



## Mary Louise Tatera

August 27, 2019

(nee Ives) From Milwaukee and Columbus, OH. Passed away August 27, 2019 at the age of 85 years. Mary was a graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School.

She is preceded in death by her parents Wallace Anderson and Louise Emma Ives (Schmidt), her husband Francis S. Tatera and a brother Billy.

Mary is survived by her two sisters: Dorothea (Jack) Murphy and Lucy (Jerry) Kluessendorf; her four children: John (Susan) Bauldry, LuAnne (Paul) Pankowski, David (Brenda) Bauldry, and Kathleen Bauldry; her 5 “children of her heart”: David Tatera, Jim (Jane) Tatera, Tom (Tami) Tatera, Lori (Rich) Van Horn, and Pete (Paula) Tatera. Her grandchildren: Rick Pankowski, Tracy (Paul) Pawlak, Scott (Opal) Bauldry, Mike (Ciara) Bauldry, Evan (Erin) Rigg, Bethany de St Jean (Steven), Kim Tatera, John (Michelle) Tatera, Mark Tatera, Lindsay (Luke) Tatera Browning, Zach Van Horn, Paige Van Horn, Molly Van Horn, Karah Van Horn, Lyndy Van Horn, Kaylynn Tatera and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mary was an avid, lifelong learner. She loved learning new things and enjoyed taking classes. She was an accomplished quilter and was a blue ribbon winner and member of the Crazy Quilters of Mukwonago Guild. She loved dabbling in art, taking many classes through the Wilson Park Senior Center.

Her love of music led her to participate in group ukulele jam sessions. She was a Master Gardener, completing that program at Ohio State University. The gardens she tended in both Ohio and Wisconsin were beautiful.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Parkinson's Foundation, Aurora Zilber Family Hospice or charity of your choice are appreciated.

Memorial Visitation Saturday, September 7 at ST. ROMAN CHURCH (1810 W. Bolivar Ave) from 9- 11:00 AM followed by the Celebration of Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Inurnment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Adalbert Cemetery

3801 S. 6th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Roman Church  
1810 W. Bolivar Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Roman Church  
1810 West Bolivar Ave  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so glad that you thought to post Mary's obit in the Columbus Dispatch. There are so many here who knew her and Frank, and I have let others know about her passing.

*Mary was such a huge spirit, and I feel so fortunate to have known her. I was often invited to her home for lunch and a garden tour. I met Mary when she was participating in the OSU Extension Franklin County Master Gardener program, and I was thrilled when she brought Frank to volunteer as a Master Grunt! I continue to use that term in the most affectionate way.*

*I past St. Andrews Catholic Church a couple of days before I knew of Mary's death and I thought of Frank's funeral; I also thought that it had been awhile since I heard from Mary. And then I saw the obit. Darn.*

*An impactful memory that I carry closely in my heart is from a time when one of our student workers who was a "just out of the closet" with her sexual identity when she was assaulted and badly beaten. A handful of Chadwick Arboretum volunteers took it upon themselves to care for the student--taking her to doctor appointments, bringing food, and just giving some loving reassurance. Mary and Frank were on the front line of this endeavor. It was a horrible event that ended up being a very tender and healing time for that young student. I will never forget their non-judgmental and loving care. I texted the student just after I saw the obit and she chimed right in about how grateful she remains to this day.*

*I also remember a time when Mary and Frank participated in tour of gardens in the Dayton area. We took a large van and stopped at many venues. My mother, who had dementia and was handicapped with polio went with us. Frank and Mary were like her personal attendants. It was so dear to observe. I'm getting teary just thinking about it.*

*After Frank died and Mary decided to move back to Milwaukee I was sad, but fully understood her motives to be around family as she moved into her later years. She had always talked about me coming to Door County, and I regret that I never made in her living years. I will get there some day and I know that Mary will be very present.*

*I send my sincere condolences to your family. It was wonderful to know that your melded family accepted your Mom and Dad as their parents. I was very fortunate to have known both Mary and Frank.*

*Fondly,*

*The other Mare  
Mary Maloney from OSU Chadwick Arboretum*

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**Mary C Maloney** - September 10, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Tatera.*



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September 06, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Tatera.*



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September 06, 2019 at 11:48 AM

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“ Mary was a wonderful person,, knowledgeable and hard-working gardener, and dearest friend. My deepest condolences to all of her family.

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**Joan Vandeweghe** - September 05, 2019 at 04:03 PM

 Debra Knapke

“ Mary and Frank were wonderful volunteers and beautiful people. A memory: Mary was a life-long learner and signed up for one of my classes at Columbus State Community College. She "made" Frank sign up, too. Mary did more of the talking and her contributions to discussions were always thoughtful and focused. (Frank did say that the class wasn't too bad - with a smile).

*Wishing you love, energy, peace, and remembrance,  
Debra Knapke*

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**Debra Knapke** - September 02, 2019 at 07:32 AM