



## Mary Jane Schmitz

November 26, 1934 - December 27, 2025

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Jane Schmitz of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 31, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. Family and friends may gather at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery in Verndale.

Mary Jane, age 91, peacefully passed away on December 27, 2025, at The Meadows of Wadena.

Mary Jane Rose Tabery was born to Joseph and Marie (Spahn) Tabery on November 26, 1934, in Wadena, MN. She spent her life in Wadena and remained deeply connected to the community.

Mary Jane and Jerome Schmitz were married on May 22, 1956, and they shared 57 years of marriage and family life. She devoted over 35 years of service to Bell Telephone before retiring to work full-time on the farm alongside Jerome.

A woman of strong faith, Mary Jane was deeply involved in the Catholic Church. She found great joy in gardening, cooking, and baking. Most of all, she cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mary Jane in death were her husband, Jerome; her siblings, Stanley Tabery, Philip Tabery and Jack Tabery; and her granddaughter Shanina Mowatt.

Mary Jane is survived by her children: Mary Ann Mowatt, Margaret Prokop, Diane (Steve) Lee, Paul Schmitz, and Mark (Tina) Schmitz; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as her siblings: Leo (Doris) Tabery, Lois (Jerome) Kneisel, George (Judy) Tabery, and Vicki (Dave) Jakubiec.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Zachary Schmitz, Connor Schmitz, Jacob Schmitz, Devon Lee, Steve Lee, and Mark Schmitz.

Mary Jane will be remembered for her devotion to her faith, family, and warm, caring presence. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will be cherished by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church  
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)  
Verndale, MN

## Mass

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church  
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)  
Verndale, MN

## Burial

DEC **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery  
16196 County Road 104  
Verndale, MN 56481



# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Margaret (Schmitz) Prokop, Cody and Haeli



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**Margaret Prokop** - January 10 at 03:40 AM

SR

“ I was so sorry to hear this. Mary Jane was one of those people who always made you feel welcome at her home. I and a few of my siblings stayed with her and her family for a short time. My mother, Angela Spahn Meinke, had passed away. I'm sure we were a pain, but she never let on. And showed us genuine love. I loved seeing the pictures posted of her and her beautiful family. Thank you! May Mary Jane rest in peace and walk with the Lord.

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**Sheryl Reed** - January 06 at 11:45 PM

DL

Even though I was young when your mom passed away, we drove to your house. My mom always held a special place in her heart about your mom and her family. We named my granddaughter because of her mom. Her name is Angela Ros me.

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**Diane Lee** - January 16 at 03:51 PM

DL

Thank you for your kindness. I was there for several years caring for my mom. I feel blessed to have her in my life.

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**Diane Lee** - January 17 at 12:32 AM

TM

“ *Tami Mench lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz*



Tami Mench - January 02 at 01:56 PM

DL

*Thank you for thinking of my mom. She was a great mom and person in the community.*

Diane Lee - January 17 at 12:40 AM

M-

“ *Great memories with the family through 4-H and all. Deepest sympathy*

Mary Schwartz -Lunzer - January 01 at 05:16 PM

DL

*Thank you for sharing this about my mom.*

Diane Lee - January 17 at 12:33 AM

MM

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Mary Ann Mowatt - December 31, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ann Mowatt - December 31, 2025 at 03:23 PM

DL

*I'm so blessed that I could care for my mom for the last 5 years. Mom is in Heaven with dad.*

Diane Lee - January 13 at 07:51 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss. She is reunited with her loved ones in Heaven. May God grant you all peace. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie Perius*



Jacqueline M Perius - December 31, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DL

*Thank your kind thoughts.*

Diane Lee - January 17 at 12:34 AM

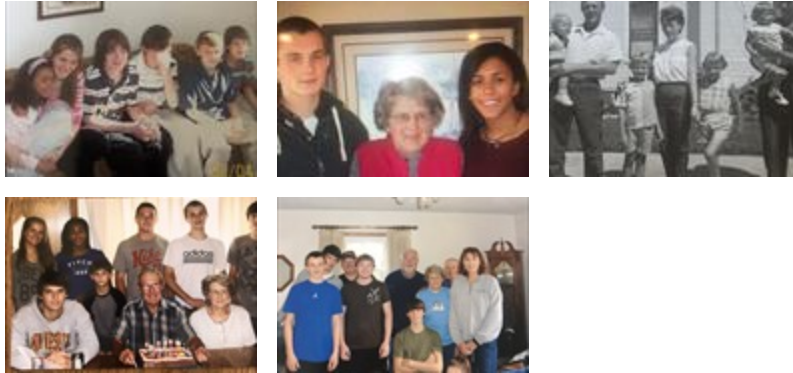
DL

*Thank you for your kindness and thoughts Dianne.*

Diane Lee - January 17 at 12:42 AM

MM

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ann Mowatt - December 31, 2025 at 12:47 PM

MW

“ Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family with the loss of your wonderful mother. I recall many family gatherings visiting with Mary Jane. She always had a smile and sincere interest in the latest family news. Our thoughts are with you during this time of great loss.

Mary Jo and Jim Witt - December 31, 2025 at 12:46 PM

DL

Thank you for your kind words. I cared for many years and she was a remarkable mom. God bless you

Diane Lee - January 17 at 12:36 AM

LK

“ Lee and Patty Kicker lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Lee and Patty Kicker - December 31, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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**Lee & Patty Kicker** - December 31, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KK

“ Sending prayers to the family during this difficult time. I have so many fond memories of Mary Jane and time spent on the Schmitz farm. She was such a gracious host and an incredible cook. I will always remember her for being one of the hardest working people I knew. I am so thankful she was a part of our lives. Thinking of all of you, Kari (Schmitz) Koenig.

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**Kari Koenig** - December 31, 2025 at 10:14 AM

HS

“ We always enjoyed our visits with Jerome and MaryJane. It was a delight to share a spot at their table...what an awesome cook she was ! And to hear Jerome say “Now, Mary Jane” slow down, when we went out for a drive.  
May they both,now Rest in Peace...

*Herb and Pat Schmitz*

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**Herb and Pat Schmitz** - December 30, 2025 at 06:04 PM

HS

“ Herb and Pat Schmitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Schmitz.

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**Herb and Pat Schmitz** - December 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM

HS

“ *Herb and Pat Schmitz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jane Schmitz.*



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**Herb and Pat Schmitz** - December 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz*



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**Gene & Mary Denny** - December 30, 2025 at 04:55 PM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz*



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**Esther and Alan Freitag** - December 30, 2025 at 03:44 PM

ST

“ *Sympathy and Prayers to all the family.*



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**Sue Theisen** - December 30, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LL

“ Linda and Dick Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Linda and Dick Lloyd - December 30, 2025 at 01:31 PM

TV

“ Just want to extend our deepest sympathy to your family. We'll be praying for God's grace and comfort for you all. I always loved visiting with your mother. She was always so kind and caring.

Theresa VanZee - December 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TF

“ The Leo Tabery Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Jane Schmitz.



The Leo Tabery Family - December 29, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TF

“ The Leo Tabery Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Schmitz.

The Leo Tabery Family - December 29, 2025 at 03:15 PM

AM

“ Alan and Shirley Malone lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Alan and Shirley Malone - December 29, 2025 at 02:22 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Pat Lorentz - December 29, 2025 at 11:14 AM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Marladene Heinen - December 29, 2025 at 10:59 AM

KJ

“ Ken and Pam Jenson lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Ken and Pam Jenson - December 29, 2025 at 10:36 AM

GC

“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Gladys Chase - December 29, 2025 at 08:51 AM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Leo Haisman - December 29, 2025 at 08:20 AM

TF

“ The Phil Tabery Family purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Mary Jane Schmitz.



The Phil Tabery Family - December 28, 2025 at 10:55 PM

BD

“ Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Bob and Kathy Derby - December 28, 2025 at 09:45 PM

LM

“ Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Liz Miller - December 28, 2025 at 08:46 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - December 28, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CA

“ Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz



Cindy Anderson - December 28, 2025 at 05:24 PM

TF

“ The Lois Kneisl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Schmitz.

The Lois Kneisl Family - December 28, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Schmitz.*



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December 28, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Gene and Kathy Hinman lit a candle in memory of Mary Schmitz*



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**Gene and Kathy Hinman** - December 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM