



## Mary Jane Rutledge

August 1, 1921 - September 8, 2017

Mary Jane Rutledge, 96, of Mason City, Illinois died on September 8, 2017 at Mason City Area Nursing Home. She was born near Mason City, IL, August 1, 1921 to John Howard and Julia (Cargill) Stone. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1939 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Illinois in 1943. She married Harvey King Rutledge on November 24, 1943.

A lifetime member of the United Presbyterian Church of Mason City, Jane actively served as elder, deacon, Sunday School teacher, Women's Fellowship officer, Memorial Fund secretary, and chairman of funeral dinners. She volunteered her services during and following construction of the Mason City Area Nursing Home, was bestowed the honor of Farm Bureau Farm Wife of the Year (1980), and served as election judge, 4-H leader, substitute school teacher, and Home Bureau-HEA member. As a farmer's daughter and a farm wife, she helped with delivering dairy products, caring for baby pigs and other livestock, hauling grain, and providing room and board for farm hands. Jane enjoyed annual fishing trips to Canada, sewing for her large family, playing pinochle with friends, hunting for Indian artifacts, and serving coffee at her kitchen table. She enjoyed an enduring lifetime friendship with the 4-H House Class of 1943, University of Illinois.

Jane was a much-loved wife and mother. She and her husband are the parents of John (Nancy) Rutledge of Wheaton, IL; Jeanne (Terry) Wunderle of Mason City; Randy (Mary) Rutledge of Hillsdale, IL; Tom (Elaine) Rutledge of

Geneseo, IL; and Gaye (John) Maxson of Mason City.

Grandchildren include Edward Rutledge, Dawn Wunderle Stultz, Victor Wunderle, Sally Wunderle Seipp, Julie Rutledge Williams, Justin Rutledge, Sara Rutledge Wirth, David Rutledge, Mary Maxson Day, Marcia Maxson Schwartz, Dale Maxson, and Daniel Maxson. Great-grandchildren, step great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchildren include Bunny and Ellie Rutledge; Levi, Andrew and Jesse Stultz; Ryan and Jared Seipp; Josiah and Justin Williams; Samantha Engel, Ella Begly, and Adeline Engel; Jonathan Grotzinger; Mitchell, Annie and Kyle Wirth; Alice and Tess Rutledge; Emily, Ainsley and Elissa Day; and Benjamin, Lucas and Teddy Maxson. Preceding her in death were her husband Harvey in 2006, sister Shirley Stone Rutledge and brother Richard C. Stone.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rutledge will be held at her church on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Charlotte Poetschner officiating. Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be at Mason City Cemetery following the services.

Memorial donations may be made to her church or Mason City Area Nursing Home. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City

603 East Chestnut

Mason City, IL 62664

(217) 482-5959

<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Rutledge*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I consider myself very lucky to have married a man with such a wonderful family. The love and loyalty I've witnessed, especially between David's grandmother and aunts and uncles, is both touching and inspirational. I think it's a testament to who Grandma Jane was as a mother and friend, and I'm grateful and proud to be connected with her family.*

*With love,  
Julia Rutledge*

**Julia Rutledge** - September 20, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ *Linda Yardley lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Rutledge*



**Linda Yardley** - September 13, 2017 at 05:26 PM



*So many lovely visits with Jane at the Nursing Home. Always cheerful and ready to visit with me. God be with all.*

**Linda Yardley** - September 13, 2017 at 05:28 PM



*You've always been such a good friend and have been so kind to call on Mom.*

**Jeanne Wunderle** - September 18, 2017 at 11:43 AM

BP

“ Remembering a very special couple, Harvey & Mary Jane. Always made me happy just to see them. Sending loving thoughts to the family.

Beverly Purvis - September 12, 2017 at 01:11 PM

CA

“ Country Financial Bureau-Henry-LaSalle-Stark Agcy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.



Country Financial Bureau-Henry-LaSalle-Stark Agcy -  
September 12, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.



September 12, 2017 at 11:07 AM

JL

“ Jeff & Lori Lynn purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.



Jeff & Lori Lynn - September 12, 2017 at 09:32 AM

KH

“ I have such wonderful memories Jane and of our Orcutt family's connection with your Rutledge family, that no single one stands out above all the others. It was such a joy to play cards, eat meals, go to the pond and fish or swim, stay as a school student with my friend Jeanne overnight and have Jane as my temporary mother.

