



Martha J. Kerle

March 2, 1940 - February 1, 2019

Martha J. Kerle, 78, of Rehobeth Church Road, Clarion, passed away Friday evening, February 1, 2019 at her residence.

She was born on March 2, 1940, in Clarion; daughter of the late Harry and Florence Gourley McCleary.

Martha graduated from Clarion-Limestone High School in 1958.

She was married to James Kerle on September 14, 1979 at Immaculate Conception Church, who survives.

Martha worked for 34 years at Owens-Illinois Glass Plant in Clarion and retired in 1994.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Parish and a proud member of the Republican party. The only thing that could rival Martha's passion for the bible and politics was her generosity. She also was well known for her Christmas fudge and enjoyed making family favorites of sweet ham, deviled eggs, and macaroni salad for holidays and family gatherings.

Surviving are her husband, Jim, a son, Clayton Kroh and his wife Kimberly of Clarion, a daughter, Lori Klepfer and her husband Rodney of New Bethlehem, two step-sons, Daniel Kerle of Strattanville, and Lee Kerle and his wife Melissa of Clarion, a step-son-in-law, Daniel Rhoades, and ten grandchildren: Melani Marshall and her husband Jesse, Ashley Klepfer, Amanda Kroh, Leah Kerle, Kortnee Klepfer, Brent Rhoades, Cody Kerle, Joseph Kerle, James Kerle, and Kyle Kerle.

She also is survived by her brother, Calvin McCleary and his wife Penny, and

two sisters, Sandy Stewart and her husband Denny, and Joyce Lutz and her husband Charles, all of Clarion.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two step-fathers, John Yarger and Arnold "Jobie" Gandolfi, and her step-daughter, Stephanie Rhoades.

Family will receive friends at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A Christian Wake Service will be held at the completion of the visitation hours in the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, presiding.

Entombment will follow at the Immaculate Conception Mausoleum.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the Clarion Forest V.N.A., Clarion Hospital, Butler Memorial Hospital, and the Lung Center at Penn Highlands for their care.

In the spirit of Martha's generosity, the family suggests donations to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Tribute Wall

JR

“ So Sorry for your loss Martha was one of a kind woman always had a smile no matter what. Always worried about others have known her many years she will be missed by many.



Joyce Raisley Renninger

Joyce Raisley Renninger - February 05, 2019 at 05:51 PM

RN

“ She always had a smile and kind words.

Ruth Neely - February 05, 2019 at 05:51 PM

KL

“ Karen Lengyel lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Kerle



Karen Lengyel - February 05, 2019 at 11:51 AM

KL

“ Martha was one of the sweetest nicest person I worked with at O-I. She will be missed.

Karen Lengyel - February 05, 2019 at 11:51 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family
~ Melissa (Kerle) & Dan Miller*



Melissa A Miller - February 04, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Martha J. Kerle.*



February 04, 2019 at 08:43 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Miller purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo
uquet for the family of Martha J. Kerle.*



Deborah Miller - February 04, 2019 at 07:27 AM

ML

“ *Jim and Family. I am so very sorry to read about the passing of Martha. Every time I saw her, she had a smile on her face. My Prayers. and thoughts are with you and the entire family. My Kerle cousins have always been special to me. God Bless you ALL.*



*Love
Mary Ann Schill Lavery*

Mary Ann Schill Lavery - February 03, 2019 at 11:22 PM

LN

“ *I really loved Martha an I am glad I had the chance to know her when I lived on Flower Lane I very much enjoyed her visits an she came to my church in Strattanville to witness my baptism that made me feel very good I will never forget her kindness and warm heart she sure will be missed very dearly may y'all find comfort in your time of need RIP my friend will see you on the other side very soon!*



Lil Spaller, Morehead City NC - February 03, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ *Will miss your friendship every minute of every day, the best friend of a lifetime. Your are now home Martha Jean.*

Karen Claus - February 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM