



Mary Evelyn Kraft

August 14, 1916 - April 1, 2018

Mary Evelyn Kraft (nee Crisman), age 101, of Hobart passed away Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 in Crown Point, IN. She was born on August 14, 1916 in Deep River, Indiana (Hobart) to John and Ella Crisman, who preceded her in death. On July 18, 1936 she married Frank Kraft Jr. who preceded her in death. Her brothers: Russell and Owen Crisman; her sisters: Dorothea Mosses, Frances Thatcher and Ella Ruth Thon, preceded her in death also. Mary is survived by her children: Stewart (Susan) Kraft, Conrad Kraft, and Mary (Phillip) Govert; Daughter-in-Law: Tammy Kraft; Grandchildren: Stewart Kraft Jr., Elizabeth Connolly, Stacey (Scott) Mehlberg, Jonathan (Anna) Kraft, Andrew (Vicki) Govert, and Denise (Michael) Flauding; Great Grandchildren: Taylor (Rod) Kraft, Sara (Corey) Ryman, Calvin Connolly, Evan Connolly, Addison Mehlberg, Zack Mehlberg, Jonathan Kraft, Hardee Kraft, Anna Govert, Ella Govert, Katelyn (Chris Cramer) Flauding, Kenneth Flauding, Kara Flauding; Great-Great Grandchildren: Hiro Ito, Savannah Buss, Wyatt Ryman, Serenity Cramer, and Abigail Cramer.

Mary graduated from Merrillville High School in 1935 where she was the center for the girls' basketball team. She was a member of the Hobart First United Church and #318 Order of the Eastern Star. Mary was very active in the Hobart community as a 4H Leader, Sunday School teacher, Republican Precinct Committee Women, Magdalene Circle member, PTA member. She also enjoyed attending the Lake County Fair and volunteering at school. She and Frank were "Snow Birds" who loved to visit Mesa, Arizona and watch

her beloved Cubs in Spring Training. Her life-long devotion to the Cubs started at age 11 when she would listen to the games on the radio. She attended the World Series in 1945, but had to wait until she turned 100 for the Cubs to win the World Series in 2016! She also followed local teams, and was an avid Hobart Brickie fan following track, cross country and football for many years. Mary was committed and devoted to her family and friends. She loved cooking and baking her prize pies! She was a fantastic mother, grandparent, and friend. She will truly be missed by all whose hearts and lives she touched. She was generous and giving of her time, talents and treasures to community and church causes to improve the lives of others.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E 7th St., Hobart. #314 Order of the Eastern Star funeral service at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. a memorial service with Rev. Rebecca Lynn Smith officiating. Entombment at Graceland Cemetery Mausoleum, Valparaiso, IN. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to the Hobart First United, 654 E 4th St., Hobart, IN or Crown Point Community Foundation, Mary Govert Endowment fund for victims of domestic violence, P. O. Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

1505 E. Morthland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family. We were blessed to have Mary as a wonderful neighbor all these years on South Main Street and she truly was a grand lady.*

Ivan Hiestand - April 05, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Mary, Connie, Stewart
Seems I have known Mary and her family my whole life. Mary was always such a positive and encouraging person who seemed always to find the good in everyone. What a blessing to have had the love and companionship of your mother for so long. I always think of Mary when the baseball season begins and will every year. So glad she was alive when they won the World Series! Love and sympathy to the whole family!*



Judi Parks - April 04, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *I remember her cheering her son Stewart on when he was running track.. She would be yelling, "Run Stewart run." And believe me he did. May you rest in peace.
Sue Malmquist Heuring.*

Sue Heuring - April 03, 2018 at 07:25 PM