



Mary Jane Berkey

August 11, 1917 - October 21, 2004

Mary Jane Berkey, 87, Rossville, passed away October 21, 2004 at Rossville Valley Manor Nursing Home. Mary Jane was born August 11, 1917 in Fort Madison, IA the daughter of James and Margaret Borst Nicholson.

She attended school in Slaton, TX and graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City. She attended Columbia College, Columbia, MO; Julliard School of Music in New York and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

Mary Jane married Don Berkey on November 15, 1941. After the war, they moved to Rossville where she taught piano and vocal music lessons for 37 years. She was a member of Music Study Club and Minerva Club in Topeka and Rossville Presbyterian Church; was a judge at statewide high school music competitions for a number of years; performed with community and church music groups; was a member of the Rossville Community Library Board and the St. Mary's Women Golf Club Board.

Mary Jane and Don traveled extensively throughout the US and Europe and she was an avid reader, bridge player and golfer.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Don Berkey; son and daughter-in-law; Curt and JoAnne Berkey of Rossville, daughter; Pam Berkey Sibert of Kansas City; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 pm Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Memorial service will be held 11:00am Monday at the funeral home. Private inurnment will follow at Rossville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Heart of America Hospice, 3715 SW 29th Suite 20, Topeka, KS 66614, Rossville Community Library, 407 Main, Rossville, KS 66833.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Berkey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Don, Pam, Curt & Joanne.*

I was sorry to hear that Mary Jane had passed away. She was a very special person and I always enjoyed the times when she and Don came in for a visit.

I'm sorry for your loss. You have my sympathy and my prayers will be with you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Darv Hawley

Darvin Hawley - October 25, 2004 at 10:24 PM



“ *Don, Curt, Joanne & Pam.....You have our deepest sympathy at this time with the death of Mary Jane.....She was always such a talented & elegant ladyI have good memories of her.....I know she will be deeply missed....*

SINCERELY,

*CHARLOTTE [Decker]
& KENNY KLING
St. Marys, Kansas*

Charlotte Kling - October 22, 2004 at 08:16 PM



“ *Don, Curt, Joanne, & Pam*

Charlotte Kling - October 22, 2004 at 08:09 PM



“ *Mary Jane Berkey*

October 22, 2004 at 02:53 PM