



## Mary Louise Reich

September 21, 1921 - August 18, 2021

Mary Louise Reich, 99, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2021 with family by her side.

Mary was born on September 21, 1921 in Colebrook, Pennsylvania to the late Harry Moorehead and Mabel Lorraine (Pike) Van Zandt. She spent her early years in PA, graduating from Somerset High School, later attending Indiana State Teachers' College, and was a secretary in the Department of Labor and Industry at the State Capitol in Harrisburg.

On August 8, 1942, she married William Anthony Reich in Harrisburg, PA, and moved to Schenectady, New York as he started his career with the General Electric Company. Over the years, they grew their family and a large network of friends, moving to Huntington Woods, Michigan in 1952. They retired to their beloved home on Glen Lake in Glen Arbor, MI, where they enjoyed many happy days and continued to build wonderful memories. Mary, known as "Tuck" to many friends, was an avid golfer and also enjoyed swimming, sailing, and skiing. She loved traveling and gardening and learned the art of china painting, leaving many beautiful pieces treasured by her family. She had a competitive spirit and was an accomplished Bridge player and enjoyed many fun-filled Dominoes and Mah Jong games in her later years. She was a devoted mother and homemaker and contributed many hours as both a Campfire Girls and Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother. She was an active volunteer with many organizations including local women's clubs and garden clubs in both Huntington Woods and Glen Arbor, as well as the Glen Lake Yacht Club, schools, and her church.

She will be dearly missed by her children Carol (Robert) Brennan of Kailua, HI; Judith Reich of Traverse City, MI; Christopher (Claudia) Reich of Washington, DC and Bettendorf, IA; Amy Shannon of Stayner, Ontario, Canada; Betsy Reich (Tom Kuslits) of Beverly Hills, MI; and Patricia (Joseph) Ambrose of Hydes, MD. Mary and her beloved husband Bill, who passed away in 1993, leave a lasting legacy and cherished memories for a large family including eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband Bill, Mary was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, two step-brothers, and two step-sisters.

The family will hold a private graveside service and Interment on what would have been her 100th birthday in September, which will take place at St. Philip Neri Cemetery in Empire, MI, where Mary was a devoted parishioner for many years.

Her children will honor her wishes by gathering the whole family together at a later date for a memorial and celebration of a life well-lived.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

Please visit [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) to share your memories and condolences with Mary's family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Philip Neri Cemetery

11411 S. Lacore  
Empire, MI 49630

# Tribute Wall



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Send Flowers - September 02, 2021 at 02:48 PM

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“ Condolences and sympathy to Christopher and his family during this difficult time. To a long life well-lived. May the comfort of family and friends help you keep her memory alive.

*All the best, Gladstone Payton and family*

Gladstone Payton - September 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM

SR

“ Judy, I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. What a life she lived!! I had no idea she went to high school in Somerset PA. That's where Jim's dad graduated from!! You were so devoted to your mom and I know her passing will leave a huge hole in your coming days. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Susan Ream - September 08, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CK

“ Dear Judy and brother and sisters. I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beautiful woman. I remember lots of fun times at your home in Huntington Woods. You will all be in my prayers. God bless you.

Cathy kinzey - September 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ Chris, My deepest condolences to you and your family. May your memories that bring you comfort during this time of grief. Marisa

Marisa Pelczar - September 08, 2021 at 10:31 AM

EP

“ Chris, I know we've only been working together for a short time but I wanted to pass along my condolences to you and your family. It sounds like your mother was an amazing woman who will be missed by man. Thinking of you, Emily P

Emily Plagman - September 08, 2021 at 09:17 AM