



## Mary Liptow

March 16, 1955 - March 18, 2025

Mary Joan Liptow, beloved wife, mother, grandmama, aunt, and friend, godmother, passed away unexpectedly on March 18, 2025; just two days after her birthday, at the age of 70. She was born on March 16, 1955, in Berlin, Wisconsin, to Wilbur and Evelyn Wick, who, along with her son Ryan, in-laws, Ralph and Arlene Liptow, were there to welcome her into eternal peace.

Mary's life was filled with love, laughter, and a deep connection to her family. She was a devoted wife to Gary, the love of her life, for 52 wonderful years. Together, they shared three sons.

Mary and Gary set the stage for unconditional love and countless cherished moments—weekly Wednesday date nights, weekend drives, and a stop at their favorite spot, the casino. Their travels and beach time were always special, and they embraced the simple joy of spending time together, most often holding hands.

Mary's family was her world. She was a calming presence and a great listener. She instilled in her boys the value of time together and unity. She did the same for her grandchildren, taking them back to school shopping, taking them to the Spring Lake Candy Store, treating them to lunch on Wednesday's, making pancakes every time they stayed the night, and getting them everything under the sun for Christmas. She rarely said "no". Those moments spent with her family were dear to her heart.

Known for her extraordinary baking and cooking skills, she would bake buckets and trays of cookies and treats throughout the year. She made the best taco salad ever, "Mary's Taco Salad". Mary had a deep love for holidays and traditions. One of her family's favorite traditions is the annual Liptow quarry party at Adam's house in July. Another is Christmas dinner which she served brats, burgers, and hot dogs - and we all looked forward to it.

Mary loved to shop and looked forward to the annual shopping trip with the Berlin Beauty girls every November.

She was well-known for her love of bloody marys and iced coffee, which Gary faithfully served up on command. Sunday mornings were always special with Gary's delicious breakfasts, which she looked forward to every week. Mary had a fondness for the color purple, and you'd often find her surrounded by shades of it in her home.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gary; sons, Travis (Megan Liptow), and Adam;

“grandmama” to, Jack (20), Addie (18), and Gwen (16); and. “Auntie Mary” to all her nieces and nephews; “Grandma Mary to her great-nieces and nephews. She is further survived by her beloved sister, Betty Van Sistine; best friend and niece, Laurie Braun; her “sister from another mister”, Michelle Klawitter and godchildren, Mandy and Cassandra; their beloved dogs and companions, Max and Snickers; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Evelyn Wick; son, Ryan; and in-laws, Ralph and Arlene Liptow.

Mary was a fixture in Berlin’s community, dedicating over 45 years as a beautician which included 15 years co-owning Berlin Beauty, where she touched countless lives. Her kindness, expertise, and joyful spirit made her beloved by all who walked through her doors. Her legacy in the beauty industry lives in the hearts of those she served.

Her presence will be deeply missed; however, we will find comfort in knowing that wherever she is, she’s probably still on her feet, making people smile, perhaps running a salon in heaven—already overbooked and keeping busy.

Rest in peace, Mary. You will be dearly missed, but your spirit will live on in all of our hearts and minds.

A celebration of Mary’s life will be held at a later date

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mastricola's On Broadway

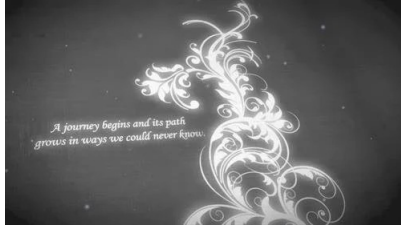
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Berlin, WI 54923

# Tribute Wall



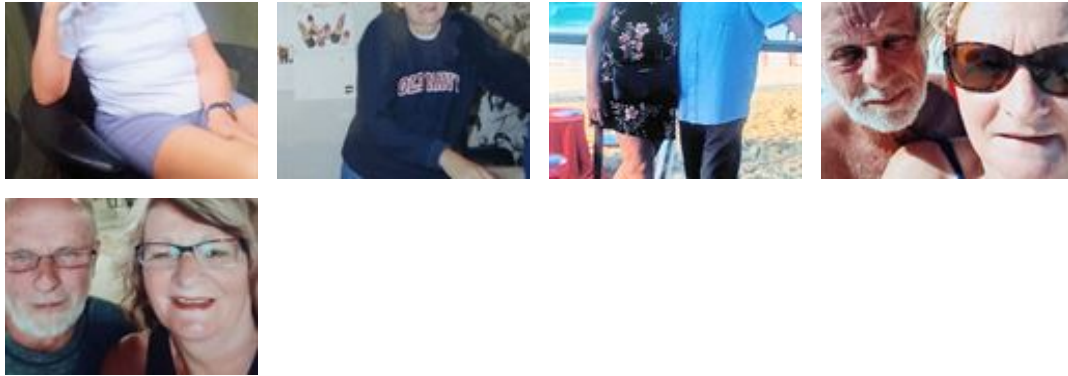
“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Liptow*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *44 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 11:09 AM

DK

“ *My sympathy to the Liptow family. So hard to fathom. R.I.P. dear Mary.*

DEBRA K KORSCH - April 12, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *242 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BB

“ Travis, Adam and family, so sorry for you loss. Mom's are such special people in our lives. I'm sure she will be greatly missed. With sympathy, Barb Behlen

Barb Behlen - March 29, 2025 at 07:39 PM

PS

“ Mary holds a special place in my heart. She was very kind to me when we were kids.

P Steeps - March 27, 2025 at 12:16 AM

LH

“ Kathy and I are so sorry to hear about Mary. She was such a good person. Gary and his family have many great memories of her. She will be missed.

Lester & Kathy Hilscher - March 25, 2025 at 08:10 PM

DV

“ Sorry for your loss....



Donna Viertel - March 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

CK

“ Mary was The most Beautiful of People!

Chris Kleisner - March 24, 2025 at 09:30 PM

LB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mary. You and your family have our deepest sympathy and prayers of comfort. Gary and Lynette Bahr.

Lynette Bahr - March 24, 2025 at 07:33 PM

KM

“ Very sorry Gary and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ken & Linda Murkley

Ken & Linda Murkley - March 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM

KK

“ We loved Mary and this is incredibly difficult to process. So full of life, class and love for her family and friends. 4th of July will not be the same without Mary’s presence, fun spirit and her incredible spread of food, including her amazing taco salad. We will miss her terribly and will honor her kind and giving spirit to all around us. Sending strength and hugs to Our sweet friends, Gary, Adam, Travis, Megan, Jack, Gwen, Addie, Snickers and Max. May Mary rest in paradise until we meet again. -Katie Kleisner

Katie Kleisner - March 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DW

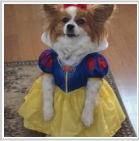
“ Sending prayers and condolences to Gary and family

Dennis and Iris Walker - March 24, 2025 at 01:33 PM

PL

“ My deepest condolences to the whole family  
Mary was such a kind person. We have only memories left.  
Rest in peace Mary. Fly with angels.

Pamela Lind - March 23, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ So many memories! I met Mary in 4th grade and we hung out together through high school. So many sleepovers at each other's house. Loved to eat at her house too. Her mother made the best fried potatoes. I could spend hours reminiscing of all the things we did together but some things would be better left unsaid. LOL.  
It was a joy to watch how her love for Gary started and bloomed. It was obvious from day 1 it was going to be forever.  
RIP Mary!

Nia Beck John

Nia John - March 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DW

“ Gary and family you have our prayers and condolences

Dennis and Iris Walker - March 23, 2025 at 09:09 AM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing I have many memories of her and always enjoyed talking with her. She will be missed. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*Lew and Pat Murach*

Lew and Pat murach - March 22, 2025 at 08:40 PM

RB

“ Ronald L Burmeister lit a candle in memory of Mary Liptow



Ronald L Burmeister - March 22, 2025 at 04:21 PM

ME

“ Very sorry Gary and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Mary Erickson - March 22, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DV

“ Donna Viertel lit a candle in memory of Mary Liptow



Donna Viertel - March 22, 2025 at 06:45 AM

VB

“ From Vicky Borgens, my condolences to the family.



Vicky Borgens - March 21, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JS

“ Joann Strandell lit a candle in memory of Mary Liptow



Joann Strandell - March 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM

BD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. I am having a hard time accepting she is longer with us but Faith tells us that Mary is in Gods loving arms. Keeping Gary and family in prayer. Mary was a good friend, good person, kind and funny.



Brown family, Mike, Mary, Erica d Dan - March 21, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DH

My world is darker without you “pretty Mary”. You were my dear friend & true confidant. I love you

Debbie Hallman-Ottesen - March 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DR

“ Dale and I are sorry to hear about Mary. We enjoyed talking to her when she visited you and Megan. Wishing you gods comfort in the days to come. Dale and Diane Rees

Diane Rees - March 20, 2025 at 06:12 PM

GL

“ gloria larsen lit a candle in memory of Mary Liptow



gloria larsen - March 20, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KB

“ Gary and family my deepest sympathy for your loss. Mary was an incredible person. Cherish the great memories of all the fun times. Sending prayers 🙏 and ☐.

Kathy Bazeley - March 20, 2025 at 09:32 AM

HE

“ *Helen lit a candle in memory of Mary Liptow* ”



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**Helen** - March 20, 2025 at 12:22 AM