



Mary Jane Schiller

May 25, 1922 - January 25, 2013

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Jane Schiller will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Friends may call at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Tuesday, January 29, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for the celebration of Mary Jane's life, with Parish Prayers at 6:00 and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Wednesday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Mary Jane Schiller, age 90 of Wadena, MN, went to her eternal reward on Friday, January 25, 2013 at Fair Oaks Lodge in the presence of her daughters Linda Busing and Mary Kay Wohler.

Mary Jane was born May 25, 1922 in Fairfield, IA to parents Loren and Lois M. (Bishop) Ogden. Following her father's early death from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) she moved with her mother and sister Barbara Ann to Park Rapids, MN where her two older brothers Delmar and Dwayne Ogden were living with the Bishop family. She graduated from Park Rapids High School, worked in retail sales, and met her husband, Philip A. Schiller through mutual friends. She and Philip were married in Seattle, Washington, on December 27th, 1944 just before Phil was deployed as a Naval Seaman to the Pacific.

Mary Jane returned to live with her mother and gave birth to Philip Jeffrey in

Wadena prior to her husband's return from the service. The couple had 4 more children: Linda, Larry, Tony and Mary Kay. Mary Jane and Phil lived in Wadena until Phil's death in 1988. For a time, they also had a cabin on Ottertail Lake.

Mary Jane's foremost role was that of faithful wife and mother, but she had many talents and an entrepreneurial spirit that would not be suppressed. Over the years her ventures included purchasing a knitting machine, lingerie sewing, involvement in equine activities, and bookkeeping for Russ Davis Wholesale. A life-long bridge player, she participated regularly in her bridge club's weekly get-togethers. She acquired an electric organ and played at home for family and friends, and for diners at the Pine Cove Inn. She was a faithful fan of her children's and grandchildren's athletic activities. Following her husband's death she moved to Wyoming for several years to be near her son's family. She made friends easily and was always ready for travel and new adventures.

Toward the end of her life she was actively involved in quilting and dabbled in Wadena politics. Mary Jane always gave of herself in many ways, contributing to charity with her many crafting talents and working for numerous causes. A convert to Catholicism, she was a faithful and active member of St. Ann's Parish, serving as Eucharistic Minister and leading Bible studies. She fulfilled her role as grandmother and great-grandmother with gusto and great love.

Mary Jane is survived by her son Philip "Jeff" (Karen) of Eagan, daughter Linda Busing of Burnsville, son Larry (Mary Beth) of Willmar and daughter Mary Kay (Tim) Wohlert of Wadena; grandchildren Mike Schiller and Alyson Muzila; Ryan Busing, Melissa Dayton and Angie Massant; Tonya Roth, Phillip and Matt Schiller; and Paul and Mark Wohlert; 17 great-grandchildren and one on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sister, husband and son Tony.

Burial will be in WadenaCemetery.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JAN 30. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Schiller.*



January 29, 2013 at 08:40 PM



“ *Dear Cousins, Gary and I and Keith and Leslie are together this afternoon.
We wish so much that we could be with all of you during this time. Auntie Mary was such a special Aunt and so loved by her brother Delmar and his family. I know they are rejoicing together and watching all of us.
Sending love, Dawn and Gar and Keith and Leslie*

Dawn Ogden Lawrence - January 29, 2013 at 04:58 PM



“ *The LaBarre's purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Jane Schiller.*



The LaBarre's - January 29, 2013 at 03:31 PM



“ *Mary Jane will always hold a special place in my heart. I feel so blessed that I had my Tony for the years I did and am able to be included in the beautiful Schiller family. I love you all Jane*

Jane Hieb - January 29, 2013 at 09:35 AM

JH

“ *Jane Hieb lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Schiller*



Jane Hieb - January 29, 2013 at 09:30 AM

TM

“ *Aunt Mary Jane I will never forget golfing with you and my mom in Wadena..You were a special lady....Teri Merickel*

teri merickel - January 28, 2013 at 04:27 PM

JB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all of you, I will always remember Mary Jane as one nice and sweet lady who was so kind to everyone.*



*God Bless,
Dale and Jackie Becker*

Jackie Beckier - January 27, 2013 at 05:14 PM

JD

“ *Your Mother was a women of strength, compassion and always happy and smiling. I have such great memories of our family friendship. My heart goes out to all of you at this time and may all your wonderful memories give you strength. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jane Kopp Dillon*

Jane Kopp Dillon - January 27, 2013 at 02:03 PM

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Philip "Jeff" Schiller - January 26, 2013 at 11:40 PM

JS

“ *Words can not express the sorrow I feel for your family. I spent a lot of my formative years at the Schiller household. Jeff, Linda, Larry, and MaryKay, you have my heart felt condolences. I still miss Tony, as I call him one of my own pall bearers that I have put to rest. Talk to you soon, Stony*



Jim Stoneman - January 25, 2013 at 06:01 AM

KO

Of course I have many memories of Aunt Mary Jane from the old days in Wadena, but about 25 years ago, she came with my mom to SF to watch one of my first arguments in the Court of Appeal. I was more nervous about them than about the judges. Afterwards, my mom pointed out what she thought I could have done better !! (She was probably right, I no longer remember.) But Aunt Mary Jane just gave me a big hug and a smile and said "Oh your dad and Uncle Phil would have been so proud of you." She must have known it was what I wanted and needed to hear -- just one of her many many moments of kindness. I will always remember her.

Kathy (Merickel) M oreno - January 28, 2013 at 10:53 PM