



Mary Jane Collison

April 29, 1928 - October 23, 2025

Mary Jane Collison, 97 of Carroll, died Thursday, October 23, 2025 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll surrounded by her family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 31, 2025 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Concelebrants will be Fr. Timothy Hogan and Fr. Andrew Windschitl. Music will be by Kathy Halbur, Sandy Noethe, and Sherry Loughran. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Holly Hansen and Michaela Gervase. Gift Bearers will be Mary Jane's grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Mary Jane's family. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church on Friday, October 31, 2025, where additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Mary Jane's family at www.sharppfuneral.com.

Mary Jane, daughter of Joe and Mary (Kotschwar) Noethe, was born at Westside, Iowa, April 29, 1928. She attended St. John's parochial school in Arcadia, and graduated from St. Bernard High School, Breda, Iowa in 1945.

She worked for Waters Department Store until her marriage to Myron Nepl on November 23, 1948 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Fonda, Iowa, by Father John Holley. Following their marriage the couple farmed south of Carroll, Iowa. In 1971 they moved to Carroll and she worked at J.C. Penney's and Sernett Department Store. In 1972 she went to work at General Electric for 18 years.

Mary Jane was a member of St. Lawrence Guild, St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary, and volunteered at New Hope Village.

She loved being with her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and her friends. Mary Jane loved to play cards with her friends, and also the residents at Garden View and St. Anthony Nursing Home.

On October 7, 2005, she married Dr. Richard Collison. They made their home in Carroll and wintered in Arizona.

She is survived by her children: Bill (Diana) Nepl, Cedar Rapids, IA; Gayle (Denny) Smith, Olathe, KS; Brian (Kim) Nepl, Naperville, IL; son-in-law Randy Fields, Omaha, NE; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

Following stepchildren: Barb (Mike) Mosman, Carroll, IA; Sheryl (Jim) Middendorf, West Des Moines, IA; Deb Collison, Sergeant Bluff, IA; Mark (Patti) Collison, Carroll, IA; Joan Collison, Jefferson, IA; Richard (Shela) Collison, San Jose, CA; Nancy Cattaneo, Tulsa, OK; Allan (Gina) Collison, Spokane, MN; Tracy Collison, Long Beach, CA. 21 step grandchildren and 24 great step grandchildren.

Her sisters: Joan Hogan, Ft. Dodge, IA and Karon Ludwig, Bristol, IN.

Her sisters-in-law: Rose Neppl, Dorothy Winders and Cathleen Schwarzkopf.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husbands, Myron Neppl in 1991 and Dick Collison in 2020; her daughter Patricia Fields in 2023; her parents Joe and Mary Noethe; her brothers Melvin Noethe and Dale Noethe; her sister Bonnie LeClaire; as well as her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I don't remember exactly when Mary Jane and family moved in across the street from us, and to be honest, my memories are more of Brian hanging out with my brother Jay ... we were just kids. But that never stopped me from telling Dick that I knew Mary Jane first! The “southsiders” needed to stick together! I really enjoyed getting to know her as part of the Collison clan. She made me laugh, she made the best treats, and she always kept it real. Rick and I are sorry to have missed the services but our hearts were with you that day, and we continue to pray that your memories lift you in these difficult times.

Sheila

Sheila Collison - November 11, 2025 at 12:59 AM

AS

“ Mary Jane and I were friends for many years. I haven't seen her since she was in the nursing and I'm not able to get around very well. I will have a Mass said for her at Orchard View. We did talk on the phone while she was at Garden View. My sympathy to all of you.
Alice Staiert

Alice Staiert - October 31, 2025 at 01:59 PM

VD

“ VICKIE Duff



vickie Duff - October 31, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



October 30, 2025 at 09:19 AM



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

The Younker Family - October 30, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *Clark B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



Clark B. - October 29, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



October 29, 2025 at 06:50 PM

SM

“ Mary Jane was such a sweet lady so caring & friendly. She and Myron were in a poker card club for years with the Carlins, Scheppners, Carlins, Bierls, Kannes, etc. I believe Mary Jane & Virginia were they only two still living in that entire group. After my dad’s death whenever passed away and I would see her in Carroll she would stop to visit for a minute and always ask how my mom was doing. I’m sure she will be greatly missed. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Sue Mueggenberg(daughter of Billy & Ruth Ann Stark)

Sue Mueggenberg - October 28, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KJ

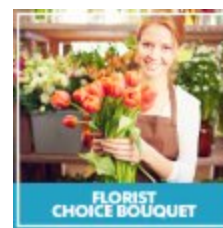
“ Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Collison



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - October 28, 2025 at 11:54 AM

LF

“ Larry Nepl and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Collison.



Larry Nepl and family - October 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

LF

“ Larry Nepl and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Collison.

Larry Nepl and family - October 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



October 26, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Elizabeth N. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



Elizabeth N. - October 26, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Smith kids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jane Collison.*



Smith kids - October 25, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *Smith kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Collison.*

Smith kids - October 25, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JK

“ My sympathy to Mary Jane’s family



Joleen Klocke - October 25, 2025 at 01:34 PM

MJ

“ Marilyn Jeschke lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Collison



marilyn jeschke - October 24, 2025 at 09:19 PM

MJ

Mary Jane was a wonderful friend - 🙏🧡💕

marilyn jeschke - October 24, 2025 at 09:20 PM

AH

“ Arnold H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Collison.

Arnold H. - October 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Collison.



October 24, 2025 at 11:23 AM

RG

“ *Gayle and family- so very sorry for your loss. She was an amazing lady with a great sense of humor and loved her homemade candies that she shared. Take some comfort in knowing she's with the rest of the angels and can watch over you*



Renee Greve - October 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM