



Mary Alyce Crane

January 25, 1946 - June 8, 2025

Mary Alyce Crane, 79, of Elgin, passed away suddenly Sunday, June 8, 2025 at St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin.

She was born January 25, 1946, in Racine, WI the daughter of Kenneth and Marion (Mickler) Hoernel. She married William Crane on August 4, 1979, in Elgin.

She was the central light of the family and an always steady rock able to take on anything no matter the circumstance for family or friend. Her devotion to Christ and his teachings were present and evident in all of her actions. She loved spending time with family and friends, either on trips including a consecutive 50 year family tradition to Door County, Wisconsin, or just spending time on the phone enjoying the company with her family or friends she loved. Mary was the type of person who would always make the time for someone she loved and cared for but would also do the same for a stranger in need. In her retirement, Mary found peace in her garden. Planting and maintaining her flowers, along side of her husband who would grow tomatoes to excess. Mary was a big fan of Bill's tomatoes! She also developed a fondness for pressure washing which contributed to her devotion of a clean home with an open door for anyone. Mary added such positive value to her different communities throughout her life for 79 wonderful years, but as always it was too short a time. Those who had the opportunity to interact with Mary would most likely agree that she was the salt of the earth and will be dearly

missed.

Mary is survived by her husband of 45 years, William; her son, Christopher; sister, Lorraine Engus; nephews and nieces, Erik and Ellie Engus, Wade Merritt, and Tammy Hartman; and many great nieces, nephews, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 17th from 11 am until the 1 pm service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 195 Nesler Road, in Elgin. Burial will follow in the Doty Cemetery in Hampshire.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mary's name may be directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Cemetery Details

Doty Cemetery

44W980 Allen Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
195 Nesler Road
Elgin , IL 60124

Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *To Bill and Family - My sincere sympathy to you all. You are in my prayers.*

Janet Scholer Dorwaldt - July 08, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AC

“ *Andrea Costello purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Alyce Crane.*



Andrea Costello - June 15, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ *Dear Bill and Chris,
My wife, Jane and I send you our thoughts and prayers. I was saddened to hear the news about Mary Alyce. I always enjoyed enjoying visiting with her at family reunions and the Hampshire Day parades. I have found memories of how nice she was to us and her kindness to Jane and our kids. With sympathies.*

Scott Holze - June 14, 2025 at 01:16 AM

DS

“ *Bill and Chris, I will always remember our talks and visit with Mary Alyce. It was great getting together with everyone in 2021. Dad and Mom (Ted and Anne Parsons) always enjoyed their talks too. Prayers and Hugs to all*

Danielle Slike - June 13, 2025 at 05:54 PM

RH

“ Dear Bill and Christopher,
I was hoping to get to the antique mall soon with Mary Alyce to share another fun hour looking at old stuff like we had in our houses. Will miss her love of family history, old things and traditions, her stories and kindness. She was special.
In sympathy,
Ruth and Gordon

Ruth Holze - June 12, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Alyce Crane.

June 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM

MB

“ *Bill and Family:*
Was shocked and so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. . The obituary says it all. She was one of the sweetest, soft spoken, caring person and always had a contagious smile on her face, which that along with her soft laugh we will never forget. May all those beautiful memories carry you through this difficult time. RIP Mary Alyce

Marshall & Melody Brown - June 12, 2025 at 06:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Alyce Crane.

June 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alyce Crane.*



June 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *ROBERT A YURS lit a candle in memory of Mary Alyce Crane*



ROBERT A YURS - June 11, 2025 at 10:13 AM