



Mary Jane Klabo

February 24, 1938 - January 28, 2013

Mary Jane was born February 24, 1938. She was the eldest daughter of L.P. "Pat" Malone and Josephine (Bosch) Malone of Linton, N.D. Mary Jane grew up in Linton where she attended St. Anthony's Catholic School through grade 8 and Linton High School where she graduated as co-valedictorian. She went on to attend the University of North Dakota where she met the love of her life, Gordon N. Klabo. Mary Jane and Gordon (Gordy) were married at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Linton on June 9, 1958. The couple lived in Bismarck and Parshall, N.D. before settling in Pembina, N.D. where the couple lived until retirement.

Mary Jane had a wonderful gift for instrumental and vocal music and honed her musical skills in grade school, high school and college. Throughout her life she played the piano and accompanied dozens of vocal and instrumental musical groups at Pembina High School. Mary Jane passed her musical gifts onto hundreds of children over the years that were warmly welcomed into her home to take piano lessons and the musical gift that Mary Jane directly passed on has undoubtedly been indirectly passed on to future generations. Mary Jane exemplified her love of the Lord by playing the organ for many years at the church that will host her funeral mass. Mary Jane had a large group of friends from various walks of life. For a small community, Pembina had a significant number of new arrivals primarily due to the ports of entry at Pembina and nearby Noyes, MN. Many of the new arrivals had their first local social engagements at the kitchen table of Mary Jane before plates of

homemade food or treats and coffee. Mary Jane was the frequent hostess of many of the dear friends that dropped by for hospitality and discourse. Mary Jane truly lived her life in accordance with the second commandment to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”.

Among Mary Jane’s proudest accomplishments was bearing and raising four sons all of whom married and went on to raise their own families in North Dakota. The sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren are: Michael (Patty Sjoberg), Alexander, N.D. and grandchildren Matthew (Cynthia), Breanna and Shane; Steven (Nancy Roewe), Bismarck, N.D. and grandchildren Zachary and Joseph; Timothy (Pamela Krenz), Antler, N.D. and grandchildren Andrew, Scott, and Crystal; and Mark (Sam Menge), Valley City and grandchildren Madilyn and Connor and four great grandchildren. Mary Jane is survived by the aforementioned as well as her brother James Malone (Judith), Omaha and their children Mary Beth Hendricks and Kelly Green and one sister, Colleen Malone, Mohall, N.D.

Among those that met her at the gates of heaven when she passed away on January 28, 2013 are her husband of 52 years Gordy, her parents, Pat and Josephine Malone, paternal and maternal grandparents, as well as many friends and relatives.

Cemetery Details

St. Catherine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Assumption Catholic Church
Pembina, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Klabo family, friends and relatives,

A light went out for me today. My childhood best friend, Mary Jane, died early this morning, Jan. 28, at Valley City hospital. We were together, literally, through thick and thin, starting as infants. She was at my first birthday party. I still treasure the picture of her mother and mine holding each of us up for the camera. We went through all eight grades and four years of high school together before we each went our own way. Me on the East Coast and her in the Midwest. There I was, making my way in the nursing profession, while she married the man of her dreams and raised four handsome, talented sons. The irony was that, on those rare occasions when we were home in Linton, ND., visiting family at the same time, we each would have just finished reading the same book! Our conversation picked up just as though we were still neighbors in our small town. We knew each others deepest, darkest secrets, but never shared them with anyone else. For years I sat with her on the piano bench as she practiced. I literally felt like a vicarious pianist, rejoicing in all of her triumphs as if they were my own. I learned to love all of the piano concertos, sonatas and solos as she conquered each piece. We took music harmony together in high school, composing our own piece of music by the end of spring semester. I learned recently that she never forgot any of that course. She was teaching all of her piano students the basic principles we learned in that class. Throughout life, I've developed many friendships. Never one so deep, close and long as ours. Nor, did I ever experience that same continuity in conversation despite long absences. Mary Jane was a treasure. It broke my heart to watch her endure so many health crises, especially after her beloved husband died. Listening to her stories, I knew she overcame some of the greatest challenges of her life. All I could think of when I learned of her death was Martin Luther King Jrs' speech: "Free at last, praise God Almighty, free at last." May you fly with the angels, Mary Jane. And may your reunion with your husband be a glorious experience.

*Rita M. Hunting
CO thomas.henn.40@gmail.com*

Rita Hunting - February 02, 2013 at 07:31 PM

BA

“ *To the Klabo family-your mom was always so welcoming to me whenever I came over to your house, which was often in my childhood and teen years. I always enjoyed visiting with her, and send my condolences. ---Bruce Allen*

Bruce Allen - February 02, 2013 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Thank you to everyone for the outpouring of good wishes, prayers, flowers, cards and beautiful comments. The funeral and reception was a touching tribute to mom and was held in the community that was truly her home. Despite some sub zero (way sub zero) weather conditions, the community of Pembina turned out and provided a beautiful sendoff. A special thanks to the Oliver-Nathan funeral chapel, Monsignor Skonseng, and the community of Pembina including the wonderful Assumption church parishioners that were instumental in this moving and fitting tribute to a wonderful lady.*

Steve Klabo - February 01, 2013 at 07:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Klabo.*



January 31, 2013 at 08:41 AM

BA

“ Mary Jane was a special friend when we lived in Pembina, we enjoyed many laughs, as our children grew up together. I would like to be able to come to Pembina for the funeral, but I am a caretaker for my husband and unable to travel. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Bonnie & Harold Anderson

Bonnie J. Anderson - January 30, 2013 at 09:28 PM

JN

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We loved when Mary Jane and Gordon came up to Sharon, ND to visit relatives. Gordon was my "older" cousin and I loved the attention he gave me when I was growing up. Mary Jane was such a sweet gal. We will miss her. Joan (Nerdahl) & Roger Netland.

Joan & Roger Netland - January 30, 2013 at 09:02 PM

LS

“ I have many many fond memories of Mary Jane and her music, both from church and school. My condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God has another angel.

*Lori Wilwant Smith
Palmer, AK*

Lori Smith - January 30, 2013 at 06:32 PM

RT

“ *Mary Jane had been on my mind for the past several weeks... and I was saddened to hear of her passing, as I had hoped to get back in touch. She played for every song I sang in high school, and was there with her beautiful music as I walked down the aisle. She was a true gift, and her light is missed in this world. Godspeed, old friend.*

*Ruth Thom Tronnes
Palmer, Alaska*

Ruth Tronnes - January 30, 2013 at 06:13 PM

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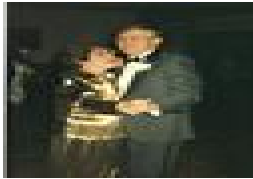
“ *Bismarck Police Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jane Klabo.*



Bismarck Police Department - January 30, 2013 at 08:30 AM

SK

“ *1 file added to the album Happy Times*



Steve Klabo - January 29, 2013 at 03:52 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Klabo.*



January 29, 2013 at 03:21 PM



“ *Link I, David and Holly purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Jane Klabo.*



Link I, David and Holly - January 29, 2013 at 12:57 PM