



## Mary Jane R. Kruger

April 25, 1937 - April 10, 2020

TOWNSEND: Mary Jane Rose (Grubisich) Kruger, 82 of Townsend, died Friday, April 10, 2020 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston. Mary Jane lost her battle with the Covid 19 virus after a ten day fight.

She was born in 1937 in Chicago, IL to the late Anton and Maria Grubisich, who emigrated from Croatia to the United States.

She was educated in Chicago and Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. She worked from the time she was 18 through her formal retirement in August of 2003. Among her employers were William J MaCaskill Reality and Law, Midway Airport, North Middlesex Regional Schools, Synthetic Material Corporation, Digital Equipment Corporation and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mary Jane was active in the Townsend community, serving as a either an officer or member of the Finance Committee, the Personnel Board, the Town Charter Committee, the Town Flag Committee, the Republican Town Committee, the Historical Society, the Cultural Council Committee, as well as serving as both a Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

Her passions were spending time with her family, cooking and baking, sewing, quilting and crafting as well as the operation of the town she had come to know as home. She will be remembered for her infectious smile, generous heart and tenacity.

She leaves her husband of 61 years, Russell Kruger; her two daughters, Kathleen of Leominster and Colleen and James Rossi of Fitchburg; her beloved granddaughter Nikkolina Rossi; her sister Yvonne and Mike Sowder; her brother, Frank Grubisich, many nieces and nephews, relatives, and friends across the United States.

She was preceded in death by her brother Anthony and his wife, Lois Grubisich, and her sister-in-law Jeannine Grubisich.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Please consider remembering Mary Jane with a kind word or deed for someone who needs you.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Man Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an on line condolence please visit their website at <http://www.andersonfuneral.com>

# Comments

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“ Frank, Dolly and Mike purchased the Angel Wind Chime - Personalized for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



Frank, Dolly and Mike - April 27, 2020 at 08:18 PM

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“ April 18, 2020

Colleen and family,

So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom :- ( . Your in our thoughts!

Take Care  
Roberta , Ron

Roberta C, Fitchburg, MA

chiefjr - April 19, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ I will never forget the first day we met. I will never forget the last day we saw each other. Or all the days in between.  
You have become a friend, a kindred spirit.  
So many more conversations to have had. So many more memories to share.  
Recipes we needed to exchange. My grandmothers potato pie I wanted you to taste.  
My heart hurts. I didn't get to say goodbye.  
My heart hurts. I will never get to see you again.  
My eyes well up remembering our talks, my visits, and just driving down Main St.  
Angels you love, even shared with me.  
Then it was a thoughtful gift.  
Now a beautiful and forever treasured gift I can touch and be close to you.  
Fly high now, our beautiful Angel, fly high.

Mr Kruger, Kathy, Colleen, and Nikki,

My heart felt condolences to your family.  
Mrs Kruger touched my heart, and I will always hold her close. She was a great woman.  
I will miss her so very much.  
Peace be with you all, and may she be at peace.

Love,  
Susan

**SUSAN SOLARI** - April 16, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ To the family of Mary Jane we send our deepest condolences. Just know she is now one of God's angels. She will always be watching over you!

Love, Ron, Sue Tori and Livvy Rigopoulos

**Rigopoulos Family** - April 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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“ Dear Mr. Kruger, Colleen and Nikki,  
Sorry to learn of the passing of your wonderful, wife, mother and grandmother. I will always remember her beautiful smile when she would come to St. Leo School to help on many projects. We were truly blessed to have her sharing all her many talents with us over the years. There was always a special happiness in her laugh that I will remember She always enjoyed working at the craft booth at our Holiday Fair. She never turned away from a craft project ,even when it seemed impossible, she would smile and say " just add little glitter here and there to make it shine". We all send along our blessings from St. Leo's and will always remember her special gifts and talents. God bless you all. Eileen O'Leary

Eileen Oleary - April 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM

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“ April 15, 2020

Colleen, My heart is breaking over the passing of your Mom. She was such a strong, spunky woman that had the heart of lioness. I will miss not seeing her and having a great conversation. I remember her when we were all so young. I will talk to you soon my dear friend. Please share my sympathy with your Dad, Kathy, Jim and my little friend Nikki. Love to all and may your wonderful memories carry you through this difficult time.

Dr Kendra Sullivan Godin, Fitchburg, MA

chiefjr - April 16, 2020 at 07:59 AM

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“ Russ, Colleen, Nikki and the entire family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and I share deep sympathy and tears, I was lucky enough to consider you family with our time in the band. Once band family always family. Mary Jane was a lovely lady and I was happy to know her and talk to her whenever there was a band function. The joy she took in seeing Nikki and the love for all of you was unmistakable. Russ, I consider you a great man and friend. Always great seeing, talking, and working with you, albeit briefly. May her love shine in all of you in this difficult time.

Dave Swift

Dave SWIFT - April 16, 2020 at 05:17 AM

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“ Mr. Kruger, Colleen, Jimmy, Nikki, and Kathy - I am so, so sorry for your loss - such a little word for such a big part of your lives. You were all so special to her, and she will live on forever in your hearts. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Donna Malouin - April 15, 2020 at 08:23 AM

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“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



April 14, 2020 at 07:37 PM

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“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



April 14, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ Colleen,

I am so sorry for your loss. It was clear in how you spoke about your mother that she was a great lady. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Sagehorn-Elliott

Sandra - April 14, 2020 at 04:51 PM

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“ My thoughts are with you at this sad time. We grew up next store on Main Street. I will always remember all the great food she made and shared. I couldn't of thought of a better couple to share our food that was bagged together at Market Basket while meeting up in line and making a special delivery to Main Street to straighten it out. You will be in my prayers!

**Sandy Carey Parkhurst** - April 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM

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“ Peaceful Rest was purchased for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



April 13, 2020 at 09:05 PM

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“ Kathy thank you for sharing your Mom on a Mother's Day! Your Mom greeted me with the most genuine smile! Her warmth will indelibly shine on to grace each one of us every day! Hugs, Won Mee

**Won Mee** - April 13, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



April 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ Dear Mr.Kruger, Kathy and Colleen, I have only the BEST memories of Mrs. K. She was one of the kindest, funniest, coolest moms that I have known. You are all in my thoughts as you travel the journey of loss and grief. Cheers to your "good life", Mrs. Kruger!  
With warmth and sympathy, Ellen Creighton

Ellen Creighton - April 13, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ Thank you El, she was a cool Mom!  
chiefjr - April 13, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Tom Smith purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Mary Jane R. Kruger.



Tom Smith - April 13, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ A very dear friend to Scott and I when we first starting riding the commuter rail, helped us out in navigating the city when we needed to go somewhere in the Fitchburg/Leominster area. She was truly a Angel and will truly be missed by all that new here. Our condolences to all the Kruger family and friends.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Patty & Scott



Patricia Bradley - April 13, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Thank you so much Patty. She did love talking to people and helping folks out.  
chiefjr - April 13, 2020 at 06:20 PM