



## Mary A. Knuska

October 6, 1950 - November 7, 2024

Mary A. Knuska, age 74, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on November 7, 2024 after a brief illness.

Born October 6th, 1950 to Mary and Charles Sr., she was raised and educated in Chicago, IL. Mary was an alumna of Visitation Catholic High School and Loyola University.

Mary worked in fashion retail for the majority of her career. Her passions included cooking, traveling, and her extended family. She spent many happy years and holidays in the Midwest, bringing joy to her family and friends. After retiring, she moved to Florida for the gorgeous weather and distinct lack of snow.

She was active in her Bonita Springs community and made wonderful memories with her beloved friends. Mary stayed busy in retirement by volunteering at St. Leo's Catholic Church.

Mary is survived by her nephew, Desmond Knuska, and her many cousins and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Charles, her brother, Charles J. Knuska II, and many relatives.

The funeral service will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134 at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 with the Fr. David Portorreal, officiating. Visitation will take place before the mass. Mary will be interred with her mother in St. Casimer Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to St. Leo's flower fund for holiday poinsettias or altar flowers in her memory. The family of Mary A. Knuska wishes to thank the staff of NCH North and Vitas Hospice for their loving care and kindness.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **20**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall

NW

“ Mary was a manager of one of our Famous Footwear stores in Chicago and then home office. I was in charge of 60 stores and Mary was always one of my favorites. She was the real deal. RIP Mary. Glad you were able to enjoy your retirement in Florida.

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**Norbert Wilkening** - November 30, 2024 at 05:35 PM

KM

“ I first met Mary in the early 90s when I moved to Madison to work for famous footwear I have so many wonderful memories of Mary as a work colleague as in as friend. Mary had a way of making everyone she was around feel special I have so many wonderful memories traveling with Mary and sharing dinner with friends she'll be greatly missed I hold her in the family in the light. Best Ken Monteleone

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**Ken Monteleone** - November 30, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JC

“ Mary was one of the most honest and down-to-earth people I've ever met. She cared deeply about her friends and family and I will greatly miss her. We met over 50 years ago at Loyola in Chicago and connected quickly with our similar, sometimes whacky, sense of humor. Mary and I shared a lot including an apartment and working for the same shoe company. I was lucky to keep in touch with her over the decades and in just the past few years a bunch of visits in sunny Florida, which Mary called 'paradise'. She truly enjoyed her retirement years in Bonita Springs, especially her kind neighbors and good friends at St. Leos. Mary- you were a blessing to us and we will sorely miss you!

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**Jan Clarin** - November 23, 2024 at 04:52 PM

NW

*Jan: Did you work at Famous?*

*I remember she lived in Rogers Park area.*

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**Norbert Wilkening** - November 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

LE

“*Mary was just a wonderful person. I knew her through St Leo’s Ladies Guild where she had been Parliamentarian. The prayers she chose before the Guild meetings were thoughtful and relative to the task at hand. Mary was a woman of great faith. She set an example by the way she lived her life. She will be missed. RIP*”

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**Linda Einsele** - November 16, 2024 at 03:06 PM