



Mary Kathryn Rahija

August 18, 1941 - April 26, 2013

MARY KATHRYN RAHIJA

Mary Kathryn Rahija, 71, of Kansas City, Kansas peacefully passed away on Friday, April 26, 2013 with family by her side. Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10am, on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Maple Hill Funeral Home from 5-7pm with the Rosary being said at 6pm.

Mary was born in Chillicothe, Missouri on August 8, 1941 to Hardin and Ruby Rhea. Mary graduated from Redemptorist High School in 1959. After high school, Mary was employed by Western Auto. She enjoyed bowling, Skip-Bo, card games and visiting the area casino's. Above all that, she loved spending time with family and friends. She is preceded in death by her sisters, Betty Pate and Loretta Kitchen. She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, Joseph Rahija; sons, Joe Jr. of Dumas, TX and John and Joyce of Grain Valley, MO.; daughter, Mary C. Rahija and lifelong partner, Shannon Merkel of the home; brother, Larry E. Rhea; Uncle Jim and Aunt Jean Rhea; 4 grandchildren, Nicholas, Natalie, Matthew and Connor Rahija; several nieces, nephews and friends. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Medical Lodge Post Acute Unit for their loving care. Donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11525 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203 or KC Hospice, 9221 Ward Pkwy, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64114. She will be greatly missed by many. Please visit Mary's memorial website at www.maplehi

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Cemetery Details

Gate Of Heaven

N. 126th Street & Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
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Rosary

APR **30**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Catholic Mass

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (AKT)

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Kathryn Rahija*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Kathryn Rahija*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Mary Kathryn Rahija*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Mom, you will forever leave your legacy with all three of your children and your four grandchildren. We can only hope that we will always make you proud of us and our accomplishments in life. I am so very honored and proud that you were my mom! I will miss you dearly but know that I will see you and our entire family that has gone before us again in heaven someday!! Love, Mary C. (Sissy)*

Mary C. Rahija - April 30, 2013 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Kay Sedorcek- Yoder and Family purchased the Square Glass Photo Vase for the family of Mary Kathryn Rahija.*



Kay Sedorcek- Yoder and Family - April 30, 2013 at 11:10 AM

JR

“ *Thank you making me become what I am. I am so proud to be what I have become. I can only wish you can be home with all that have passed before us. Please know your memories made her on earth will never be forgotten. I hope to see you again some day. It has not been easy now or for awhile. You have prepared us for this day. It only shows what type of caring and compassionate person you are. You may have been rough on the outside to some, but inside you were just a teddy bear. Thanks for the memories and thanks for being my mom who was always there for us! Love always your youngest.*

John Rahija - April 29, 2013 at 09:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Rahija.*



April 29, 2013 at 09:32 PM

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“ Aunt Mary....always fun and full of life! She will be dearly missed.



The Mike Rahija Family - April 29, 2013 at 09:24 PM

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“ During my years of growing up down the road and being somewhat of a 'neighborhood nuisance' I don't always recall being fond of the 'mothering lectures' I would receive as I walked (through) past your yard, or when I cut down your flowers without permission (sorry Mary :)), or you know, being 'cool' smoking past your house. I can say down deep I knew it came from caring, as an adult I know it skin deep, and I pass that on to my neighborhood kids because if we don't care for them who will? A little too late, but Thank you Mary! May God offer your family peace and comfort.

Sherie Keegan (DuVall) - April 28, 2013 at 06:30 PM

SF

“ Stacy Clausen and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Kathryn Rahija.



Stacy Clausen and Family - April 28, 2013 at 09:40 AM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



John Rahija - April 28, 2013 at 06:50 AM



“ *What an unbelievable woman you were. Thank you so much for loving me and allowing me to love you. You have become a great mother figure to me and cannot thank you enough for allowing me to be a part of your life. I will most definitely see you again. Love you beautiful.*

Shannon

Shannon Merkel - April 27, 2013 at 08:44 PM