



## Mary Charlotte Kraus Braun

September 21, 1954 - June 6, 2013

My wife, mother of our children and countless other kids who found our front door open, peacefully passed away in her sleep the morning of June 6, 2013 after long courageous battles with multiple cancers. Mary has gone to be in the presence of the Lord and join those who've preceded her.

Mary was born in Los Angeles, CA, a great gift of love to her adoptive parents Ervin and Thora Kraus on September 21, 1954. Mary grew up in Muskego, WI where she loved spending her time on Lake Denoon. Shortly after graduating from Muskego High, she met the love of her life, John. They married in September 1973 and were blessed with five beautiful children each born in a different state or country.

Mary was a master crafter of all kinds. She also loved bible study and bowling. She enjoyed bringing smiles to others faces but most importantly, spending time with her family and watching her grandchildren grow.

Mary was greeted in heaven by her son Jason and her parents. Mary is survived by her husband John, children: Jeremy (Michelle Lee), Melissa (Rudy), Erika (Travis), Christopher and her grandchildren: Chase, Christian, Cera, Evan, Hannah, Tyler, brother Gerry Kraus, sisters Carol Steiner and Sue Anthony.

Our family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Frame and his staff at U.C.S. as well as the countless other doctors and nurses who have cared for my wife and our mom through this journey.

Public Services will be held at Lifeline Community, 4431 West 8200 South, West Jordan, UT on Saturday June 22nd, 2013 beginning at 2:00 PM. The family has requested casual dress for the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, a food drive will be held in Mary's honor. Please bring non-perishable items to the service, Donations will be forwarded to the Utah/local food bank in Mary's name.

# Events

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**JUN** **Celebration of Life**

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Lifeline Community

4431 W. 8200 S., West Jordan, UT, US

# Comments

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“ I had the best times with Mary as we were growing up in Muskego. We would swim across Lake Denoon to meet the Bruce brothers! One time we were swimming and Mary's brother Jerry and my brother Fran were throwing snapping turtles off the pier at us. Ha! Then, I visited her in Redlands, CA several times with my kids....it was great times to be together and have our families play together! I love Mary and know she is with her loved ones in heaven...but needless to say, she will be missed by many!  
Cousin Ev

**Evelyn Nowak** - June 12, 2013 at 02:09 PM

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“ I smile when I think of you Mary! You were so kind, funny and full of love and laughter. We had great times together with your family in Muskego. I have a list of adventures we went on and the fondest of memories of them all. John, you married quite a woman and she loved you deeply. I am sad she has left this earth, but so full of JOY to know she is in heaven right now! I do not know her children, but I do know they had one of the best mothers in the world. I was so blessed to have known Mary. I pray that God comforts and brings peace to John and the kids. Remember what Mary taught you, for she had the greatest of Love for humanity in her heart.

Paula Buehler Peterson

**Paula Buehler Peterson** - June 12, 2013 at 06:28 AM

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“ Bambi Beauvais-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Charlotte Kraus Braun



**Bambi Beauvais-Johnson** - June 11, 2013 at 04:23 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. She has a very special place in my heart, from the first time I met her I knew she could never be forgotten. She was an amazing example of strength and love, she will forever be missed.

**Andrea Brown** - June 10, 2013 at 10:17 PM

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“ Mom...Words cannot express how much I miss you right now...My heart is broken- you were the person that I was closest too, my best friend, my confidant, my soul mate, my everything... I don't know how to get through the days without you... Each day seems harder than before and I miss you, your laugh, your beautiful smile and your ability to make me see the best in every situation...You are my world and a piece of my heart will forever be missing... I love you and keep crying out loud for your name....Until we meet again- I take your strength and hope to be half the amazing mother, friend and person you are... I love you with all my heart and soul, all the stars in the sky and to the moon and back!



**Erika Braun-Coleman** - June 10, 2013 at 09:55 PM

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**Serenity Funeral Home** - June 10, 2013 at 04:53 PM