



Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes

July 17, 1942 - November 26, 2021

Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes, 79, of Peoria, died at 11:45 PM Friday, November 26, 2021, at her home. She was surrounded by her family as she went into the loving arms of Jesus.

She was born July 17, 1942, in Peoria Heights at the home of John Sinn, a daughter of Silas and Lydia (Steiner) Hohulin.

The Lord was first in her life; then her family; then her friends. She was a longtime member of Grace Presbyterian Church but recently enjoyed attending services with her family at Great Oaks Community Church.

Mary was a devoted mother, and the best grandmother.

She is survived by one son Eric (Theresa) Haynes of Germantown Hills and one daughter, Kris Hohulin of Bend Oregon; two grandchildren, Calvin Haynes and Alex (Mercedes) Haynes and one great granddaughter Hope, as well as many nieces and nephews. Also surviving is her sister Edith Knobloch; brothers, Ben (Lynette) Hohulin and Melvin Hohulin; and her sisters-in-law Marie Hohulin and Marty Kupfer.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers Martin, Al, and Vern; one sister, Ruth Huthmann; brothers-in-law, George Huthmann and Silas Knobloch; and dear sisters-in-law Mary Kay (Schupp)Hohulin and Shirley (Leman) Hohulin.

Mary loved spending time with her family and friends, playing bridge, a bad game of golf, attending the Peoria Symphony, and writing poetry. She also loved teaching Sunday school and speaking on topics in the Clerk's

profession. She enjoyed watching Bradley Braves basketball, Cubs baseball and her grandsons' sporting events.

Mary was the first female elected Peoria City Clerk/Town Clerk. She was grateful to the citizens of Peoria for the privilege of having the best job in the world from 1985-2012. One of her most satisfying roles was to chair the "Rediscovering City Hall" project, bringing City Hall back to its former glory. The family will receive friends from 4-7 PM, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM, Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Great Oaks Community Church in Germantown Hills, with an additional hour of visitation prior to the service at church. Pastor Chris Genders will officiate. Private inurnment will be at the footstep of her mother at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

Memorials may be made to Youth for Christ (YFC). Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Memorial Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Great Oaks Community Church
Germantown Hills, IL

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM.

Great Oaks Community Church
Germantown Hills, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 02, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary's death. I have been a Village Clerk since 1979, so I knew and worked with Mary throughout all her years as Clerk. Mary was a wonderful resource to all Clerks and very graciously shared all of her knowledge with the rest. We only shared a few emails since her retirement, but Mary will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace and God bless you Mary. Janet Sirabian

Janet Sirabian - December 15, 2021 at 02:01 AM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mary over many years as an attorney while she was city clerk. She was a lovely accomplished person who was always helpful and professional. When she undertook the city hall revitalization she worked with my late wife and me on acquiring historical information. She worked tirelessly on the project and her efforts are a great gift to the city. Her passing at such a young age is very sad but her memory lives on in all that knew her and benefited from her service. Tom Leiter

Tom Leiter - December 06, 2021 at 02:03 PM

KS

“ Kris and Eric - I'm so saddened to hear about your Mom. She was such a fun lady! I enjoyed her personality and she made our neighborhood a better place! I enjoyed babysitting you two little rug rats! My heart goes out to you.💕💕

Kris Orth Stayton - December 01, 2021 at 01:27 PM

RK

“ Mary was a great leader for City Clerks in Illinois. When I began my job as City Clerk for Rushville; she was the first one to come to me and introduced herself. I truly enjoyed, respected and admired her greatly. Heaven has received a special angel.

*Becky Koch
Past City Clerk
City of Rushville*

Rebecca Koch - December 01, 2021 at 12:03 PM

BK

“ Eric and Kris...we are saddened to learn of your mom's passing. What a gem! So much talent and so much fun. Our paths crossed often back in the day and not so in the recent years, but she is never to be forgotten. God's blessings to your family as you hold close all the love she had for all of you! Bob and Phyllis Kipp

Bob and Phyllis Kipp - December 01, 2021 at 08:22 AM

MF

Eric, Kris and the entire family. We are saddened by the loss of this wonderful lady who touched so many lives. She made a difference on this earth and we will all miss her. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand as he guides you through this terrible time in your lives. Mike and Kay Frazier

mike and kay frazier - December 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM

JE

“ Mary was the sweetest woman. She hired me to clean for her and she never treated me like her cleaning lady. We became close friends and I will miss our talks. She is with her saviour now. Rest in peace Mary you will truly be missed. Julie Ewing

Julie Ewing - November 30, 2021 at 11:37 PM

EL

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing(into her heavenly rest), &too soon for Eric,Kris&children&siblings, including me,(I was her step(bonus) sister to have learned to know her&family, as adults!! May your memories become treasures of your mother, MaryLouise(same middle name as her step mother, Marie AnlikerHohulin!

ElaineAnlikerMueller - December 01, 2021 at 12:35 AM

FF

“ From your Menards Family purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes.



From your Menards Family - November 30, 2021 at 10:25 PM

MS

“ Mary was a lovely person and I will miss her.

Mary Sundermeyer - November 30, 2021 at 08:56 PM

PW

“ Peoria County Republican Women purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes.



Peoria County Republican Women - November 30, 2021 at 08:51 PM

BB

“ I'm so glad we had those last conversations recently. Thank you for the many opportunities you provided over the last 32 years. We spent many many hours together in council meetings and Sometimes it was a wild ride of keeping track of motions, votes, and amendments but we managed to produce minutes that made sense. My deepest sympathies go to your family. Rest In Peace. Until we meet again.

Beth Ball - November 30, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Hohulin) Haynes.*



November 30, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 30, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Mary Haynes was a great mentor to me. She continued to encourage me to get involved in the clerk organization through out my clerk career. She was a wonderful Godly woman and brought that to all she did. Yes, she will be missed but I rejoice knowing she is no longer in pain and in Jesus arms with the biggest smile on her face! One day, we will be together organizing Heaven! Rest In Peace.*

Jenny Hayden - November 30, 2021 at 03:15 PM

BH

“ Mary was so good to me when my husband Craig moved to Peoria for the job. I enjoyed her both professionally as well as personally. So sorry to lose her!

Beth Ruyle Hullinger - November 30, 2021 at 12:25 PM

RA

“ MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO MARYS FAMILY - I MET HER BACK IN 2003 & SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE PEORIA REPUBLICAN WOMEN - WE ALL DID OUR BEST FOR OUR CLUB & SHE WENT ON TO BE OUR CITY CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL = WE ALWAYS DID SOME SHARING ETC AND ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER AND ON FACEBOOK IN LATER YEARS - SHE WILL BE MISSED & NOW SHE CAN RIP W/JESUS

RUBY ARMS

RUBY ARMS - November 30, 2021 at 08:37 AM

LC

“ Mary was an inspiration to many and will truly be a natural as an angel. We shared a Bible study group that grew to amazing friendships over these past years. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, she spoke of you often. I will miss you, Mary. Fly high! !
Lee Anne Cheek

Lee Anne Cheek - November 29, 2021 at 10:42 PM

EJ

Mary was a wonderful human being. My prayers are with her family. We will all miss her and will miss her wonderful laugh and beautiful smile. Rest in the arms of our wonderful Savior.

Ernestine Jackson - November 29, 2021 at 11:58 PM

PD

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mary was a great gal and I admired her dearly. She even helped me write my wedding vows back in 1983. Fun to work with and just be around....we enjoyed a fun day at Mahomet Lake with our kids. I celebrate her homecoming, treasure the memories, and pray God comforts you all during this time.

God's blessings, Phyllis (Brockamp) Draper

Phyllis Draper - November 29, 2021 at 09:31 PM

PK

“ Mary was a servant leader with many talents. Her life impacted many as she lived out her faith. It was a joy to be her friend and serve alongside her in the Crossroads ministry at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Paula Kaufman - November 29, 2021 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ To the family, extended family and friends of Mary please accept my condolences at the loss of a true public servant. Mary stood above the fray and when would call City Hall to vent my anger at certain city officials she would always say to me: Maybe you could tell them in a different way. Wisdom Indeed! I will miss her deeply but her faith in our God was rock solid. So for now I say “ so long my friend” but I look forward to that great resurrection day when we shall see each other face to face. Minister Donald Cummings.

Donald Cummings - November 29, 2021 at 06:55 PM

RP

“ Kris, I’m so sorry about your mom. She was a huge help to me when I started in City Hall many years ago...gracious and generous with her knowledge and advice. I have been exposed to COVID so I won’t be able to come to the visitation or services, but please know I am thinking about all of you.

Rob Parks

Roberta Parks - November 29, 2021 at 06:16 PM

RJ

“ My deepest condolences to all of Mary’s family. I have been doing Mary’s hair for quite a few years. She loved to tell me about her family, friends and travels. She was so interesting and so much fun. I will miss visiting with her. 🙏🙏. Prayers, Robyn Jackson

Robyn Jackson - November 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BB

“ Mary was the Queen of our group. Donna Baker, Mary and I traveled many miles together. While traveling in England and trying to manure the round snouts, I could always depend on her to say “But I told you I as not a navigator.” Mary look to see if another car is coming. I cannot navigate. Most of all I will miss those late night calls talking about politics and what we would do different. God Bless your family and until we meet again. Love you

Beverly Brown - November 29, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BA

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. She was such a class act, always treating people she worked with reason and consideration. I always knew that what she said was worthy of consideration. Her smile and laughter lit up any room she was in. May your memories of good times with her help in this sad time. Go's bless!
Becky Auer

Becky Auer - November 29, 2021 at 11:17 PM

ML

I am so sorry for your loss a true friend we talked often when she was clerk , and when ever I saw her around town ,mary until we meet again

Michael Levan - November 30, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CP

My sympathy to the family. Mary was so gracious and a font of knowledge. I learned so much from her when working at City Hall back in the day. May she rest in peace and glory.

Cathie Butler Pipkins - November 30, 2021 at 09:41 AM

MZ

To the Family of Mary, Sheri and I have known Mary for 11 years. She was always a wonderful neighbor and always a ray of light. Mary was always upbeat and happy. She was always so proud of all her kids and grandkids, always talked good about them all. She will be sorely missed by us and will not be the same when we go in our yards to talk. Her kids could not have done anymore to make her comfortable. All of her kids should be proud of yourselves for all you did for her.

Sheri and Mark Ziegenhorn

Mark ziegenhorn - November 30, 2021 at 04:48 PM

JT

How sad to loose Mary Haynes. She was a very special public servant and friend. I enjoyed the years I worked with her and loved our talks. She was an important person to the City of Peoria history. I will miss her. Jo Ann Thomas

Jo. Ann Thomas - December 02, 2021 at 12:30 PM