

Dear Family and Friends of Mary Ann (McNelis) Yockers

January 1, 2021

With deep sorrow the children of Mary Ann (McNelis) Yockers would like for you to know that our Mom passed away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020.

Mom really appreciated receiving all your phone calls, letters and cards. She loved all of you very much. Any sympathy cards or letters can be sent to Dennis Yockers at the address listed below. Please share with us any experiences or thoughts you have about Mary. Any memorials for Mary can be given to a charity of your choice.

Obituary

Mary Ann Yockers (McNelis) of Village Shores in Richfield, MN passed away of natural causes on December 24, 2020 at age 93. Born on November 20, 1927 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to parents Harold and Florence McNelis.

Mary grew up in Wilkes-Barre PA and attended Meyers High School. She graduated from Drexel University and had a graduate degree in education from Seton Hall University. She married Coach Jack Yockers in 1951 and they raised their family of four children in River Vale, NJ.

Mary had an amazing 25-year career teaching business courses at St. Joseph Regional High School and Tenafly High School in Bergen County, NJ. Mama Yock impacted the lives and future careers of thousands of high school students. After retirement in 1989 Mary moved back to her hometown, Wilkes-Barre, PA where she lived until 2014 when she moved to Richfield, MN.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband (Coach Jack Yockers) who she was married to for 25 years and by her parents (Harold and Florence McNelis) and brother (Rev. Dennis McNelis, CSC)

She is survived by her brother (Bro. Norman McNelis, TOR) Loretto, PA; sister (Alice Zipilivan) Townsend, MA. and her four children – son Dr. Dennis Yockers (Marcia) Minnetonka, MN; son Jake Yockers (Mary Jane) Minneapolis, MN; daughter Mary Ann Bloom (James) Northport, NY; and daughter Anne Oteham (Wayne) Bloomsburg, IN. Mary had 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mary will be remembered for her quick wit, sense of humor and life-long determination. A granddaughter shared this thought - Grandma was the best grandma we could have ever asked for. We know how much she loved us. She only wanted the best for all of us. She was so selfless, hard-working, loyal, and giving. We are SO grateful to have had so many special times with her. She was so proud of all our accomplishments. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed by all those whose lives she touched. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Memorials can be sent to a nonprofit charity of your choice.

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