



## Mary J. Ballagh

August 12, 1943 - August 17, 2022

Mary J. Ballagh, 79 of Centralia passed away August 17, 2022 at her home. She was born August 12, 1943 in Breese the daughter of Ralph and Bernice (Mueller) Sprehe. She married Tom Ballagh on August 17, 1968 at St. Mary Church in Centralia.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son Michael of Bloomington, Illinois and brother Bill Sprehe and wife Jeanne Ann of Centralia.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Ballagh attended St. Mary Elementary School, Centralia Township High School, Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and Eastern Illinois University. She taught Second Grade in the Champaign School System. She was a life-long member of St. Mary Church in Centralia.

There will be no public visitation. Interment service will be private at the request of Mrs. Ballagh. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-3523, are honored to be of service to the Ballagh family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall

UR

“ *Tom and family  
I'm sorry for your loss .  
My deepest Sympathy  
Ute Riley*

Ute Riley - September 01, 2022 at 01:41 PM

NK

“ *So Sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Mary always stopped to say  
Hello to me when I worked at JCPenney's years ago... she was a  
very sweet lady.. R.I.P. from Nancy Kyker..*

NANCY L KYKER - August 26, 2022 at 10:55 AM

LB

“ *We know Mary Jane was a very private person...may she RIP and  
sympathy to her wonderful, caring husband, Tom and her dear son.  
Leo and Ruth*

Leo and Ruth Barczewski - August 19, 2022 at 05:29 PM

MA

“ *Mark And Rene Aydt lit a candle in memory of  
Mary J. Ballagh*



Mark and Rene Aydt - August 18, 2022 at 08:35 PM

MA

“ *Deepest sympathies to Tom and his family. I did not know Mary but still wish them to know that we are with them in their sorrow 🙏❤️🙏*  
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**Mark and Rene Aydt** - August 18, 2022 at 08:33 PM

GM

“ *Deepest condolences to Tom and Mike and the extended family. Mary was a kind and caring person. May you find comfort in your many memories of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Greg and Dianne McGraw** - August 18, 2022 at 08:13 PM

MH

“ *Mary Jane and I shared the same name and she always commented on that when we would see one another. She was a sweet and kind person. My sympathy to Tom and her son. A wonderful family.*

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**Mary Jane Hardy** - August 17, 2022 at 06:32 PM