



## Mary Catherine Knowles

October 2, 1947 - May 23, 2013

Mary Catherine Knowles, age 65 of Albia, died Thursday, May 23, 2013, under the care of Monroe County Hospice at her home in Albia.

Mary was born October 2, 1947, to Joseph and Monica (O'Neill) Scieszinski in Ottumwa. She married William "Jack" John Knowles August 31, 1968 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. After 36 years together, he preceded her in death on June 23, 2005.

Mary graduated from Albia High School. She worked for Monroe Plastics, Chamberlain's, and A.Y.M., all in Albia, before retiring and working for Monroe Care Center.

Mary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia and past member of St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society in Georgetown. She enjoyed singing and going to the Follies. She also liked attending sporting events, the county fair, and plays. She especially loved time spent with her family.

Mary is survived by three children, Bill (Chris) Knowles of Albia, Michele Knowles of West Liberty, and Dan Knowles of West Des Moines; four grandchildren, Travis, Becca, Dylan, and Ashlee Knowles; a sister-in-law, Ellen Wobbeking; and a brother-in-law, Ed Knowles.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Joseph Scieszinski.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday, May 27, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with the family present throughout the day and evening. A rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society at 4 p.m., with a Christian wake service beginning at 6 p.m., Monday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Monroe County Hospice or to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Catherine Knowles*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Mary Catherine Knowles*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Family of John and Mary catherine Knowles,  
I send my deepest sympathies to you all.  
Your father and I would be cousins of about the same age. My  
husband, Tom and I married the year before your parents - 1967  
My Grandmother was Delia Knowles Brothers, so we are distant  
cousins.  
The Knowles, Ryan, Mahoney, Brothers etc. are very much on my  
mind at this time because I am planning my first trip to Ireland in  
September. I plan to visit Co. Laois and Co. Tipperary.  
I will continue to keep you all in thought and prayer.  
Much love, Rita Sebastian Lambert*

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**Rita Sebastian Lambert - Chicago, IL - My Grandmother: "Delia Knowles" - June 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother, she was the nicest lady .  
She never passed by you without having something nice to say.  
God bless your family*

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**Vicki and Kelli Colwell - Albia, IA - friend and Dans classmate - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PI

“ My sympathy to all of MaryKay's family. She and I always had a good visit when she came to the Clinic...even when she didn't feel well. God bless her.  
*Patty Hannam*

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**Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MM

“ My sympathy to the family of Mary Kay . She was a good person. May she rest in peace. *Mary Kay (Crall) Murphy*

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**Mary Kay Murphy - Cape Fair, MO - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ I am so glad I was able to become a friend of Mary's over the last few years. She had the most wonderful sense of humor. Her quick-wit and unique take on life made her a joy to be around. *RIP Mary, Rose {Kenworthy} Lennie*

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**Rose Lennie - Albia, IA - Friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ Sorry sorry to hear about Mary. I loved to visit with her, she always made me laugh. We worked together at Monroe County Plastics. I remember one time she got on the intercom and was mooing like a cow. We need more people like her. Rest in peace.

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**Maggie (Gardner) Solinger - formally of Albia, IA - friend - May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM**