



Mary Milbrath Kocher

June 1, 1929 - December 6, 2022

Mary Milbrath Kocher of Denver, CO, formerly of Merrillville, IN passed away on December 6, 2022. She is survived by her five children: Ben (Sherry) Milbrath, Peter (Mary) Milbrath, Anne (Kirk) Ingebretsen, Trina (Chris) Gilles and Kathleen (Chris) Neelon; 15 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Mary was born in Jacksonville, IL on June 1, 1929. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1947 and then Webster College of St. Louis University in 1951 where she was the Student Council Senior Class President. She was a high school teacher and then worked in public relations in Chicago from 1951-1955. She married Ben Milbrath in 1955 with whom she raised 5 children before Ben passed away in 1983. She then married Herb Kocher in 1985 who passed away in 2004.

Mary loved to travel and managed to visit every continent, except for Antarctica (and this omission was only due to bad weather when she made the attempt). She loved classical music and was an accomplished pianist in her early years, winning the Silver Cross for piano performance at Sacred Heart Academy. She started the Junior Great Books program at St. Peter and Paul School, volunteered for Meals on Wheels deliveries in NW Indiana, was a member of both the Andrean Foundation and the Mother's Board at Culver Academy. She was a member of the St. Mary's Medical Center Junior Guild and the Gary Junior Assembly. In her later years, she sang in the choir at St.

Thomas More Parish in Munster.

She frequently commented that she had lived a wonderful life and that she was truly blessed in the family and many, many friends she made along the way.

She was much loved and will be sorely missed.

Per Mary's request, there will be no visitation and a private funeral mass will be held in her honor. Donations can be made in her honor to Legacy Foundations, Catholic Charities or St. Maria Goretti Parish. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family our condolences. Many Great Memories of your Family. Hope and Well Wishes during this time.*

Mike & Donna Daugherty, AHS 1975

mike daugherty - December 22, 2022 at 08:21 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of your family and especially your mom through the years. She and my mom were such good friends! My mom passed away in June of this year at age 94. Our mom's are still laughing together in heaven! My prayers are with all of you. Beth Hayes*

Beth Hayes - December 19, 2022 at 10:05 PM

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“ *To the Milbrath children, especially Pete, Ben and Ann: I remember your mother as being so vibrant, caring, and carrying herself with grace and class. My sympathies to everyone and keep the great memories in your hearts.*

Tim Sheeran

Tim Sheeran - December 19, 2022 at 08:04 AM