



## Mary C. Charbonneau

June 18, 1929 - January 17, 2019

Mary C. (nee Slingsby) Charbonneau, age 89 of Crown Point, passed away peacefully at her home on January 17, 2019. Mary spent three years at Merrillville High School then transferred to St Mary Springs Academy where she graduated in 1947. After Mary graduated, she worked in her dad's grocery store in Gary, IN and attended Gary College. She also attended Patricia Stevens School of Modeling in Chicago. Mary then worked at the business office of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. She married the love of her life- Gene Charbonneau on July 4th 1952. Mary and Gene were married on the 4th of July because it was the only day the family grocery store was closed other than Sundays. Many joyful celebrations were had by family on the 4th. Mary was a homemaker until her youngest daughter was in fifth grade and she started back to work as a teller at Gary National Bank. She worked at the bank for 17 years until she retired to enjoy her grandkids and improve her golf game. In 1994, she was the winner of the 9 Hole Women's Golf League Championship at Youche Country Club. Mary volunteered for several years for Meals on Wheels. Mary was an avid bridge player and loved her aerobics. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Gene Charboneau; her brother Patrick Slingsby, her brother Earl Slingsby and her parents Earl and Mary Catherine Slingsby.

Loving mother of Patrick (Rosanna) Charbonneau of South Barrington, IL, Denise Kochanek of Pittsburgh, PA, Diane (Andy) Hoffman of Cincinnati, OH, Rene (Jim) Martin of Chesterton, IN, and Cynthia (Christopher) Franzmann of

Columbus, OH; her grandchildren- Dr. Ashley (Dan) Weisman, Jillian Kochanek, Stanton Kochanek, Jordan Hoffman, Maximilian Martin, Kaitryn Franzmann and Jonathan Franzmann and great – grandson -Jonah Weisman; sisters- Elizabeth (Kamal) Banki, Helen (Al) Rossi.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects, Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home located at 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 321 E Joliet St, Crown Point. Services will conclude at the church. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF NWI HOSPICE (VNA HOSPICE) AT 501 MARQUETTE ST, VALPARAISO, IN., 46383 OR THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE. In fulfillment of Mary's wishes, her body was donated to the Anatomical Education Program of the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Anatomy. [Www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
321 Joliet Street  
Crown Point, IN, IN 46307

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for the loss of Mary. My father, Earl Mager, was a cousin of Mary. As a young child, he lived with her family for awhile. Prayers for your family. Earl and Irene Mager, John and Irene Konyar

Irene Konyar - January 26, 2019 at 09:51 AM

“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary C. Charbonneau.



January 25, 2019 at 01:20 PM

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“ Although I only knew Mary in her later years, I feel that we became good friends and I looked forward to spending time with her. She had many stories and smiles to give. One of those stories was how, when she had met Gene and he had left for the military, she prayed to God asking, "should I marry him?" She said as soon as she seen him when he returned, SHE KNEW. I hope they are dancing. I will miss seeing her but KNOW, that through her faith, she is right where she wanted to be.



Karen Lynch - January 25, 2019 at 02:06 AM

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“ *How thankful we all are to have my Mom with us at Thanksgiving. Her first meeting with her great grandson Jonah Weisman.* ”



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**DENISE KOCHANEK** - January 19, 2019 at 04:45 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Grammy* ”



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**Rene Martin** - January 19, 2019 at 10:37 AM