



## Maryann "Mary" Jost

July 19, 1947 - February 15, 2025

Maryann was born in St. Paul, MN and was the granddaughter of Harold and Clara Emerson. She married Vincent Jost on April 22, 1967, in St. Nicholas Catholic Church, St. Nicholas, MN. She and Vincent raised their family in St. Nicholas. Maryann worked in the jewelry business and later owned and operated JB Trophies in Cold Spring until retiring in 2019. She loved to gamble at the casino and give others a lot of static. Mary also enjoyed a good game of cribbage and was proud of her over 40 years of sobriety.

She is survived by her husband Vince; sons, Leo Jost and Dan (Sandy) Jost; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents.

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *This message- memory is from my mom, Dianne Erkens- Mary's sister.*

*I want to tell the world how much I love my dear sister Mary Jost. We were both adopted and were always there to help each other from our children were small until now. Our family loved there auntie Mary. Mary was there to help others and never told anyone. We grew up in a huge dairy farm, worked so hard and enjoyed our time together. I will always miss our weekly phone calls and weekly visits. We told each other how much we loved each other every chance we had. I am so blessed I had her as my sister!*

*You are another angel in heaven. You are deeply missed!*

*Love forever your sister.,  
Dianne Erkens*

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**Dianne Erkens** - February 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ My godmother, Mary Jost Last night while every smart person was asleep I was trying to figure out what I could say about someone I loved so much. I wanted it to be very organic but needed to change my format many times, it was too sappy. I know she would expect it to be light-hearted. Do I talk about how she loved her kids or about the passion she had for the things she believed very strongly in?

*I don't have early memories without Mary, Vince, and my cousins. I have a bond with my cousins that will never change. We lived very close and would help one another and meet up to have family dinners. I remember butchering chickens and thinking how the heck is she getting those pin feathers out? She was a very hard worker. Mary was a fabulous cook and enjoyed putting more on a plate than I could eat. She loved to make homemade noodles with bacon and loads of sunnies. Sunflower seeds were never safe around her, especially during football season.*

*One of the strongest people I've ever known, Mary had this incredible knack for communicating without saying a word. If you are about my age you know that look, the look that is shared across the room. Mary was very intuitive and would see things others could not. I would come to her house to get some well-needed advice, and sometimes I would hate to hear what she would have to say. A lot of times I thought she would agree with me and to my surprise find out she did not.*

*The love she had for her sister, my mom, Dianne Erkens, was something special. Even though Mom was older, they both watched over each other constantly. I remember one time Mary calling just to remind me about something important for Mom. And then, during that awful time when Mom was so sick with COVID, a time of real fear for all of us, I stopped by to see Mary. She pulled me close in the corner of the room, she stuck a little manila envelope into my hand, forcing my hand closed, telling me to open it in the car. (it almost felt like we were under cover) Inside was a handwritten note and some money for my return trip. She always wanted to help but*

*in secret. She was so afraid for mom and was so thankful we all were there.*

*Even when Mary was not feeling well she never complained. Life is what life is. This is the way I feel she saw things. She was a realist. Heavens newest feisty angel. I love you!*

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**Rhonda Ludwig** - February 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM

VA

“ *My mom, Dianne Erkens was Mary sister. We had alot of great times out at the farm, from shooting fire works, to being chased by the geese.*

*Mary helped me start a trophy business in Michigan.*

*She definitely always was they're to help anyone out that was in need.*

*She was a strong leader at the AA group in Cold Spring.*

*Every time we came into town my sons, Grant and Garrett enjoyed fishing with her and visiting. She could fry sun fish like nobody business.*

*Love you Auntie Mary!*

*You are missed. RIP you have earned your wings-*

*Veronica (Erkens) Allbaugh*

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**Veronica Allbaugh** - February 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DK

“ *Sending you our thoughts and sympathy in your loss of Maryann! Will keep her in our prayers! Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with her! Love Donna and John Knaus*

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**Donna J Knaus** - February 18, 2025 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ I met Mary in 1980 and ALWAYS enjoyed seeing her over the years. She did a lot of trophies and plaques for us and became a very dear friend. We extend our Deepest Sympathies to Vince and the Family. Heaven just received another angle!

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**Jeff & Marlene Bertram** - February 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM

KW

“ My sympathies go out to Maryann's family.  
R.I.P. Maryann.

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**Karen Wenner** - February 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM