



Mary M. Tigges

May 30, 1934 - January 1, 2021

A link to Mary's Funeral Mass can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/Ja3eejze4Uo>

Mary M. Tigges, 86, of Carroll, Iowa passed away on Friday evening, January 1, 2021 at Accura Healthcare of Carroll. She was surrounded by close family and those who cared for her.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lectors will be Rachel Tigges and Tyler Tigges. Casket Bearers will be Mary's nephews. Burial will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A public viewing, without greeting the family, will be held from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m on Wednesday at the church. Those in attendance are required to wear a face covering and abide by current social-distancing guidelines.

Should one desire, memorials may made out to Mary Tigges Family and mailed to

Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St., Carroll, IA, 51401.

A recording of Mary's funeral will be made available 24 hours following the

service, at Sharp Funeral Home, Carroll, IA YouTube page. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Mary's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Mary was born on May 30, 1934, in Omaha, Nebraska to Edward and Bernice (O'Brien) Hanlon.

She attended St. Agnes grade school in South Omaha. She went on to St. Mary's High School and graduated in 1952. Her early years were marked by visits to the bakery across the street, downtown shopping trips with her mother, going to movies and to the library with her older brother, and other adventures around the city with her beloved aunts and uncles. She developed a deep love of music at an early age and went on to excel as a singer in high school and beyond. She continued to sing for weddings of family and friends for many years.

After high school, Mary entered St. Catherine School of Nursing, Creighton University, graduating as an RN in 1955. While in nurses' training, she was introduced by a good friend to Donald Tigges, from Carroll, IA, and they were married at St. John's Church at Creighton University on November 19, 1955. They moved to a farm north of Willey, IA. While building their life together on the farm, Mary's devotion to nursing continued to be a focal point. In addition to working as a school nurse for many years, her life was centered around their four children, their family, both nearby and in Omaha, her Catholic faith, and her many, many deep and lasting friendships.

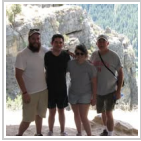
Mary and Don eventually moved to Carroll and she continued to work as a nurse at Farmland in Denison until 1996. In retirement, she utilized her flair for style by working at Mimi's, a clothing boutique in Carroll. She was an avid reader, politically involved, and she and Don also enjoyed traveling and attending their grandkids' many musical and sporting events. Mary's nursing skills were lovingly offered while caring for Don for a number of years before

he entered the nursing home. Even after she joined him there, the nurses appreciated her willingness to give them a hand with various tasks. The Tigges family could not be more grateful to the nurses who cared for both Mary and Don. Mary's Irish eyes, forever smiling, and her heart, forever singing, will lift our spirits whenever we think of her.

Mary is survived by: her four children, Brian Tigges and his wife Michelle(Rupiper) of Johnston, Marty Tigges of Arcadia, Kristie Tigges, of Minneapolis, MN, and Anne Tigges of Carroll; two grandchildren, Tyler Tigges and his wife Meaghan of Urbandale, and Rachel Tigges of New York, NY; four great- granddaughters, Mairin, Sloane, Camryn, and Quinn Tigges; her sisters-in-law, Ruth Ann Tigges of Carroll, Carolyn Sovich of Ormond Beach, FL, Mary Jane (Morrie) Schenkelberg of Sioux City, Rosalie (Jon) Davis of Reed Springs, MO, Mary K. Tigges, of Carroll, and Velma Tigges of Carroll and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was very recently preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Don. Also preceding her were her parents, Bernice and Edward Hanlon, brother Edward Hanlon, sister-in-law Alyce Hanlon, father and mother-in-law Alphonse and Elizabeth Tigges, and brothers-in-law Walt Tigges, Jerry Tigges, and Frank Sovich.

Tribute Wall



“ *It's hard to put into words how sad I am my Aunt & Godmother Mary Tigges has passed on. I guess since Uncle Don passed away, she felt she needed to be with him; to continue to care for him.*

Brian, Marty, Kristie, and Anne I am sorry for the loss of both your parents in such a short time. And I am so, so sorry Norah and I will not be able to attend the service.

I was so fortunate to have such a loving and caring person as an Aunt. Ever since I was a small child, Mary was always so willing to come to Omaha for all of my family's big events. She was there for almost every baptism, birthday, graduation and wedding. She would even make the drive for sports, school concerts, and theater productions. I could always expect a birthday card from her! Those cards have meant so much to me.

Going to Carroll has always been a treat for my siblings and me. As each of us married, our spouses, children and grandkids have always looked forward to the trip to visit with Mary, Don and all our cousins for the weekend! They were always so willing to open their home to us. There are so many fun memories they made possible, from spending time on Uncle Don's farm to the many Thanksgivings and especially family reunions on Labor Day.

I will always remember Mary's beautiful smile, kind words, amazing singing voice. Although Mary is no longer with us, she will always have a special place in my heart.

Love you Aunt Mary!

Ed Hanlon

Ed Hanlon - January 05, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary M. Tigges.*



January 05, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *Cindy Eifler Beck lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Tigges*



Cindy Eifler Beck - January 04, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *So very sorry on the loss of your parents 🙏. Praying for peace for you all. Diane Olson*

Diane Olson - January 04, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary M. Tigges.*



January 04, 2021 at 04:25 PM

MC

“ Brian, Marty, Kristie & Anne, My heart just aches for all of you- the loss of both parents in one week is unimaginable. A fond memory I have of your Mom is when she made us sing a Christmas carol for our Halloween candy- I can see her smiling! Hugs to all of you & many prayers in the days to come for healing & peace in your heart. Lean on those around you. Love & Prayers, Nick & Melissa Collison

Melissa Collison - January 04, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JC

“ Julie and Tim Blake, Iowa City purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mary M. Tigges.



Julie and Tim Blake, Iowa City - January 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

CF

“ Sympathies to the family. You are in my prayers Rick and Cherie Foley

Cherie Foley - January 03, 2021 at 10:13 PM

KG

“ You have our sympathy! Kelly & Louie Glass

Kelly Glass - January 03, 2021 at 10:01 PM

SW

“ Marty & Brian,

So sorry for the loss of you mom and dad. Our deepest sympathies to your families. We will keep you in our prayers during this difficult time.

Scott & Donna Wiederin - January 03, 2021 at 09:07 PM

MT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Tigges family on your loss.*

Merlin @ Marcia Tiefenthaler - January 03, 2021 at 06:58 PM

CJ

“ *I am so sorry to read of the passing of Don and Mary Tigges. Mary was my school nurse and a wonderful presence at Mimi's. My thoughts are with you.*

Sincerely, Carolyn Jones

Carolyn Jones - January 03, 2021 at 06:42 PM

PM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to your family. Dick and Patty Myers*

Patty Myers - January 03, 2021 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ *Marty and family,
Tom and I are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing so close to your dad's! We hope and pray you find strength and comfort in knowing they are together again with our Lord.
Tom and Mindie Simons*

mindie simons - January 03, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JA

“ Dear Kristie, Anne, Marty and Brian,

I was so shocked and saddened to hear the news just a few days after Don's passing. Mary has always held a special place in my heart since Kristie and I were friends and roommates at U of I. When Mary came down for a visit it was an exciting time. She was so kind and caring, with that sassy sense of humor and fabulous style to boot. As a young college student full of insecurities and worries, Mary always managed to boost my confidence and make me feel important. She was always there for every single show we did, and was a wonderful cheerleader.

She will be missed by so many, and especially her amazing children. My only consolation is that perhaps she and Don are together and basking in all the love they are receiving.

*All our love,
Jennifer, Rod and Audrey Andrews*

Jennifer Andrews - January 03, 2021 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ *Our sympathy as you grieve the loss of you parents.
Mark and Lori Bluml*

lori bluml - January 03, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DS

“ Anne, Kristie, Marty and Brian
The loss of a parent is always difficult but I can't imagine losing two
in one week. I think you all know how special Uncle Don and Aunt
Mary are to me. I will always cherish the times I spent as a kid at
your farm. I wish I could be there but know that you are in my
prayers at this difficult time.
Rest In Peace Uncle Don and Aunt Mary.
Doug Sovich and Family

Doug Sovich - January 03, 2021 at 07:16 AM

LB

“ Larry And Lynne Brincks lit a candle in
memory of Mary M. Tigges



Larry and Lynne Brincks - January 02, 2021 at 10:30 PM

JE

“ Marty and family We keep you in our prayers during this difficult
time. They rest eternally together. Julie and Ted Eischeid and family

Julie and Ted Eischeid - January 02, 2021 at 01:24 PM

NR

“ Dear Tigges family - I am so sorry for the loss of your parents. We
got to know Don and Mary at Accura and they were such wonderful
people. Don always had a smile on his face and was ready to visit;
Mary was truly a devoted wife and had such a kind soul. May they
rest in peace. Nora Knobbe Reiter

Nora Reiter - January 02, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DC

Dear Marty and family, you are all in our thoughts & prayers. God Bless all of you.

Dan & Monica Clark - January 02, 2021 at 06:40 PM

LB

I am so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing, especially so soon after Don's. I can't imagine how painful. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Lori Thein Brody - January 03, 2021 at 04:39 PM