



Mary Loretta Scieszinski

May 18, 1915 - May 25, 2013

Mary Loretta Scieszinski, age 98 of Melrose, passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Circle of Life Legacy Lodge Hospice in Chariton.

Mary was born May 18, 1915, to Richard and Loretta (Murphy) Hannam on the family farm south of Melrose. She married Vincent Bernard Scieszinski August 17, 1940 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. After 49 years together, he preceded her in death on December 29, 1989.

A graduate of Melrose High School, Mary received her teaching certificate from William Penn. She taught at the Wayne country school, St. Anthony's in Des Moines, St. Mary's in Albia, and finished in Russell. She later worked in the Melrose school cafeteria, and was also the city clerk in Melrose for 25 years.

Mary was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society in Melrose, and the Irish Green Hat Society. She was very giving person who never knew a stranger, and when her mom was sick with cancer, she took care of her. She was a wonderful mother who was a very talented sewer and enjoyed baking pies and cooking chicken. She also liked word searches and her grandkids were everything to her.

Mary is survived by three children, Linda Coady of Waukee, Karen Smith of

Waukee, and JoAnn McGee of Chariton; ten grandchildren, Jeffrey Smith, Jill (Greg) Brammer, Kurt (Angela) Smith, Marla (Steve) Austin, John (Jen) Coady, Melia (Nolan) Johnson, Vickie (Greg) Vlasek, Tricia (Danny) Knowles, Scott (Jenny) McGee, and Donnie (Brenda) McGee; 26 great grandkids; a brother, John (Mary) Hannam; and a niece, Carol (Mike) Cosgrove.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and three sons-in-law, James Coady, Joe Smith, and Bernard McGee.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Patrick Lumsden officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be 4-9 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose with Mary's family present. A rosary will be led at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening at the church.

Mary Scieszinski's family would like to give a special thank you to all the staff at Circle of Life Legacy Lodge Hospice in Chariton for the wonderful care they gave their mother.

Memorials may be made to Circle of Life Legacy Lodge in Chariton or Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Loretta Scieszinski*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. May the angels wrap their wings around you all and give you some kind of comfort.*

Roberta (Smith) Zastawniak - Greensburg, PA - friend - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although I didn't know Mary very well, I know that she had to have been a wonderful lady - she has 3 beautiful daughters that I feel blessed to know. My sincere condolences to your entire family. Love and hugs - Haydee*

Haydee Waters - Albia, IA - friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *KAREN AND LINDA SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS MAY YOUR MOTHER BE AT PEACE IN HEAVEN, ,, MELROSE LOST 2 GREAT LADIES THIS WEEK MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILYS*

ED MCGINN - QUINCY, IL - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Mary was a very wonderful person always willing to invite me to go to lunch with her and Paulie O'Conner at the melrose market. She will be greatly missed

Brandie Berry - melrose , IA - neighbor - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Karen, Linda and Joann, So sorry for the loss of your dear Mother. No one remained a stranger in her presence, she had such a way of engaging with everyone. I am so glad I was able to have known her for a lifetime. I will never forget staying overnite at your home for my first overniter and how caring she was. Loved this lady. RIP.....Mary

Rose (Kenworthy) Lennie - Albia, IA - Friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Mary's special family. We are saddened to hear of this great lady's passing. She was a Melrose institution and loved by many. Those of us fortunate enough to have grown up there, were blessed to have women like Mary to guide us. She was always there to lend a hand and so very kind. Happy memories sustain her family as she has rejoined Vince. A wonderful couple! God bless her family in the days ahead. Old friends, Bernard Casebolt, Cindy & Larry Mason

Cindy Mason - Waverly, IA - Friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sorry to hear of Marys passing..she was one in a million...always smiling and cheerful..wonderful lady..she will be missed by all...Blessings

Marti (Ripperger) Hawkins - Cedar Rapids, IA - friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sympathy to all in the loss of Mary. She was a grand lady. May she rest in peace. Mary Kay, Dean, and Tray Murphy

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

KI

“ Thinking of Mary is so much about growing up in Melrose, surrounded by so many kind and strong women like her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all off her large and loving family. Sincerely, Kit Dinneen Crane

Kit Dinneen Crane - IA - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry of Mary's passing. She was a wonderful lady. I remember her as my school teacher many many years ago and how sweet and gentle she was. Sorry Karen, Linda and Joann. Our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Marilyn and Dennis Roach - Peoria, IL - friends - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ Mrs. Scieszinski lived a long life and endured much hardships but kept going. Thanks to Jesus we have a hope for the resurrection to better days according to John 11:25.

Zyniell - Friend - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Linda, Karen and Joann,

Mary Jo called tonight and told us of Mary's passing. We were just in Iowa this past week and were asking about her. We want you to know you have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayers. May she rest in peace.

John & Darlene O'Brien - Decatur, IL - Friend - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM