



Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert

October 22, 1930 - May 1, 2025

Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert, 94, died with her family by her side, at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Born October 22, 1930, in Edwardsville, Illinois, she was the daughter of Leonard W. and Blanche (Edwards) Kesl. Voni married John Werner Hoefert on October 3, 1953.

Voni's family and her Catholic faith were of the utmost importance to her. She was always available to assist anyone in need and knew no limitations, regardless of the request. She found comfort in praying the rosary.

For many special moments in the lives of her family and friends, Voni had a gift for words, often writing heartfelt poems, leaving a legacy of love and memory. Voni's personality transcended positivity on a daily basis.

She is survived by her six children: Jack and Debbie (Roth) Hoefert; Jim and Nancy (Wickenhauser) Hoefert; Joe and Jeanne (Roberts) Hoefert; Matt and Sarah Beth (Barton) Hoefert; Anne and Bill Roe; and Mary and Mark Cousley; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 more great-grandchildren on the way; her brother, Jim Kesl; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, preceding her in death were her husband of 53 years, John Hoefert; brother Lennie; brothers-in-law, Harold Hoefert, Mike Mitchell; sisters-in-law, Marge Kesl, Gerry Mitchell, and Sally Hoefert.

A mass will be conducted at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton, IL, on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: St. Mary's Church-Alton, IL; St.

Ambrose School-Godfrey, IL; and Mount Grace Convent of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters)-St. Louis, MO.

The family would like to express our gratitude to the staff of Liberty Village-Jerseyville for the incredible support and kindness they exhibited to Voni, over the last 2+ years. Voni's final days were peaceful and filled with love. Prior to Voni's move to Liberty Village, she enjoyed her time at Asbury Village-Alton. The staff at Asbury Village always made Voni feel special.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
519 E 4th St
Alton, IL 62002-2602
(618) 465-4284

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Karen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.

Karen M. - May 06, 2025 at 11:28 AM

TB

“ To the Hoefert family, my condolences on the loss of your matriarch. While I did not have the great fortune to know Mrs. Hoefert, I can tell that yours is a great loss. Matt, may your wonderful memories of good times with your mom guide you through this time of grief and bring you smiles in times of sadness.

Terri Brooks - May 06, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ To all in the Hoefert family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. At a time when most youngens addressed adults formally as Mr. and Mrs., she was always Voni. A dear, sweet, gentle woman who always brought smiles to those around her. So very sorry you had to lose her, but her spirit will forever be with you--she will continue to brighten your memories and guide you through this life, that is how I remember her in life. Blessings, Mary Ann (Schulz) Morris

Mary Ann Morris - May 06, 2025 at 09:12 AM

GT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hoefert family.
Voni was a very sweet lady:)
May perpetual light shine upon her.
Very sad for your loss.
The Ed Taul Family

Gabrielle Taul - May 05, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DW

“ Jim I would like to offer my condolences to you and your family during this time.

Don Walsh - May 05, 2025 at 07:45 AM

JR

“ John and Tammy Roach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.

John and Tammy Roach - May 04, 2025 at 04:42 PM

BR

“ Brian Roach purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.



Brian Roach - May 04, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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Brian Roach - May 04, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TC

“ Jack, Jim, Joe, Matt, Anne and Mary,

Were sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Kathy and I have seen her while Kathy played at Liberty Village. She will be missed and I will remember her kindness well.



Below is a poem found in my Great Grandmother's Bible and often used at several of my family funerals. Its words offer comfort and a reminder of those special people in our lives.

Thom and Kathy Croxton

The Weaver Poem

by Grant Colfax Tullar (1869-1950)

*My life is but e weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colours
He weaveth steadily.*

*Off' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.*

*Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver*

In the pattern He has planned.

*He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.*

Thom Croxton - May 03, 2025 at 08:23 PM

EW

“ *Jack, Joe, Jim, Scott, Anne & Mary - We, along with anyone else who knew your mom, loved her. She was truly a gem, and will be greatly missed. Mass card coming. We will keep Voni and her family in our prayers. Emert & Raye*

Emert Wyss - May 03, 2025 at 03:00 PM

SP

“ *Sincere sympathy on your dear Mother's passing. A joy to all she met and definitely the definition of a lady.
Sincerely, Susie Pruetzel*

Susie Pruetzel - May 03, 2025 at 12:57 AM

JT

“ *So sorry to hear about Voni's passing . She was such a classy woman. She always seem to care about people and helping them out, giving good advice and share her kindness. What a beautiful woman we will all miss her.*

judy and Larry Thompson - May 02, 2025 at 10:52 PM

TF

“ *The Grossheim Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.*



The Grossheim Family - May 02, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.*



May 02, 2025 at 04:18 PM

CV

“ *Cullen & Vera purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Yvonne "Voni" Hoefert.*



Cullen & Vera - May 02, 2025 at 01:25 PM