



## Mary Ann Votruba

August 13, 1940 - June 22, 2020

Mary Ann Votruba, born August 13, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on June 22, 2020 in Troy, Michigan. Loving wife of the late William and loving mother of Jeffrey (Jean) and Mark (Jaimi) Votruba. Loving and proud grandmother of Alanna, Evan and Willem. Dear sister of Camille (the late Joseph) Wasik and Bernadette (Gary) Golbesky. Mary Ann will also be deeply missed by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday from 5-8 pm with a 7 pm Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home. Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Funeral Mass Friday 12:30 pm at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
(586) 286-9020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Rosary

JUN **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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## Funeral Mass

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JUN **26**. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church  
54045 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, Mi

# Tribute Wall



“ *Just seeing this. She was my first grade teacher at Lessenger and made a lasting impression on my and my love of learning. We kept in touch through my graduation from college in 1971. Sending love and light. Cindy Fellencer*

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**Cindy Fellencer** - June 14, 2023 at 08:43 PM



*Oops 1981 college grad*

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**Cindy Fellencer** - June 14, 2023 at 08:44 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to her family. Mrs. Votruba was my first grade teacher at Lessenger Elementary School in 1963. She had not yet married, and I believe her name was Miss Szywalla (sp) at the time. I wrote to her in the 1980's, and she kindly wrote back, stating that the year she taught our class was her second year at Lessenger, and that she was planned to retire soon. I hope she had a wonderful retirement.*

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**John Paul Parks** - September 04, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Mrs Votruba was my first grade teacher at Lessenger. Decades later, I still remember her. I recall a story she told us once of her Son, who I think was in college. After a break, she said they went to McDonalds and he ordered and ate 1 of everything on the menu. I'm sure she made a lasting impact and memories for thousands of students over the years.*

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**Aaron Fortin** - July 21, 2020 at 07:00 PM

MN

“ *Ms. Votruba was a kind teacher and thoughtful neighbor. She inspired us to travel and seek the best in others.*

*- Melissa Nolan and Patricia Thompson*

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**Melissa Nolan** - June 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RV

“ *God Bless and be with you. The world benefitted from you.*

*Bob and Carol Votruba*

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**Robert A. Votruba** - June 25, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JP

*she was my teacher at lessenger wonderful lady rest in peace*

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**jim allen peterson** - June 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM

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Ciofu

“ *Some people are given a gift to be an exceptional teacher - Mary Ann Votruba was one! Even after many years, her impact continues to be with us. To her family, and dear friends, I am so sorry for your loss - how blessed you were to have her and be in the presence of her spirit and radiant smile.*

*Pati Ciofu-Smith*

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**Pati Ciofu** - June 25, 2020 at 09:27 AM

JM

“ *She was my second grade teacher and taught all of my siblings. She was one of the best at Lessenger. May she rest in peace*

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**jennifer mccoey** - June 24, 2020 at 09:02 PM

CD

“ Mrs. Votruba was my first grade teacher at Lessenger. Many fond memories for sure. RIP

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**Coleen C. DeWitt** - June 24, 2020 at 08:00 PM

AD

“ Mrs. Votruba was my 1st grade teacher! I will always think of her with the fondest memories. Bagel sales & walkathons were her thing!❤️

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**Ashley D'Agostino** - June 24, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TB

“ She was my 2nd grade teacher at Lessenger Elementary. One of my favorite teachers! She will be greatly missed but fondly remembered.

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**Traci Ballerini** - June 24, 2020 at 03:30 PM

GG

“ I'll remember Mary Ann by the delicious food she made and shared and a present she gave me..a Julie Goodwin calligraphy. “ What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us”. A prayer for you and I hope you can send me some of your adventuredness. Greg Golbesky

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**Greg Golbesky** - June 24, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Dear Mary Ann,

*I will miss your beautiful smile and vibrant energy that made those in your presence feel good. I will miss our Scrabble games, your movie reviews, and putting up your Christmas lights when visiting. I will miss your encouraging words when playing in a golf tournament. I admired your adventurous spirit and world travels. We shared careers as educators, and you have so many former students who are better for having you as their teacher. You were always so welcoming to Bernie and I when we made our visits to Michigan. It was an honor and pleasure to know you and I will treasure these memories.*



*Rest In Peace.  
Gary Golbesky (brother in law)*

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**Gary Golbesky** - June 24, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ *MaryAnn was married to my cousin Billy. I always remembered how kind MaryAnn was. May she rest in eternal peace.*

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**Theresa Harrier** - June 23, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Votruba.*



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June 23, 2020 at 08:32 PM

BG

“ You were My Dear Dear Sister, I will miss you but now you are free of pain and I must let you go . BUT I will think of you when I am having Pizza, I will think of you when I go to a movie, I will think of you when I get the Sunday paper and all the coupons fall out. I can see you doing crossword puzzles, I can hear your unique voicemail message in my head. I know of no other person who traveled the world like you did . I have happy memories of our visits in FL and NC and pictures I can see every day. I know you loved going to Mass, it was your daily comfort. You were one of a kind and I was the LUCKY ONE to have had you in my life. When I saw you last in the hospital, you told me we were lucky but I think we were blessed. I was sitting on the bed with you in the hospital and we were watching an old movie I couldn't remember the name so I looked at you and said “I know you know the title of this movie and you looked up opened and eye and said William Holden , Love is a Many Splendored Thing. Yes it is!!!!

We are sad but nothing ever stays the same. You are in our hearts always.

Your Sister, Bernie



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**Bernie Golbesky** - June 23, 2020 at 04:38 PM

CW

“ Mary Ann was married to my Godfather "Uncle Billy" who was my cousin. They would make a special trip on my birthday to visit me. Mary Ann was always so vivacious and brought the best birthday presents. They made me feel special.

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**Constance Wright** - June 23, 2020 at 10:28 AM

MS

“ *A very sweet neighbor. Always had a smile for everyone.* ”



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**Mary Ann Saliba** - June 22, 2020 at 03:38 PM