



Mary Catherine Burns

April 4, 1931 - October 1, 2025

Mary Catherine Burns of Bowie, MD passed away peacefully on October 1, 2025. She was 94 years old.

Born in Johnstown, PA on April 4, 1931, to the late Joseph and Francis Solinas Canu. Mary graduated from Johnstown Catholic High School in 1949. In June of 1955 she married her late husband Kenneth Richard Burns who predeceased her in December 2008. She began her career working in the office of Arrow furniture before leaving Johnstown PA and moving to Maryland in 1961. There, she worked as a Cafeteria Assistant at Lamont Elementary for Prince George's County School System until her retirement in 1991. While in PG county, she joined St. Bernards Church and volunteered to work at the wedding receptions and other church functions. In 1996, Ken and Mary moved to Chestertown, MD, where they enjoyed retirement life and made many new friends. Mary volunteered at the local hospital, sometimes pushing wheelchairs bigger than she was, and also helping residents at the Seniors Center play bingo.

In 2015, she moved to Evergreen, a senior community in Bowie MD, and enjoyed 10 years of group activities, word searches, Scrabble and jigsaw puzzles there. Due to her sweet and friendly nature, Mary made friends everywhere she went and was loved by all who knew her.

Mary loved God and her family above all else and enjoyed spending time with them and doing volunteer work. She was a member of the VFW and American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Anthony Canu.

She is survived by her three daughters: Theresa Meadows (Bill), Linda Singer, and Mary Joyce Burns, and a son, Richard Burns, six grandchildren: Kelly and Eric Meadows, David and Amanda Burns and Debra and Joseph Singer; and three great-grandchildren: Josh, Kara and Matteo.

A visitation will be held Monday October 6, 2025 from 5pm to 7pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, MD. A Mass will be held Tuesday October 7, 2025 at 11:00AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Chestertown, MD. Burial will follow at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Rock Hall, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery and Prince George's Hospice at 700 Kind Blvd. Ste. 400, Rockville, MD 20580.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
508 High St
Chestertown, MD 21620-1314
(410) 778-3160

Burial

OCT 7 (ET)

St. John Catholic Church
Catholic Ave
Rock Hall, MD 21661
(410) 778-3160

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I had the absolute privilege of knowing Mary Burns for over half a century. She is a wonderful, caring person with a heart of gold. My wife and I send our condolences to Theresa and Bill, Rick, Linda and Mary Joyce and all of their families. Mary is with her husband Ken in heaven now. Someday, we will see them again. - Dennis and Patricia Meadows



Dennis and Patricia Meadows - October 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

DD

“ Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Burns



Debbie Dalrymple - October 06, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM

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“ The Petrillo Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.



The Petrillo Family - October 06, 2025 at 08:09 AM

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“ The Petrillo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

The Petrillo Family - October 06, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.



October 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JP

“ Jerry and Debbie, David and Patty purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.



Jerry and Debbie, David and Patty - October 05, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 04, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.



October 04, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 04, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 03, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.



October 03, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine Burns.

October 03, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Burns.*



October 03, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Burns*



Jeanette Stubbs - October 03, 2025 at 10:04 AM