*My mom would want to verify all this if she were still with us. I like to think of what it could be like in their eternal life to have time together again and pray that this wonderful connection will indeed be eternal.*

*Praying for all five of my growing-up friends (now definitely adults), and your children, grandchildren, etc. Bless you all for being so wonderful to your mother.*

*Kris Hoehn (and husband Paul, who had the pleasure of meeting all siblings this summer)*

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**Kristine Hoehn** - September 11, 2017 at 04:00 PM

DJ

“ Sending prayers to the family of Jane at this most difficult time.

*With all of our love.*

*Deborah Jibben, Paloma and Picasso and JonPaul.*

*San Diego, California*



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**Deborah Jibben** - September 11, 2017 at 12:59 PM

SB

*To Jeanne, Terry and family,*

*You have our sympathy on the passing of your mother and grandmother. May the Good Lord provide you comfort for the days to come.*

*Steve & Cleofe Burrow*

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**Steve Burrow** - September 13, 2017 at 03:53 PM

JW

*Thank you, Steve & Cleofe.*

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**Jeanne Wunderle** - September 15, 2017 at 11:05 PM

MB

“ *I'm pleased that I was able to know your mother. It was easy to recognize that she was intelligent, talented and caring. I remember and appreciate your parents helping with beds and mattresses and putting linens on all the beds when the MCANH was just beginning. Keep the memories, you will miss her. Marilyn Blakeley {former DON at MCANH}*

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**Marilyn Blakeley** - September 11, 2017 at 11:27 AM

MM

“ *Marla, Mark, Marisa, and Marcy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.*



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**Marla, Mark, Marisa, and Marcy** - September 10, 2017 at 09:50 PM

KK

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you.



Kraig Krause - September 10, 2017 at 06:31 PM

BL

“ May God surround the Rutledge families with  
comfort and peace.  
God Bless  
Betty Corbin Langenfeld



Betty Langenfeld - September 10, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ Condolences to the Rutledge family. I have  
such fond memories of Jane.



Sally Steele - September 10, 2017 at 10:01 AM

MF

“ McDaniel Family purchased the Fairest of All for  
the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.



McDaniel Family - September 10, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ We are thinking of your family. Your mom was a wonderful person.



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**Tony-Connie Adelman** - September 10, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Gene and I are so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. She was a beautiful lady so well loved by her family. She had a long life well lived.

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**Joan Lemme** - September 10, 2017 at 01:40 AM



“ Remembering Jane fondly. A woman of great faith and love for her family.

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**Bonita Quandt** - September 09, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ I cherish the time that I was able to spend with Jane at the nursing home. I enjoyed bringing her coffee every morning and our talks about God, family and life. I hope when I get to Heaven, Jane is waiting for me with a cup of coffee in her hand. Love and prayers to all her family.



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**Sue Detmers** - September 09, 2017 at 04:49 PM

MH

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Rutledge*



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**Mason City Area Nursing Home** - September 09, 2017 at 03:10 PM

JW

“ *Jerry And Nancy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Rutledge*



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**Jerry and Nancy Webb** - September 09, 2017 at 01:23 PM

MB

“ *Mike and Mary Buttry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Rutledge.*



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**Mike and Mary Buttry** - September 09, 2017 at 12:40 PM

SM

“ *We extend our sincere sympathy to the family. What a lovely lady. We had the pleasure of drinking coffee at her table a few times. Hugs and prayers. Curt & Sheila McCallister*

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**Sheila McCallister** - September 09, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *Such a gracious, devoted, God loving, adventurous and open soul! I will never forget one night in Denver at dinner . . . she laughed so hard! That's what I will remember. Always.*

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**Patty Hoagland Noonan** - September 09, 2017 at 11:01 AM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rutledge family at this time. May your memories bring you peace in the days, months, and years to come. Bob and Kris Hingstrum*

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**kris Hingstrum** - September 09, 2017 at 08:29 AM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Rutledge*



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**Barb Rodgers** - September 09, 2017 at 12:28 AM

VB

“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Rutledge*



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**Vickie Bagby** - September 08, 2017 at 09:50 PM



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



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September 08, 2017 at 09:35 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your mother and grandmother's passing. Please know you have been wonderful and kind friends to us for so many years. The Family of Phyllis Graham, Carol Buchanan, Bill Graham, Lee Graham, Jim Graham, Dorothy Graham, Debbie Cooley.*

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**carol buchanan** - September 08, 2017 at 06:36 PM