



## Mary Stuermer

September 30, 1935 - April 20, 2024

Mary Joan Stuermer (nee Strauel), 88, of Lindenhurst, Illinois passed away peacefully in her home in Victory Lakes Continuing Care Community on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, surrounded by her family, friends, and loving caregivers. Born in Chicago, IL on September 30, 1935, she was the daughter of Edward and Helen (nee Kaufmann) Strauel.

Mary was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. Her mother taught her the value of taking a “self-care day” when in 1943 the first pitch of a game at Wrigley Field trumped a day at school. Mary dedicated her life to spreading the light of Christ through her actions and deeds. She found God everywhere, especially in the eyes of her children and grandchildren. Known for welcoming strangers to her home and fostering infants while raising her own seven children, she taught them the importance of generosity and care. Mary was effortlessly hilarious, silly, thoughtful, and made everyone around her feel part of something special. She was a career mother, loving grand- and great-grandmother, and a compassionate friend and neighbor. She shared cookies, kisses, and card games with her cherished twenty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, leaving a legacy of selfless love and the strongest, most memorable hugs.

She is survived by her seven children: Mary (Joe) Barbera of Ellicott City, MD, Scott (Heidi) Stuermer of New Port Richey, FL, Kathy (Brian) Jirak of

Charlotte, NC, Pat (Tod) Kenney of Greenwood, SC, Janet (Gregg) Webber of Cumming, GA, Teresa (Scott) Beckman of Grayslake, IL, and Tom (Cheryl) Stuermer of Los Gatos, CA, her 22 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends who were touched by her warmth and generosity. Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband Emil Frank of 66 years, her parents, and her four siblings.

Mary will be deeply missed for her enduring love, charitable spirit, hospitality, creativity, sense of humor, and love of God. A special thanks to all the caregivers, staff, and administrators at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Community which Mary (and her deceased spouse Emil) regarded as the most cherished place of their worldwide travels!

The family invites you to remember Mary at a visitation on Thursday, May 9th from 4 – 8 pm at Ringa Funeral Home at 122 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 60046.

Mary's funeral is Friday, May 10th, at 10:00 am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church 135 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046. Please meet directly at church. Mass will be live-streamed at <https://evt.live/mary-stuermer>. Burial will be held privately. The family has asked for everyone to please wear a Christmas necklace to the services to honor Mary!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Village at Victory Lakes, designation: Memory Support, Tribute gift: in memory of Mary and Emil Stuermer. <https://franciscanministries.org/victory-lakes/donate/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Live Cast

MAY 10. 10:00 AM.

<https://evt.live/mary-stuermer>

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## Memorial Mass

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanggeeta Choudhury (IBM) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Stuermer.



Sanggeeta Choudhury (IBM) - May 13, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Sanggeeta Choudhury (IBM) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Stuermer.

Sanggeeta Choudhury (IBM) - May 13, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ My heart is broken, for Mary, Scott, Kathy, Pat, Janet, Teresa, and Tom. Your Mother was a lovely woman in this lifetime on earth. Her soul will shine even brighter in Heaven for generations hence. All ten of us children, seven Stuermer babies, and three Barbera babies are about to share our first Mothers Day, without our Mommas...I'm so sorry for your loss. Mikey

Michael Barbera - May 11, 2024 at 12:30 AM



“ Kay C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Stuermer.

Kay C. - May 09, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Stuermer.*



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May 08, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ *The McKay Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Stuermer.*



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**The McKay Family** - May 08, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *To the family: I remember Mrs. Stuermer as a kind and beautiful soul. She was effervescent, her joy shown thru her loving smile and it was contagious! She was an inspiration. May she rest in the peace of our Lord.*

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**Toni Guziec** - May 08, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Stuermer.*



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May 08, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DR

“ Dominick Raffaele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Stuermer.

Dominick Raffaele - May 08, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DL

“ I had the privilege of spending one afternoon with your mom and I loved every minute of it. What a delightful and loving woman! Peace, love and big hugs to all the family!  
Deb Loeffler

Deb Loeffler - May 06, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Stuermer.



May 04, 2024 at 05:01 PM

PK

“ Mom was always filled with joy!



Pat Kenney - April 30, 2024 at 08:26 AM

NB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Boro - April 29, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ringa Funeral Home - April 25, 2024 at 04:44 PM



The family has asked for everyone to please wear a Christmas necklace to the services to honor Mary!

Ringa Funeral Home - April 25, 2024 at 04:45 PM

CD

“ Camilla D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Stuermer.

Camilla D. - April 25, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JH

“ So many wonderful memories shared with the Stuermer Family. Mrs S sure did give the best hugs. Sending love 💕 and hugs to the whole family.

Janet Barry Hacker - April 25, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Mary Stuermer*



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**Andie Max** - April 25, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Mary Stuermer*.



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April 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ *Being goofy and loving on people. Mary's natural state*



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**Tom Stuermer** - April 25, 2024 at 12:32 PM

MG

“ *Matthew and Tess Grous purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Stuermer.*



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**Matthew and Tess Grous** - April 24, 2024 at 08:59 PM

ES

“ *Missing them both. Rest in Peace Mom.*



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**Emil S. Stuermer** - April 24, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JW

“ *1 file added to the album Mary Stuermer*



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**Janet Stuermer Webber** - April 24, 2024 at 10:12 AM

AN

*So her..love love love this photo Jan. Now we have a tall task to live as she would want us to. Tall...yep! So grateful your Mom was in our lives. A game changer for sure (no pun intended, but she would laugh at that=.) No matter how serious, we always found a laugh. And for the life of me, all my adolescent years in and out of the Stuermer home, I never once heard her raise her voice. Not once.Remarkable! What a Wonderful Human I hope I can muster just one page out of her abundant book. She certainly walked the talk, (minus the talk,) a true mentor in what is only right good and authentic. I always left her feeling better. I am certain I am not alone. I could not love your Mom more. Hugs to all the Stuermer sibs. See you soon. Axo*

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**Andie** - April 24, 2024 at 10:44 AM

DS

*Condolences on the loss of a great mom!*

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**Donald Sprague** - April 28, 2024 at 11:21 AM