



## Yolanda Marie Guernsey

March 23, 1922 - November 28, 2015

Yolanda Marie Guernsey (nee Roperti), age 93, of Gary, passed away November 28, 2015. Yolanda was born March 23, 1922 to Salvatore and Carmella Roperti. She graduated from Emerson High School and worked as a bookkeeper for Sears Roebuck. She married the love of her life, Mike, On October 29, 1949. Yolanda was a devoted Catholic, whose faith and family were the focus of her life. She was lovingly known as “little Grandma” to all who were blessed to know her. Until the very end she was the perfect Italian grandma making sure those who visited her were offered food and drink, letting them know how much she loved them and they were in her prayers. Yolanda was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas “Mike” Guernsey; brother – Nick Roperti; sisters – Nicolanna Bianchini, Michelina Valentine, Jeanne Cloyd.

She is survived by her daughter-Peggy Guernsey of Ogden Dunes; son-Deacon Dennis (Janet) Guernsey of Portage and daughter-Lisa (Cliff) Hayes of Portage; five grandchildren- Sherry(Albert) Razo of Phoenix, AZ, Dennis (Kristen) Guernsey of Chesapeake VA, Tina Guernsey of Lake Station, Ryan and Kyle Hayes of Portage; seven great grandchildren – Alex and Anna Razo, Austin, Reese, Luca Guernsey and Nick and Gabby Ward; sister- Nikki (Larry) Naughan of Valparaiso; many loving nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; her puppies-“Chester” and “Megan”.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity Church, 2949 Willowcreek Road, Portage, Rev. David Kime,

and Rev. Andrew J. Corona officiating. Friends may visit with Yolanda's family on Wednesday from 2-8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point and at the church on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of mass. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. A special thanks to Danielle "Mary" Archer, Deborah Spurling, Dr. Lauren Harting and the staff of VNA Hospice of Porter County for their loving care and support. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Order of Missionaries of Charity Sisters or to St. Francis Xavier Church, 2447 Putnam Street, Lake Station, IN 46405. w [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

DEC 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Our Savior Parish  
2929 Willowcreek Road  
Portage, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Guernsey family and friends who knew Aunt Yo. Aunt Yolanda was the most wonderful, caring "Aunt/Grandma" anyone could ever wish for! She always had the sweetest disposition and had a special gift of making you feel loved. She was always so thoughtful and considerate-she would send you a card for your birthday and sometimes she'd just call you in the middle of the day to say "Hello!" I know that we will all miss her dearly. It should give everyone comfort to know she is now reunited with her lifetime love, Uncle Mike. They will live on in our hearts and in our wonderful memories forever. We feel so blessed that we knew her and that we were able to have such a wonderful person in our lives! I fondly remember spending time down in the basement, having a beer and swapping fire department stories with Uncle Mike. I hope there are chicken wings and Miller Lite in heaven or Aunt Yolanda is not going to be a happy camper! LOL! These are some of the memories I will cherish of her forever....

*Kevin and Jean Kozel  
Port Saint Lucie, Florida*

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**Kevin J Kozel** - December 04, 2015 at 12:41 PM

YS

“ Sweetest Momma -Your always remembered and loved by many - My heart is heavy for the family- RIP Yolanda- Your memory lives on-Hugs and Prayers-  
Yvonne and Joe

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**Yvonne M Sabocik** - December 03, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JM

“ Lisa and Cliff I am so sorry for your loss. Lisa your Mom was a very special person. Always so kind. I loved seeing her when I was there for Christmas. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

*Jim Magill*

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**Jim Magill** - December 03, 2015 at 10:36 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss! The family connection which was created from our dad's being friends, is very unique. We have shared many trips to Gary, and you all coming to Kentucky. These are the things you guys need to remember, and keep in your hearts. Your mom was such a sweetheart. We are very blessed to be your friends. We wish we could have made the trip to give you all hugs in person. We send our love and prayers to all of you. Sincerely, Mike and Marilyn Ford

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**michael ford** - December 02, 2015 at 05:26 PM

KK

“ If there is such a thing as to have another mother in addition to your biological mother and mother in law then "Mom Guernsey" was and will always be that for me. May the Lord grant you eternal rest and may His eternal light shine upon you.

*Kurt W. Koch*

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**Kurt W. Koch** - December 02, 2015 at 09:59 AM



CI

*Peggy, so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know how you must be feeling because my mother passed away in May. Praying and thinking of you.*

*Cannie Sue Inman*

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**Cannie Sue Inman** - December 02, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Yolanda Marie Guernsey.*



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December 01, 2015 at 11:14 PM

MD

“ *Mary". Daniell lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Marie Guernsey*



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**"Mary". Daniell** - December 01, 2015 at 11:08 PM

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“ *Yolanda was the sweetest, kindest, most graceful Lady , I have ever met. She greeted me ever day with such Love. I will always cherish all the Beautiful memories we made together..*

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**"Mary". Danielle** - December 01, 2015 at 11:02 PM

TA

“ Yolanda was such a sweet and kind lady . Always greeting you will a smile and a hug . The Iatarola would like , Peggy , Dennis and Lisa to know how much we loved her . Praying for all of you as you go thru this hard time . Love the Iatarola's , the Arroyos, the Croziers , the Kloppenburgs and the Bonnetts families .

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**Teresa Arroyo** - December 01, 2015 at 10:34 PM

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“ From the family of Maureen Rio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Yolanda Marie Guernsey.



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**From the family of Maureen Rio** - December 01, 2015 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ Aunt Yo greeted us with her hugs and warm smile and we knew we were loved. I see in her obituary that she worked at Sears so that is likely where my mom met her and introduced her to her Mike. She doted on him and all of us and we loved every minute of it! She was kind and patient even when all of us cousins were loud and messy! We will miss her, but know she is in a wonderful place with all of our family who went before her.

*Much love to my aunt and cousins,  
Bridget Guernsey Riordan*

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**Bridget Guernsey Riordan** - December 01, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ Aunt Yolanda made everyone feel as if they were the most important person in the room.  
I will always think of her with a smile, as I don't think I ever saw her without one. My sister and I looked forward to going to Uncle Mike and Aunt Yo's house, always so much love and laughter, not to mention the good food! My Mother's "claim to fame" was that she introduced Uncle Mike and Aunt Yo. Good job Mom, good job! Love you, Aunt Yolanda...now the clan is all together again.

With love,  
your niece Debbie

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**Debbie Jenkins** - December 01, 2015 at 08:46 AM

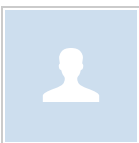


“ Aunt Yolanda was always so sweet and caring to all of her nieces and nephews. It was always such a pleasure to see her. Uncle Mike and her were quite a couple and great to be around. May you rest in peace sweet Aunt Yo with Uncle Mike in heaven.

Your loving Niece,  
Judi Spurlock

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**Judi Spurlock** - December 01, 2015 at 06:00 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Yolanda Marie Guernsey.



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November 30, 2015 at 10:13 PM