



## Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar

March 28, 1928 - October 2, 2025

Mary Catherine Kepchar "Cay" also known as "K", age 97, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2025. She was born on March 28, 1928, to the late Stephen & Mary (nee Scecina) Hostinsky in Linton, Indiana. As an infant her family moved to Gary, Indiana. Mary graduated from Froebel High School, in 1946. On October 8, 1949, she married the love of her life, husband George Kepchar. She and George lived in Gary, Merrillville and Lakes of the Four Seasons. Mary retired from U.S. Steel Gary Sheet & Tin Mill billing department. She also worked for Century 21 Kepchar Realtors for many years. Mary loved to cook, bake cakes and nut rolls. She was skilled with knitting needles, dancing (especially with George), playing cards, golfing, and occasionally visiting the casinos. Mary Cay is survived by her children, George Kepchar, Kelly (Ross) MacLennan and her loving grandson, Carter MacLennan; sister, Kathy Keaton, sisters-in-law, Rose Mary Hostinsky, Maryanne (Arthur) Castellani, Mary A. Kepchar; many nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, extended loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brother, Stephen Hostinsky; sister, Liz Bodnar. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. until time of the memorial service at 11:30 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Gerald Schweitzer officiating. Luncheon to follow at Innsbrook Country Club, Merrillville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to VNA Hospice NWI, 501 Marquette Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Chase L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.

Chase L. - October 11, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.

October 09, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.



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“ Your Autumn Ridge neighbors purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.



Your Autumn Ridge neighbors - October 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ George and Kelly, sorry for your loss. Carol and Walter Jachimczak

Carol & Walter Jachimczak - October 09, 2025 at 12:46 AM

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“ Michael, Nada, Nina Karas& Lucrezia Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.



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**Michael, Nada, Nina Karas& Lucrezia Team** - October 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ Michael, Nada, Nina Karas& Lucrezia Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine "Cay" Kepchar.

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**Michael, Nada, Nina Karas& Lucrezia Team** - October 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ Dear George & Kelly-We enjoyed having your family as neighbors & friends in LOFS all those years ago. Your mother was always so kind & gracious.Remember the good times.Dick &I offer our love, prayers & condolences. Dick & Joan DeLor

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**Dick & Joan DeLor** - October 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM

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*Dear George & Kelly, I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. Loved her and her kindness always. Such a wonderful neighbor. Thought about her a lot lately and tried to text her awhile back. May she rest in eternal peace. Please know we are thinking of you both. Richard & Anne Marie Forney*

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**Anne Marie Forney** - October 10, 2025 at 04:42 PM