



## Mary L. Chalko

September 29, 1928 - April 20, 2025

Mary L. Chalko, age 96, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, in Carmel, IN. Mary was born on September 29, 1928, in Indianapolis, IN. She was a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School in 1946. Mary received a B.S. in Chemistry from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1950. She worked in the lab at the City of Gary Sanitary District, the Gary Public Schools and retired from H & R Block where she worked as an Enrolled Agent for over 25 years. Mary was a member of and long-time volunteer for St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church and was past president of the Gary Kiwanis Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Edward Chalko; her son, Thomas Chalko, daughter-in-law, Barbara Chalko; as well as her parents, and siblings, Eleanor, Elmer, Oscar and Thomas. Mary is survived by her son, Stephen (Donna) Chalko of Fishers; daughters, Kathleen (John) Gentry of Omaha, Jennifer (David) Sherman of Westfield and six grandchildren: Stephanie (Sean) Williams, Andrew (Jennifer) Chalko, Scott Gentry, Bret (Victoria) Sherman, Lauren Gentry and Kailey Sherman; five great-grandchildren: Jacob, Breanne, Madden, Graham and Hunter; sisters-in-law, Joyce Gates, Marge Gates, and Geraldine Heintz; brother-in-law, Gerald Chalko, and many nieces and nephews. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. DIRECTLY at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 6060 Miller Avenue, Gary, IN. Rev. Thomas Mischler

and Rev. Aaron Richardson, O.F.M. concelebrating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Andean High School, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Rosary Service

APR 27. 3:00 PM (cst)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Church  
6060 Miller Avenue  
Gary, IN

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Oscar & Tom Gates Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary L. Chalko.*



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**The Oscar & Tom Gates Families** - April 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

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“ *We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Chalko. We have been neighbors with the Chalkos for over forty years. Mrs. Chalko was a very sweet and dear neighbor, always had a smile She will be greatly missed by our family. Please know that you all are in our prayers. May God comfort and give you all the strength needed at this difficult time. Cherish the fond memories of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother always.*  
~GRADY & DARLENE GATES & FAMILY~

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**Gates Family** - April 24, 2025 at 06:39 PM