



Mary Margaret Amrein

March 27, 1928 - November 24, 2025

Mary M. Amrein 3/27/1928 - 11/24/2025

Obituary

Mary Amrein, ne Mary M. Fiffick passed away peacefully in her sleep after an extended illness. She was born in Fifficktown, Cambria County, PA to Eastern European immigrants, Anne E. Anderko and Andrew T. Fiffick, Sr. from areas that fluctuated among Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungarian control. She grew up during the historic eras of the Great Depression, WWII and the Korean Conflict. She was the oldest girl in a family of nine children. Her sister, Alicia Fox, survives her, while her other sisters (Ethel, Shirley and Eleanor) and brothers (Andrew, John, Emil and Edward) predeceased her. Her life was one of dedication to her faith, her family, and friends.

Mary was destined to be a mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother to her own family and to all she met, after years of practice helping her mother caring for her siblings and the household. She learned early in life to give, share, go without and be thankful for all she had. Her gifts to all she encountered were her hard, productive work, generosity of spirit, and a special dedication to the welfare of babies and children, whether her own family or those of friends and strangers. There was not a plea for funds that came to her from an

orphanage, hospital, school or children's home that she did not donate what she could, no matter how small the amount. She was also known as the "dollar" Baba (Bubba or grandmother) to the children of her family, friends and neighbors as she would send a birthday card to all on her list throughout the year with a dollar bill inside.

Besides helping her mother with the household chores, and caregiver of her siblings, Mary found a way to supplement the family's income as a young and pre -teen. With her four brothers away during WWII serving in the armed forces, she got a job which paid the family by working with the beginnings of the CCC, a program that helped fill the jobs left behind by those serving the country, with the help of young people too young to serve. She was transported by train to places as far away as Connecticut and Michigan to pick cherries and sew tobacco for it to dry. She also was promoted to a dorm monitor who organized the cleanliness and orderliness of the dorms and its young residents because of her experience with those jobs growing up at home.

She married Ronald Brummert (deceased) and had her two daughters (Karen and Renee). The family moved to NJ for better job opportunities, where Mary began working at Johnson & Johnson in Plaster of Paris bandage production. Gradually, she grew from manufacturing jobs at J&J to Quality Control conducting organoleptic panels (to assure product's taste, smell and appearance were of a consistent quality) to Laboratory Tech at Johnson & Johnson Research. Mary met and married Joseph Amrein (deceased) her husband of 40 years who also worked for Johnson & Johnson. They both retired from Johnson & Johnson after lifelong careers there and moved to Florida in 1983 where they joined the Queen of Peace (QOP) parish at its inception. Mary's many friends ,over 43 years in Gainesville, became her extended family, for which she was forever grateful. She served as a willing volunteer for many church and community activities and

functions. She worked as a gift shop volunteer at NE Florida Hospital for many years as well as the gift shop at QOP. She cherished her Parish activities and was a member of the choir, helped with funerals, receptions and was active in the Golden Gators and Joy Group. She especially enjoyed the camaraderie of the gatherings after daily Mass with longtime friends.

Mary is survived by a large extended family of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Her immediate family has also grown through the years to include children: Renee, Karen A, Judy, Karen, and Joseph (deceased); grandchildren Peter, John, Gina, Katie, Korey, Kasey, Shevonne, and Shayna; great grandchildren: Jaclyn, Samantha, Colton, Sia, Emmette, Aiden, Cole, Mae, Sydney, Michael and Gabriel.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite children's charity or leave a memory on the tribute wall in Mary's Obituary page

Previous Events

Reception

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
10900 SW 24th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32607

Graveside

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
10900 SW 24th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32607

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Kena Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.



Kena Family - January 10 at 04:25 PM

LR

“ Liane, Tasi, Roman and Remi purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.



Liane, Tasi, Roman and Remi - January 08 at 08:13 AM

MG

“ Mike, Kathleen, Shannon, Ginger purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.



Mike, Kathleen, Shannon, Ginger - January 07 at 03:35 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.



January 06 at 04:07 PM

GC

“Karen, Renee and I met in first grade, which is when I met their mother. The three of us became close friends, so Mrs. Brummert has to put up with me as well as her own two. My memories of her are fond and vivid. She would drop us off and pick us up from movies, swim class at the Y and parties. She also took it upon herself to make sure we had additional fun activities: The trampoline park, bowling, by-the-hour horseback riding, Johnson's Park to feed the deer. There were a number of dinners at her home, highlighted by her spectacular, home-made pierogis. She was a single mother, working full time, with two kids and a quasi-third. I didn't understand then, but I do now, how hard and exhausting that had to be. She was a good mother.

Karen, Renee and I lost touch for a number of years. When we did reconnect, I got to speak with Mrs. Brummert on the phone, but not in person. And that is disappointing. I am very sorry that I didn't get to see her one more time. Farewell, Mary, live in the light.

Love,
Gillian

Gillian Conte - January 06 at 04:07 PM

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Gillian, thank you so much for these wonderful memories of our childhood that you mentioned here. We really did have the best of times together and just now remember how our Mom was a big part of that fun. I'm so glad you appreciated her motherly skills as well. Love you and will call you to catch up soon. ❤️

Renee - January 06 at 05:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.*



January 06 at 02:55 PM



“ *Linda Buratti and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Amrein.*

Linda Buratti and Family - January 06 at 02:55 PM



“ *Aunt Mary was always someone very special to me. Someone I looked up to and wanted to be like. I will always remember her fondly. ❤️*



Linda Buratti - January 06 at 02:50 PM



“ *In loving memory of Aunt Mary a donation was made to Shriners Children's Hospital. Scott, Elaine and Dana McQueeney*

Elaine - January 06 at 02:45 PM

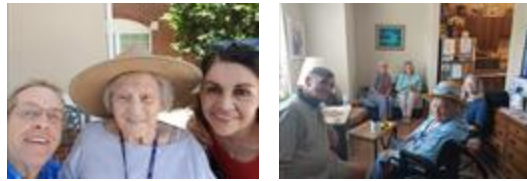
JA

“ Donations to St. Jude Research Hospital have been made by Karen Amrein and Judy Amrein Ackerman.

Judy Ackerman - January 06 at 01:36 PM

JA

“ Aunt Mary was a wonderful person who we love very much. We always looked forward to visiting when we were in Florida. I am grateful for every moment we had together. I remember growing up, she always sent birthday cards, always with money in it. Uncle Joe was a wonderful uncle. I will always cherish the times we had together, and they will surely be missed. Now they can be together again. I am sure they are making children smile. Love you Aunt Mary.



John Hirko & Luisa Alvarez - January 06 at 01:21 PM

TF

“ The Kushnir Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.



The Kushnir Family - January 06 at 11:52 AM

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SR

“ *Sister Alicia & Rob purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Margaret Amrein.*



Sister Alicia & Rob - January 05 at 07:16 AM