



Mary Jane Hurie

August 10, 1948 - April 19, 2026

Mary Jane Hurie, 77, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born on August 10, 1948, in Springfield, Illinois, to Arnold Fricke and Mildred (Roegge) Fricke. They preceded her in death, along with her beloved stepfather, John Root. Mary Jane was united in marriage to John “Tim” Hurie on April 7, 1973, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Illinois.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband of 53 years, Tim; son Jeff (Shellie) Hurie of Bloomington, Illinois and daughter Katy (Tony) Parrack of Creve Coeur, Missouri; grandchildren Gabi Hurie, Emme Hurie, Alex Hurie, Wyatt Parrack and Ben Parrack; siblings David (Cindy) Fricke, Marcia Cass, and Pamela (Jeff) McNabb; and sister-in-law Susan Anderson.

Following her graduation from Petersburg Harris High School in 1966, Mary Jane attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1972. She later earned a Master of Arts in History from Sangamon State University. A devoted follower of Jesus Christ, Mary Jane was a long-time member of Rock Creek Presbyterian Church in Tallula, Illinois where, on special occasions, she would bless the congregation with her talent for playing the piano.

Mary Jane was a history, government and social studies teacher at Athens

High School for more than 30 years. Following her retirement from teaching, she served as the President of Menard Caring and was an active member of the Petersburg Women's Club. As a result of her contributions, Mary Jane was named Petersburg First Citizen in 2018. Mary Jane dedicated her life to serving others through her teaching, her work in the church, and her community involvement. Her unwavering faith, passion for education, and warm smile touched countless lives.

Her special joy was being a devoted grandmother who prioritized nurturing her relationships with each of her grandchildren. Mary Jane came to all of their special events, from musical recitals to sports to school productions and activities. Her special annual tradition was taking the grandkids to the Illinois State Fair, where they enjoyed an abundance of rides and treats. She loved her grandchildren deeply; she played games with them, traveled with them, and showered them with love and affection.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 9 am to 11 am at Rock Creek Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11 am with Pastor Joanne Hinds officiating. Burial in Rock Creek Cemetery will follow the service. Memorial donations in Mary Jane's memory may be made to Rock Creek Presbyterian Church or the Menard County Food Pantry.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Mary Jane's family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared with her family at hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Rock Creek Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rock Creek Church & Cemetery
16945 Rock Creek Ave
Tallula, IL 62688-9551

Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rock Creek Church & Cemetery
16945 Rock Creek Ave.
Tallula, IL

Burial

APR 27 (CT)

Rock Creek Cemetery

Tribute Wall

ZF

“ One of my favorite High School teachers! Knowledgeable, accurate and we shared a love of the book “The World According to Garp”. Quality person, quality educator! Will never forget her!

Zachary Freeman - May 11 at 06:51 PM

TA

“ The Petersburg Athletic Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



The Petersburg Athletic Association - April 26 at 05:40 PM

DV

“ Mary Jane and I were first cousins. The photo I shared is from a slide of the Fricke/Roegge cousins. Some of my fondest memories are of us laughing until we cried, sharing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with our Roegge grandparents. Mary Jane was a source of great “hand-me-down” clothes for me. She hosted my visit to U of I when I was researching colleges to attend. Although the years moved us apart, she will always have a place in my favorite memories. She will be missed. God bless her soul. Deborah Roegge De Vita



Deborah Roegge De Vita - April 25 at 08:01 PM

JA

“ Janey & Vernie Ames purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



Janey & Vernie Ames - April 25 at 02:08 PM

JA

“ Janey & Vernie Ames planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Hurie.

Janey & Vernie Ames - April 25 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



April 25 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hurie.

April 25 at 08:57 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



April 24 at 03:51 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.*



April 24 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.*



April 23 at 07:29 PM



“ *Heidi, Molly, & Erin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.*



Heidi, Molly, & Erin - April 23 at 04:21 PM



“ *Heidi, Molly, & Erin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Hurie.*

Heidi, Molly, & Erin - April 23 at 04:21 PM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Hurie



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 23 at 03:24 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



April 23 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



April 23 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hurie.

April 23 at 01:14 AM

MC

“ I've known Mary Jane since first grade at First Ward School. She was sweet then and remained so her entire life. Condolences to the family. She will be missed.

Mike Carter - April 22 at 09:57 PM

PV

“ Condolences to all family members. She was a wonderful woman, very caring and very involved in the community. It was a privilege to have known her. Keep precious memories.
Pat & Mike Vig.

Pat Vig - April 22 at 09:50 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers! 🙏 ~Rebecca (Cade) Ray

Rebecca Ray - April 22 at 06:38 PM

JH

“ She was a beautiful teacher. One of the best. She will be in my prayers today.

Joel Hopwood - April 22 at 05:39 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hurie.



April 22 at 04:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hurie.

April 22 at 04:28 PM