



Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey

January 20, 1948 - February 26, 2025

UTICA – Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey, age 77, passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, after a long illness.

Born in Utica on January 20, 1948, Mary Jean was the daughter of the late Rocco and Josephine (Casselli) Robertaccio. Raised in the area, she was a proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1966. She went on to further her education at St Elizabeth School of Nursing, where she became a radiologist and x-ray technician.

In 1968, John Humphrey was in a car accident and went to St. Elizabeth's for treatment. There he met Mary Jean, who cared for him. The two were wed on June 28, 1969. Their Catholic faith and values were cornerstones to the blessings of their nearly 56-year union, and their children.

Mary Jean devoted her life to raising her children but also found work once they grew older as a teacher's aide. Later she accepted a position as a financial aid office counselor at Utica University, formerly Utica College, from which she retired.

Possessing a natural maternal instinct, Mary Jean was loving and caring, encouraging her children and instilling in them resilience and strength. She adored her family, and her grandchildren had a special place in her heart.

“Nonnie” was a title she held with pride. Everything she did, she did for her family. Her gentle nature extended to animals, as she had a great affection for them, especially her favorite, Mia.

Mary Jean enjoyed crafting, and even had a room dedicated to it! Blue was her favorite color, which she incorporated into her projects, including her crochet patterns. An avid reader, Mary Jean enjoyed a good book! Music was also important to her and she would play it throughout her whole house. She especially enjoyed Connie Francis, Frank Sinatra, and Dean Martin.

Devout Catholics, Mary Jean and John were parishioners of Historic Old St. John’s Church. Later in life, they became Eucharistic Ministers together.

Mary Jean is survived by her beloved husband, John; children and their spouses, Deborah “Debbie” and Maurice Isaac, and Shaun and Kim Humphrey; and grandchildren, Nicholas M. Humphrey-Isaac, Nikoletta Humphrey, and Caselli Humphrey. She fondly remembered her brother, John E. Ranieri, as well as her sister and brother-in-law, Carmella “Karmy” and Carlo Fanelli, Sr., all of whom preceded her. She further leaves to cherish her memory several nieces and nephews, including Carlo C. Jr. and Hui Pun Fanelli, and their families, and the Palanker families; cousins, with special mention of the Robertaccio family, including Peter, Scott, and Cheri Sait; and in-laws, Sarah and Meir Palanker; and many cherished friends, especially acknowledging RoRo DeSantis, Ann Roefaro, and Angela Fanelli. She was additionally predeceased by her cousin, Joanne Sait; and “Auntie” Margaret and Charles Casselli, with whom Mary Jean had shared a special bond.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary Jean’s Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at Historic Old St. John’s Church, 240 Bleecker St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass.

Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church
240 Bleecker Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6159
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Mary Jean, always with a smile and always with a kind word...my fondest memories from high school. My condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.*

Don Marino - Class of '66



Don Marino - March 05, 2025 at 06:36 PM

MR

“ *Many fond memories of our high school years. Mary Jean and I shared a home room at Proctor for four years. She was a friendly kind person. Always had a smile. She worked at the Boston Store for a short time with my Mom. RIP Mary Jean. It was a pleasure to have known you. Your family is in our prayers.*

Michael Rudd (Hilton NY) Class of 66

Michael Rudd - March 05, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.*



March 04, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

March 04, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Kelly N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

Kelly N. - March 04, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Gina Zegarelli Corridori lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey



Gina Zegarelli Corridori - March 04, 2025 at 02:39 PM



Thank you sweet Gina ❤️

Debbie Isaac - March 16, 2025 at 02:34 AM



Fondly remember one of the sweetest girls in high school. Always a reassuring and pleasant smile on her face. Happy to see that she had such enrichment in her lifetime. Rest In Peace my 'ole friend. Dan Salsbury - Proctor Class of '66

Dan Salsbury - March 30, 2025 at 06:52 PM

FF

“ From the Hoang, Thai, and Tan family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



From the Hoang, Thai, and Tan family - March 03, 2025 at 08:29 PM

RK

“ Roger, Norm & James Kiley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



Roger, Norm & James Kiley - March 03, 2025 at 11:21 AM

KN

“ Krystina N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

Krystina N. - March 03, 2025 at 08:25 AM

ST

“ Sinda Tomy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



Sinda Tomy - March 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

ST

“ Sinda Tomy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

Sinda Tomy - March 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

SM

“ Sean & Jennifer Murphy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



Sean & Jennifer Murphy - March 02, 2025 at 07:04 PM

CF

“ Carol and Mike Fitzsimmons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



Carol and Mike Fitzsimmons - March 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CF

“ Carol and Mike Fitzsimmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

Carol and Mike Fitzsimmons - March 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CG

“ So very sorry to hear that Mary Jean has passed. I don't think I ever met a more caring person who loved helping others! We will never forget you and all you did for our MJ at Utica College. Our deepest sympathy to John and your entire family. John and Connie Griffin

Connie Griffin - March 02, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DI

Thank you Connie ! Mom
Loved spending time up at your house celebrating the 4th of July ❤️

Debbie Isaac - March 06, 2025 at 08:55 PM

RF

“ John and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. We will always her beautiful smile as well as her unselfish heart and kindness. A blessed woman for sure. Sorry we cannot be there to comfort you and celebrate her life.
Love, BJ and Rosanne

Rosanne Fallon - March 02, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Pallaria Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.



The Pallaria Family - March 02, 2025 at 07:46 AM

TF

“ The Pallaria Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean (Robertaccio) Humphrey.

The Pallaria Family - March 02, 2025 at 07:46 AM

SI

“ *Mary Jean was my supervisor during my time working in the financial aid department at Utica College. She always had this mischievous twinkle in her eyes which kept things lively, while at the same time making sure the work was completed. She made an otherwise tedious job enjoyable. Her vibrant personality of enjoying life to the fullest was contagious. I'm so grateful to have had MJ in my life and she's going to be missed.*

MJ's family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sinda - March 01, 2025 at 11:19 PM

PL

Dear John, words can't describe how very sorry I am with the passing of Mary Jean. Will always treasure in my heart our friendship and fond memories ❤️. Be assure of my prayers. God bless all of you ❤️ Paul

Paul LaFache - March 01, 2025 at 11:33 PM

DI

Thank you Paul ❤️

Debbie Isaac - March 06, 2025 at 08:54 PM