson; step grandchild Robert Glen Highland; three half-sisters; three half-brothers; and parents.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Sunday, December 21 at the Crain Pleasant-Grove Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Mildred "Mary Jane" Highland is 1:00 PM, December 22, 2014 at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Tommy Monroe officiating. Burial will follow at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at <http://www.diabetesaction.org/> and will be accepted at the funeral home. Condolences may be emailed to highlandfamily@comcast.net.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred "Mary Jane" Highland*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Prayers for you all. What a sweet lady she was.*

Sandy (Nance) Taylor - December 20, 2014 at 09:32 AM



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Margaret Highland - December 19, 2014 at 11:22 PM



“ *Margaret, I will always remember how happy your Mom was all the time. She was a great conversationalist, a real pleasure to know. She leaves behind many happy memories I'm sure ! Love to you and your family. Nancy Concialdi*

nancy concialdi - December 19, 2014 at 06:25 PM

JT

Maggie...such a gift for me to have met your mom and enjoyed her great humor and sunny smile. Prayers of peace to you and family; Mary Jane is at peace, at home. Ox

jodie taggett - December 20, 2014 at 12:24 AM

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“ *Anzures Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred "Mary Jane" Highland*



Anzures Family - December 18, 2014 at 07:56 PM

KM

Maggie, We are very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Our prayers and sympathies are with you and your family. You will always have your loving memories of her in the days, months, and years ahead. Love, Karl and Jean Meyer and family

Karl Meyer - December 19, 2014 at 11:53 PM

DJ

Dan and Linda Fleetham made a contribution to the American Diabetes Association in memory of Mary Jane Highland...

Dan Fleetham, Jr. - December 21, 2014 at 11:07 PM