



Mary Lou "Mickey" Resch

September 26, 1932 - March 30, 2021

Mary Lou "Mickey" Resch (née O'Halloran). Beloved wife of the late John Resch, devoted mother to John Jr. (Terri), Dave, Jim, and Bill (Theresa); world's best grandma to Matt Shaykin, Dr. Joe Resch (Kasey), Annie Rosales (Frankie), Nick Resch, Conor Resch, Brittany Resch, Judith "Katie" Resch, Madeleine "Maddie" Resch, Michael Resch, and Sean Resch; greatest great-grandma to Kylie Vanderpool, Amelia Rosales, Korbyn Resch, Olivia Rosales, and Jackson Resch. Mickey grew up in Olivia, Minnesota and earned her B.A. from the College of Saint Teresa. After college, she moved to Chicago to pursue a career and she met her future husband John. She and John were married at St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN. After their wedding, they moved to Edgewater in Chicago where they raised their family and remained for the rest of their lives. It was on the 1200-1300 block of Glenlake Ave. where they met the neighbors that would become their closest friends. It was commonplace for neighbors to gather around Mickey's beloved piano as she sang and played. Mickey was a daily communicant at her treasured parish, St Gertrude. At St. Gert's, she directed and played the music in dozens of class and parish plays over the decades. In the 1980s, Mickey embarked on a genealogical journey across Ireland that culminated in the 1987 publication of her book, *The Hallorans*. Thanks to her meticulous research, future generations will know her family's origin story. In 1979, Mickey and John were introduced to Misericordia Home. That introduction started a legacy of service that would continue for the rest of her life. At Misericordia, she met dozens of lifelong friends. It will be difficult to imagine a Misericordia Family Fest without Mickey running the information booth.

Please keep Mickey, John, and their family and friends in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

Cemetery Details

St. Henry Cemetery

1861 W Devon
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Visitation in Church

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660

Funeral Mass

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660

Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Ellen and I send our deepest condolences to the Resch family on the passing of their most excellent mother, Mickey. Although we've been gone from the block for 15 years, our memory of Mickey is that she was the quintessential neighbor on the quintessential Chicago block – Glenlake Ave – in the quintessential Chicago parish – St. Gertrude - always friendly and solicitous, always ready to help, always making us feel connected. Just bumping into her on the sidewalk made the day better. We were honored to know her and we can only imagine how much she'll be missed by all of you.*

Ellen Duff & Bob Hermanson - April 11, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JR

Thank you Bob and Ellen - wishing you folks well.

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:01 PM

GF

“ *To the Resch Family,*

We were so sorry to hear about Mickey's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have many great memories of Mickey (and John) over the years, from good times spent together at Misericordia and St. Gregory events. She was always so sweet and kind to all of us. Rest in peace, Mickey. May the angels lead you into Paradise, and may God bless your family with beautiful memories, now and in the days ahead.



Sincerely,

The Giese Family

Giese Family - April 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM

JR

Thank you Bernadette and your wonderful family, wishing you all well.

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM

GW

“Ginger Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch



Ginger Williams - April 10, 2021 at 07:59 AM

GW

“What a joy Mickey was and what a privilege to live a couple doors down from her and John on Glenlake!

My favorite memory of Mickey (out of many) was during the weeks I was on bedrest at home due to high-risk pregnancy. I was not able to go down the stairs to make lunch for myself, so I was facing some long, lonely (and hungry) days until Mickey came to the rescue and arrived each noontime with a tray of a delicious lunch, and a few minutes of upbeat chat. It was the highlight of my days resulting not only in a happy expectant mother but in three well-nourished babies. Thank you, dear Mickey - I will never forget you.

Ginger Williams - April 10, 2021 at 07:57 AM

JR

Thank you Ginger for the wonderful remembrance - hope you're all well.

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.



April 07, 2021 at 10:59 PM

JT

“My deepest condolences to the Resch Family. Mickey was an amazing woman. The information booth at the Misericordia Family Fest will never be the same. May you Rest In Peace Sweet Mickey. I know you'll be dancing on the mountain tops with John and many friends. Tell everyone I said hi!



Jacque Toigo - April 06, 2021 at 10:16 PM

JR

Thank you dear friend, hope you're doing well!

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM

GS

“ *Gina Resch-Schneidewent and Mark Schneidewent purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.*



Gina Resch-Schneidewent and Mark Schneidewent - April 06, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.*



April 05, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.*



April 04, 2021 at 05:48 PM

JC

“ *John, Dave, Jim and Bill: Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your families with respect to the passing of you mother. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your mother rest in peace. Reading about her time donated to St. Gertrude’s school, church and parish as well as our block & neighborhood, is something for which I am very thankful though items not really recognized or appreciated while I was young, attending St. Gertrude’s and living on Glenlake. May your fond memories of her give you comfort in this time of sorrow.*

Karen and Jerry Camisa

Jerome Camisa - April 04, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JR

Thank you old friend, hope you and family are doing well.

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.



April 02, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.



April 02, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.



April 02, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou “Mickey” Resch.



April 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SF

“ Aunt Mickey always had a smile as she told us stories about the family. I will always remember Aunt Mickey as she had a way of bringing brightness to our lives. May she rejoice in heaven with her family and friends who have greeted her with open arms. I will miss her kind words and laughter as I recalled her visits as a treat in our home. Thank you Aunt Mickey for becoming another angel to watch over us all.



Samantha Resch Feierday - April 02, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JC

Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your mother rest in peace. She is now in a better place, free of all pain and suffering she may have been experiencing. May your fond memories of her give you comfort in this time of sorrow.

Karen and Jerry Camisa

Jerome Camisa - April 03, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JR

Thank you cousin Sam, Prayers to you on Tim's passing - will call you soon.

John Resch - May 09, 2021 at 01:07 PM