



## Mary E. Chase

March 27, 1940 - May 25, 2019

Mary E. Chase – Alton, IL

Mary Elizabeth Chase, 79, died Saturday, May 25, 2019 consoled by the company of her loving children and the presence of God. She was born in Harrisburg, IL to Herman and Coral Schwartz. Mary moved to Alton, IL with her first husband, Paul Edwin Chase. She thought Alton was a beautiful town and enjoyed participating in many social circles. Everywhere she went, Mary saw someone she knew. In recent years, she enjoyed an independent and vibrant life at the United Methodist Village in Godfrey, IL where she continued to be a bright spot in the lives of others while making new friends to enrich her days.

Along with her parents and first husband, Mary is preceded in death by her two brothers, Frederick Schwartz and Richard Schwartz; her second husband, George Peterie; and her daughter, Cynthia Kinsella.

Mary is survived by her son, Herman (Kim) Chase; her daughters, Jill Mellenthin and Polly Chase; grandchildren, Alissa Chase, Ashley McBride, Adrienne (Aqeel) Shhaib, Katavi Minkus, Jonathan Kinsella, Daniel Mellenthin, Abigail Mellenthin, Elizabeth Grace Mellenthin, Kelly Hatina, and Cory Hatina. Mary elected cremation. The family will receive visitors from 1:00 p.m. until time of a brief service with music and readings at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. For those who desire, donations can be made in Mary's memory to [haskellplayhouse.org](http://haskellplayhouse.org) to support an Alton landmark and park that had special prominence throughout Mary's life. Online

guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Chase*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Herm, Polly, Jill: Although Mary and I were miles apart, we were always close in heart. We have shared so many precious memories through the years. Our (Schwartz) family has remained very close through each generation. I already miss her knowing I can't pick up the phone and talk to her. I love her. Love to you*

**Linda Schwartz Byron** - June 01, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Classy and beautiful inside and out and such a beautiful and sweet spirit Mary was. My prayers are with her sweet family. Love and hugs to you all.*

*Kelly Schillinger*

**Kelly Schillinger** - May 28, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ *I will always remember the care & concern she had for her daughters. She loved them with a passion. Always a classy lady! She will be missed! Ron & Marla*

**Ron & Marla Hamlin** - May 28, 2019 at 09:28 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



polly chase - May 28, 2019 at 05:44 PM

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*Mom, on June 2 we will all gather in love to send out our heartfelt memories, thoughts, and prayers to you and each other. I know you will be there because we all carry you with us. Thank you for being the best mother and best friend I could ever imagine. Missing you and loving you now and always, your littlest pig, Polly.*

polly chase - May 28, 2019 at 05:49 PM



*I always thought the world of Polly. It was a joy just to be in her presence.*

John Dunphy - May 28, 2019 at 06:00 PM



*Rest easy Mary. Your work here is finished. You created a beautiful family and a loving home. You are much loved and will be sorely missed.*

Virginia Woulfe-Beile - May 28, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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“ Mary C

Jim Kinsella - May 28, 2019 at 12:34 PM

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*Mary Chase, a wonderful, kind thoughtful person who brightened up the lives of all with whom she came in contact. We all love and miss her dearly, yet are happy for her to reach her Heavenly reward with Cindy! Thank you Mary for your loving kindness you've shown to all of us. Rest in peace until we all meet again, I love you!!!*

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**Jim Kinsella** - May 28, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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*Mary, I only met you a few times, but let me tell you the few times I met you, I thought you were a beautiful lady. And you had the most beautiful girls. I loved being neighbors with Cindy and Jim and truly miss Cindy so much. She was a beautiful person as all your other girls that I have come to meet also. You sure raised a great bunch. I so love still living next to Jim and visiting with your family. Mary, I know you are now at peace and enjoying your life with Cindy. I know you are at a beautiful place now and no more sickness. Please have Cindy introduce you to my mom and give her a hug for me. Tell Cindy (Hi) and also, Mary may God Bless you and the rest of your family. Until we all meet again. Loving you and knowing that you are at peace and resting now.*

*Valerie Furlow*

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**Valerie Furlow** - May 29, 2019 at 01:14 AM