



Mary T. Vrbancic

June 9, 1925 - May 9, 2019

Mary T. Vrbancic, 93, of Concord Twp., passed away May 9, 2019 at her home. She was born June 9, 1925 in Fairport Harbor, Ohio

Mrs. Vrbancic worked as a bookkeeper at the Rayon Corp until 1955. After her retirement, she was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing softball and her lifelong passion was being in the church choir, sewing and knitting.

Survivors are her daughters, Rebecca Benek, Amy (Richard) Knesebeck, and Sophie Walters; and her grandchildren, Joel and Veronica Walters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter W. Vrbancic; parents, Joseph and Mary Walters; brothers, Joseph Walters and John Walter; her sisters, Helen Centnar, and Julie VanJura; and her son in law, Gary Benek.

A memorial mass in memory of Mary will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 24, 2019 at St. Mary Church, 242 North State St., Painesville, OH 44077. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the church.

Private family inurnment will be held at St. Mary Cemetery, Painesville at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary Church Choirs or to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192, donate online at www.hospicewr.org.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery (Painesville)

954 South State St.
Painesville, OH 44077

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
242 N. State St.
Painesville, OH 44077
(440) 354-4381

Memorial Mass

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“*Mary never wanted anything to do with anything resembling a eulogy about herself. That wasn't Mary's way. But I am going to say a few things about a special life and its special way. It's her life.*

Mary was the kind of follower Jesus looks for. That's because Mary went her Mary way serving others. That's exactly what our Lord did.

Mary's way wasn't "religious", but it was full of the spirit that everyday saints are made of. She so loved and served her family -- her husband, three daughters and two grandchildren.

She loved St. Mary's parish and its church choir. She was a member of the choir, singing in its alto section for many years. She was more than a member, Mary had her hand on the pulse of our choir. She inserted a liveliness all of us in the choir enjoyed each in our own way.

Mary was lighthearted, compassionate, and, yes, a bit mischievous. She could get away with saying things that most of us would never try and did it in her unique Mary way.

Before the E-mail took over Mary spent hours on the phone keeping the choir abreast of all developments. We jokingly referred to her as our "call girl". Once on the line, she was just great to talk with. Our spouses enjoyed taking her calls too.

At choir rehearsals, she'd pass around cards for all of us to sign for members ailing or grieving. Her baked goods were legendary, especially her Balish.

It was a sad day when Mary in her nineties went down the choir loft stairway for the last time. A part of our hearts went with her down those stairs. Now she's singing in the heavenly choir.

Speaking of heaven, I can picture Jesus smiling and saying as she approached heaven's shores: "Look, here comes Mary on her Mary

way. Open the Gates Mary's come home!"

*In loving memory of Mary Vrbancic by Bernice K. Bell, fellow Alto,
and dear friend.*

Bernice K. Bell - May 25, 2019 at 10:53 AM