



Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey

January 4, 1942 - April 14, 2026

Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey, age 84 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A funeral Mass in her honor will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. A visitation will be held from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Friday, April 17, 2026, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. A vigil Rosary service will be performed prior to the visitation at 4:00 PM at the funeral home.

Mary Beth was born on January 4, 1942, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of the late Anthony J. and Genevieve C. (Burtschi) Grobelny. She married the love of her life, Gerald "Jerry" Deny Coffey on August 10, 1963, in Mattoon; he survives and resides in Mattoon. She is also survived by her three sons: Anthony "Tony" Coffey Sr. of Mattoon, IL, Christopher "Todd" Coffey and significant other Kate Cleary of Buda, TX, Kenneth "Dewey" Coffey and wife Katie of Mattoon, IL; six grandchildren: Tony Coffey of Grand Rapids, MI, Cole Coffey and fiancé Kaylie Potts of New Braunfels, TX, Rayna Coffey fiancé Dustin Weber of Louisiana, Bella Coffey and fiancé Jack Tucker of Warsaw, IN, Drew Coffey and significant other Jenna Minor of Davenport, IA; three great-grandchildren: Zoey Coffey of Grand Rapids, MI, Leighton and Kavik Weber of Louisiana. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bishop David Grobelny.

A faithful and devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in

Mattoon, Illinois, Mary Beth lived her life grounded in the Catholic faith and found great comfort in watching the Catholic Channel on television. As the proud owner and operator of Burtschi Gift Shop in Mattoon and a former member of the Mattoon Golf and Country Club, she built many meaningful friendships throughout her life.

Mary Beth found great joy in shopping, traveling to South Carolina with her beloved husband, Jerry, and spending treasured time with her grandchildren at the beach and pool. Attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events and activities brought her immense pride and happiness, and she never missed an opportunity to cheer them on.

She cherished the companionship of her dear friends, but above all, her greatest love and joy in life was her family. Mary Beth will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for her kind heart, unwavering faith, and the warmth and love she shared so freely with everyone blessed to know her.

Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the Immaculate Conception Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society, 320 N 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 234-8828
contact@mitchelljerdan.com
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

Service

APR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938-2731
(217) 235-0539

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Brenda Starwalt lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey*



Brenda Starwalt - April 17 at 02:27 PM

MW

“ *Jerry and family, I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a wonderful person. I always enjoyed working with her at Burtschi's, as my mom did. She was always fun. My kids will never forget trick or treating at your house. She always had a smile. My condolences. Mindy Willingham Wingler.*

mindy wingler - April 17 at 08:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey.*



April 16 at 11:14 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 16 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey*.



April 16 at 05:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey*.

April 16 at 05:26 PM

JR

“ John, Maria & Julia Tucker, Liv & Jon R purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey.



John, Maria & Julia Tucker, Liv & Jon R - April 16 at 11:11 AM

ST

“ Sandra and Terry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey.



Sandra and Terry - April 16 at 08:41 AM

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“ Sandra and Terry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Coffey.

Sandra and Terry - April 16 at 08:41 AM

SO

“ I was a tween and teen in the early 70's, before the mall was opened. My friends and I went downtown nearly every Saturday to shop, talk, laugh, and eat. Burtschi's was so fancy and intriguing to me. It was a treasured destination, even if I could rarely afford to buy anything. Thank you for the memories, Mary Beth.

Susan ONeal - April 15 at 09:16 PM

SL

“ *Our condolences to her family.*

Sheila Littleton - April 15 at 09:01 PM

JM

“ *Condolences to Jerry and the rest of the family at the passing of Mary Beth. We were friends from high school in the Class of 60. She will be missed by all of us.*

Janet Musgrove - April 15 at 06:52 PM

JK

Condolences to Jerry and the family. I met Mary Beth when I was a freshman in high school. She was one of the nicest and sweetest persons I have ever met. She showed me around to classes and just stop and talk some times. She always had time to stop and answer any questions you might have. Judy Lockhart Karpus

Judy Karpus - April 16 at 09:51 AM

BS

My condolences to Jerry and family. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mary Beth always had a kind word and great smile. She was such a good role model for all of us. I always thought of her as being very glamorous.

Bianca Stavely - May 01 at 03:09 PM