



Mary E. Mueller (nee Rusch)

November 10, 1939 - August 7, 2025

August 7, 2025, unexpectedly, of Cheektowaga, NY.

Beloved wife of 61 years to Peter M. Mueller; loving mother of Thomas (Dallas Heim) Mueller; cherished grandmother of Sheena, Thomas (Meghan), Joseph, Toby, Joshua, and Matthew; great-grandmother of Emma; former mother-in-law of Susan Lee-Mueller. Mary retired after 42 years as a Medical Technologist at Buffalo General Hospital and continued to volunteer there for many years after. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday August 11th from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 6:45PM. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Mary's name to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 633 Church St Farnham NY 14061, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Camp (<https://www.lccenter.org/donate>), or a charity of your choice. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to Peter, Thomas and the family. We are next door neighbors for many years. Mary was always a kind and friendly person. I would always see her assisting to manage the table at election time. She will be missed. Pete and Mary such nice neighbors .Prayers Rhodes Family



Mattie L. Rhodes PhD - August 14, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PM

Thank you Mattie for the beautiful comments in remembering my lovely and hard working Mary. Her faith and kindness was an inspiration to all that knew her. I want to thank you for being with me in my time of need.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 03:35 PM

SK

“ i worked with mary at buffalo general hospital. such good years. she always had a smile, always willing to teach something new along with the routine for the new employees. our condolences on marys passing to easier comforting life. bob and shirley long kozlowski

shirley kozlowski - August 11, 2025 at 02:50 PM

PM

Thank you Shirley and Bob. Her faith, kindness, teaching ability was an inspiration to all that she met and knew. She especially enjoyed her family and Emma (our great granddaughter) was the apple of her eye. She was a true warrior through all her health issues and surgeries over the past 20+.years. Some people even called her a tough old bird.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ *I will miss the days I always spent with you back in school and College. You had my back even in darkest of times. Love you Grandma. 4E and Always*



Joe Lee - August 11, 2025 at 01:25 PM

PM

Thank you Joe for the nice comments and tributes to your grandma..

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 04:01 PM

CK

“ *Mary, when I was in my teens you taught me how to be the best of me. you gave me love, and showed me the way in life. I will always be grateful to you my angel in heaven. You will always be in my heart forever. I love you MOM may you rest in peace.*



Christine Koehler

Christine Koehler - August 09, 2025 at 10:30 PM

PM

Thank you Christine for the nice comments and remembrances to my lovely Mary, Her advice, her love of travel, her faith, her teaching to new students at Buffalo General Hospital and the word of the Lord in Sunday School was an inspiration to see the good in others made her a unique individual. She also loved her family, her grandchildren, and her great granddaughter, who was the apple in her eye. May she rest in Peace, and the memories will live on..

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 04:30 PM

PH

“ Pam and I send our condolences, thoughts, love and prayers to you Peter, family and friends. We remember Mary well from our time years ago at Holy Cross in Farnham. May God's comfort and promise be with you at this most difficult time.

Pastor John Van Haneghan - August 09, 2025 at 06:20 PM

PM

Thank you Pam and John for your kind thoughts, prayers, and friendships at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Farnham, NY. The memories remain. May her suffering be gone and My she rest in Peace.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 04:37 PM

JD

“ Sad to learn of Mary's passing. Knew Pete and Mary from UB college days when I lived in Buffalo.
John "Jack" DeValk

John "Jack" DeValk - August 09, 2025 at 04:09 PM

PM

Thank you Jack. She was a kind person and loved life to the fullest.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 03:25 PM

SC

“ She was my friend for over 86 years I will miss her Sis

Sis Colangelo - August 09, 2025 at 11:11 AM

PM

Thank you Sis for being a true friend to my lovely Mary for 86 years. She enjoyed the good times you had going to lunch at Olive Garden and Rudy being your waiter. She would frequently talk about that. She also enjoyed your lunch dates going to Chil.'s and Applebees. May she Rest In Peace and be relieved of her suffering, Her faith inspired many.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MB

“ Mary was my college room,we shared an apartment my senior year. A good friend. May she RIP.

Marcia Buzzelli - August 08, 2025 at 01:58 PM

PM

Thank you for being a true friend to my lovely Mary for a long time. As my friend and I viewed our wedding album this morning, I want to thank you for being part of our wedding many years ago. It was a lovely and momentous day that lasted 61+ years until her death . May she Rest In Peace.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 05:12 PM

SL

*“ You always made family gatherings so much better. The years of sleep overs at grams to go to church on sundays. I will miss ur sass
❤ Say hi to oma for me.*



Sheena M. Lee - August 08, 2025 at 10:56 AM

PM

Thank you Shenna for all the memories. I want to thank you, your mother and others for all the help in the last couple weeks to clean up the house, getting organized. and to keep me focused on living life to the fullest.

Peter Mueller - August 27, 2025 at 05:27 PM