



## Mary Ann Klippstein

July 26, 1931 - June 12, 2025

Mary Ann Klippstein, (nee Artac) was born on July 26, 1931, and died at age 93, on June 12, 2025, in Oro Valley AZ, surrounded by her loved ones.

Mary Ann was born in Waukegan IL to Frank and Matilda “Tilly” (Dolence) Artac. She attended nurses training at St Francis Hospital in Evanston IL and graduated in 1952.

Mary Ann loved baseball and attended many Chicago Cubs games during nurses training. At the time, her Uncle Dutch Leonard was a veteran pitcher for the Cubs. He introduced her to John “Johnny” Klippstein, a rookie pitcher, while attending a game in 1950.

Mary Ann and John married in October 1952. During Johnny’s 18-year major league baseball career, Mary Ann drove, alone with their three children, to the city where John’s team was located each summer. Although John played for 8 teams, Mary Ann remained a life long Cubs fan.

After John retired from baseball, Mary Ann went back to work as a registered nurse, a rewarding career where she made many lifelong friends. Mary Ann’s social groups included The Cookie Club, The Chicago Club, neighborhood friends, and baseball friends from across the country. She attended her Waukegan High School reunions, coordinated her St Francis reunions and was the Master of Ceremony for over 50 years. Mary Ann spent her last 14

years in the Tucson area where her children lived at least part of the year.

Mary Ann is survived by her children, Mary Jo Hallberg (Mark), Barb Brady (Mike Watkins) and John Klippstein (Kim), grandchildren Kelly Hallberg, Katie Hallberg, Kasey Moss, Taryn Delany, Matthew Brady, Brittany Brady, Stacy Lynott, Shannon Boon and Sean Brady, 20 great grandchildren, and her niece, Sally Klippstein, to whom Mary Ann was guardian for over 33 years. She delighted in them all.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 10 until the 10:30 am Memorial Service at James A O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main Street in Huntley, IL 60142.

A private Burial will be in the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Huntley.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Interfaith Community Services at [https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub\\_4e834365-7431-11e8-94a1-0a7fa948a058&WidgetId=371712](https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub_4e834365-7431-11e8-94a1-0a7fa948a058&WidgetId=371712)

A Luncheon will follow at Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant 1741 S Randall Rd  
Algonquin, IL 60102

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Dean Street  
Huntley, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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11603 E. Main PO Box 74  
Huntley, IL 60142  
(847) 669-5111  
jaoconnorfh@att.net

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ She and her husband John were always very kind to me and welcomed me into their home. Rest in peace Mrs K. Go Cubbies!!!

David Kelley - December 04, 2025 at 09:28 AM

LT

“ Love , The Klipper Team purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Ann Klippstein.



Love , The Klipper Team - August 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LT

“ Love , The Klipper Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Klippstein.

Love , The Klipper Team - August 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

YA

“ Your Friends at Dove in Arizona purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ann Klippstein.



Your Friends at Dove in Arizona - August 09, 2025 at 08:17 AM

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**Your Friends at Dove in Arizona** - August 09, 2025 at 08:17 AM

EK

“ Dear Mary Jo, Barb and Johnny. Was just getting ready to tease your MOM About the Twins/Cubs game. You have lost your MOM and I have lost a dear friend. We shared many baseball memories together. Mary Jo please give me a call when you have time I do not have your number but would like to talk  
My love and prayers are for your families.  
Betty Allison

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**Elizabeth Kaplan** - July 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM