



Mary Rak

January 5, 1932 - November 14, 2024

Mary Rak (nee Merva), age 92, passed away peacefully at Avon Oaks Caring Community on the afternoon of Thursday November 14, 2024 following a period of declining health. She was born in Lorain on January 5, 1932 and had been a resident of the city for the majority of her life; Mary was a 1949 graduate of Lorain High School.

She had been employed as an administrative aide at Southview High School where she also served as a monitor and switchboard operator.

She was a longtime parishioner of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. Following its closing in 2009, she joined the community at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish.

The hallmark of Mary's existence revolved around her mission to promote happiness coupled with her insatiable desire to help others. This mantra continued with her assisting fellow residents at Avon Oaks right up until her final days.

In her free time, she found enjoyment in the form of league bowling, casino junkets, and playing cards with friends.

She is survived by sons Michael Rak (Beth) of Avon and John Rak of Euclid.

She also leaves grandsons Mark and Eric along with great grandsons Ben and Jake. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Rak in 2009, parents George and Helen (nee Luckach) Merva, daughter-in-law Kathy Rak (nee Kholberg), sister Helen Stout, and brothers George, John, Joseph, Mike, Andrew and Nicholas Merva.

Private family services and interment will take place under the direction of the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Mike and John I'm so sorry I just this day found out your Mom passed. She was a sweet heart I loved all the talks we would have. We were neighbors on East 30th for many years. May God give you the strength and courage you need at this time.

Dodie McPhee 12/08/24

Bernice McPhee - December 08, 2024 at 07:20 PM

EK

“ Michael and Johnny
So sorry to read of your moms passing. I grew up on 36th street next door to Baba and Appo. I remember you two when you were toddlers.
MERTZI AND STASH were great people and i have such vivid memories of all the Merva's and how much i loved them. Mertzi was so pretty and always smiled. She took good care of Baba and Appo. I use to play with Sharon and Stanton and you two. Aunt Helen was a good pal of mine too.
I wish i could bring back those good years and those wonderful folks.
God bless you all. Rest easy Mertzi.
Much love.

*Ellen Kay
Greece*

Ellen Kay - November 19, 2024 at 06:00 AM

RR

“ My deepest condolences to Mike, Johnny and their families. Mary always had a smile and a kind word for the South Lorain faithful. Heaven is a better place with Mary in it. It was a privilege to know her.

Most sincerely,
Rick Ramirez

Richard A Ramirez - November 18, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DZ

“ Our condolences and prayers go out to the entire Rak family. We are saddened by the loss of such a caring and loving person. Our sympathy,
Kyle, Santos and Doug Z.

Doug Zgonc - November 17, 2024 at 07:30 PM

RR

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rak family at this sad time. Our sympathies,
The Raymond Rak family

Raymond Rak - November 18, 2024 at 12:04 PM

MM

I had the pleasure of working side by side with Mertzi in the main office at Southview High School, She was a tremendous help to me in many ways! She Loved her family & LIFE! FLY WITH THE ANGELS, MERTZI! My love & sympathy to her family!
MARCIE LUCA DOWNIE , Former secretary at SVHS

marcie luca downie marciejdownie@gmail. - November 22, 2024 at 10:35 AM