



## Mary E. Hammer

July 24, 1941 - November 16, 2021

RACINE- Mary E. Hammer, 80, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Ascension All Saints Hospital.

She was born on July 24, 1941 to Raymond and Antoinette (nee: Maldari) Nigbor in Berlin, WI. Mary was united in marriage to Anthony “Tony” Hammer on November 23, 1963 in Berlin.

She attended St. Mary Springs High School in Fond du Lac and went on to receive her nursing degree at Marian University in Fond du Lac. Mary was a member of the 20 Year Club at S.C. Johnson Wax, President of the Catholic Junior League, and a past member of Roma Lodge. She also volunteered at numerous nursing homes in the activities department and at the American Red Cross.

Mary was employed by various hospitals over the years, later working in private nursing.

She was also an occupational nurse for S.C. Johnson Wax for over 20 years. Mary was an avid reader and enjoyed playing Bridge, knitting, quilting, sewing, and cooking. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, in particular at the cabin up North.

Mary is survived by her husband, Tony; children, Vic (Sara) Hammer, Heidi (Dean Vessell) Hammer, Tonya (Tim) Baumstark, and Micah Hammer; grandchildren, Jenny, Daniel, Mary, Rosemary, Chloe, Bella and Edie; brother, Jim Nigbor. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Antoinette; brother, Raymond Nigbor; sister, Patti Ogston; grandson, Luke Baumstark. A mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation to be from 10:30 until time of service.

Memorials in Mary's name have been suggested to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Checks can be made out to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center P O Box 5028 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028, with notation to Dr. Nai-Kong V Cheung Neuroblastoma Research.

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The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Ascension All Saints for their loving care.

Mass will be webcasted live and can be viewed at <https://sacredheartracine.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2201 Northwestern Ave  
Racine, WI

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **23**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2201 Northwestern Ave  
Racine, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary E. Hammer*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - November 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM

TN

“ *Tony and family: just found out today that cousin Mary has gone to Heaven. I pray you are all doing well and Mary will live on in your memories. i know she will be truly missed by all who knew her. love and prayers tom nighbor and the family of Donald and Kathleen*



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**tom nighbor** - December 12, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DJ

“ *To Micah and the family. Mary was such a beautiful person. It was a joy to work with her and know her. God Bless!*

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**Dr. Charles C Jones** - November 29, 2021 at 07:25 PM

RB

“ Hello Tony...so so sorry for your loss...Adeline was moved seeing Mary's obituary, recalling all the times she stopped by your home, was greeted by Mary, and then you'd give her a grand tour of your marvelous garden. Mary and Adeline were kindred spirits, at least when it came to playing bridge, being an avid reader, quilting, and cooking! Whereas Mary was a nurse, Adeline's vocational dream growing up was to become a nurse, but the closest she came was to be a Candy Stripper during the WWII. Of course, working at S.C. Johnson for 20 years, Adeline's daughter, Denise, knew Mary. I'll try to get Adeline to visit next summer to pick up some of your famous garlic and the two of you can swap stories about Mary. Warm regards, Adeline & Richard Bencriscutto

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**Richard Bencriscutto** - November 22, 2021 at 11:01 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.



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November 22, 2021 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ Tony and family, you have my deepest sympathy regarding Mary, she was a great lady and a really good nurse. Seems like I knew her forever at SCJ Med. Center. Wishing you well through this sad time. Jay Butler.

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**Jay Butler** - November 22, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.*



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November 22, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - November 22, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.*



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November 21, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ Mary was sweetest person and warm hearted lady As our nurse and as a friend. Played golf with her. So sorry for her loss. She will be missed be everyone that knew her

Leona Hagen - November 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM



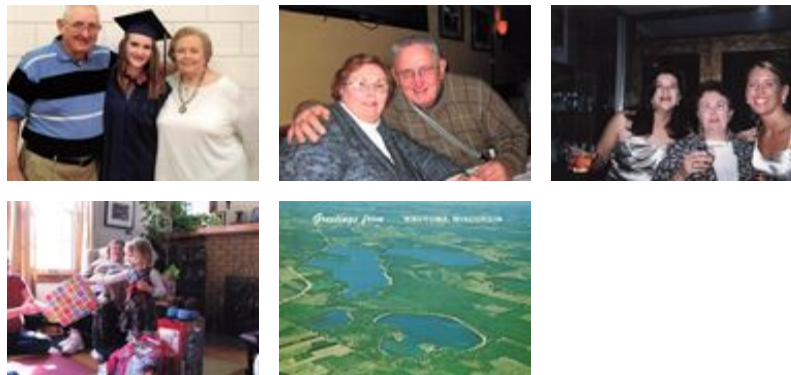
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.



November 21, 2021 at 08:50 AM



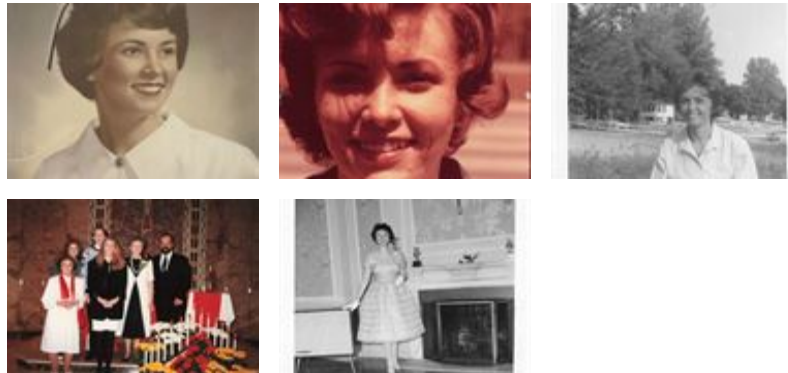
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Sturino Funeral Home - November 19, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



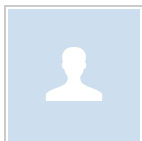
Sturino Funeral Home - November 19, 2021 at 02:24 PM

DA

“ Della Alvarez

*I had the privilege of knowing Mary for many years, first at St. Mary's, Gateway and then worked with her at SCJohnson for many years. She always brought sunshine to any situation. I will miss her contagious laugh and her great smile. My prayers and thoughts to Tony and to her children.*

Della Alvarez - November 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.



November 18, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.* ”



November 18, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.* ”



November 18, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Mary in the SCJ medical department many years ago. She was an absolute joy and mentor for me. She will be deeply missed.* ”

**Ginger O.** - November 18, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dale & Connie Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary E. Hammer.* ”



**Dale & Connie Brown** - November 18, 2021 at 10:44 AM

SF

“ Growing up with the Hammers as our neighbor, Mary was my second mom. She helped keep us on the right road to maturity. Mary always had good things to say, she was always happy to see my brother and I and was never too shy to send us home when we needed to go. Love you Mary ❤️

sandy eschmann faulkner - November 18, 2021 at 04:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hammer.



November 17, 2021 at 09:32 PM

SE

“ Mary was a genuinely kind person. The employees at SCJ loved her with her caring heart and a great sense of humor. I spoke with her a few weeks ago and she shared what was happening with each of her children and grandchildren. She was so proud of them. She was a terrific nurse, continuing her education for her BSN from Alberto College and Graduate school at UWM. I've been lucky enough to have Mary as a friend. She will be missed.  
Sharon Eichhorn

Sharon Eichhorn - November 17, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BJ

Mary was a lovely soul. She was caring and an excellent nurse. Heaven definitely gained an angel and we lost a wonderful soul. Rest In Peace Mary. Bob n Jeanne.

Bob n Jeanne - November 18, 2021 at 11:34 AM