



Mary VanVaerenberghe

January 23, 2026

Mary Louise VanVaerenberghe of Wallaceburg passed away peacefully at the CKHA in Chatham on Friday, January 23, 2026 at the age of 87. Mary was the daughter of the late Cornelius and Louise (Danekaert) VanBastelaar. Beloved wife of the late Roger Marcel VanVaerenberghe. Loving mother of Theresa Simpson (late Gary), Cathy Marcolin (late Roger), Darlene Heath (Ron) and Mike VanVaerenberghe (Sandra). Cherished grandmother of Kristy, Lee, Lindsay, Ryan, Greg, Laura, Ben, Trevor, Jeff, Brittany, Chris and Brandon and 24 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brothers Alphonse, Cyril, Gerardus and Maurice VanBastelaar and sisters Elizabeth Ostachuk, Elsie Rottier and Annie Labadie. Mary had retired from Libbey Glass and Dresden Cannery. She enjoyed gardening and was a 44 year member of the Catholic Women's League and volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul. Mary was a wonderful grandmother, following her grandchildren and great grandchildren in all of their activities.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 2-4 & 6-8 PM on Tuesday, January 27. The Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Wednesday, January 28 at 11 AM. Interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kevin Babcock lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Kevin Babcock - February 27 at 12:41 PM

DS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Many memories of this beautiful lady. Condolences to your family.*



Dan Stratton - January 31 at 09:10 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Tim Bechard - January 30 at 09:06 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Kathy Turner - January 30 at 09:05 PM

CT

“ *My deepest condolences to Mary's Family and Friends. Cheryl (Koekhuyt) Telford*

Cheryl Telford - January 28 at 06:48 PM

BL

“ *Sincere condolences to all of Mary's family, such a lovely lady!*



Bev and Steve Lozon - January 28 at 01:20 PM

KV

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mary's family and friends.*

Kim and Rick Vancoillie - January 28 at 09:04 AM

LD

“ *So sorry for your Family's Loss. Sending my Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to all who loved her. May She REST PEACEFULLY*



Luanne Dubuque - January 27 at 08:15 PM

DH

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Don and Audrey Hind - January 27 at 06:53 PM

IM

“ Sincere condolences to my cousins on the loss of your mom and my Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary was a very kind, generous and so personable to everyone. It was a pleasure seeing her this summer at Ray’s- always so happy. Our sympathies to everyone.

Irene and Jim McClymont

Irene McClymont - January 27 at 03:19 PM

CF

“ Sympathies to the VanVaerenberghe family. Our thoughts are with you all.

Chris & Carol Foster - January 27 at 01:19 PM

LN

“ My sincere condolences to the family
Hold on and be strong my god continue to keep u all throughout this difficult time
Mary u are gone but u won't be forgotten
U will always be in our hearts

Leighton Nugent - January 27 at 01:15 PM

TH

“ So sorry for you loss. Extending our sincere sympathy to all the family.



Tami Holder - January 27 at 12:52 PM

HH

“ To Mary's Family Please accept my condolences



Harvey Handsor - January 27 at 12:21 PM

BK

“ Bill and Michele Keech lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



Bill and Michele Keech - January 27 at 10:35 AM

YL

“ Mary was my dad's first cousin. When ever we saw Mary you always got a big smile and a hug. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. ❤️.

Yvonne (DeRooy) and Vic Lavoie

Yvonne Lavoie - January 27 at 08:08 AM

CV

“ *Cathy, Dar, Theresa, Mike and families. My deepest sympathy to all of you on the sudden passing of your Mom/Grandma. Mary was a kind and pleasant woman with a warm smile. She always looked great keeping strong and fit even in her elder years.*

So sorry for your loss. I know she will remain a special part in your hearts.

*With Love,
Carol*



Carol VanRuymbeke - January 26 at 09:07 PM

GV

“ *My condolences to all of the family. Mary was a wonderful lady, always had a smile. Many fond memories from the Glass Factory.*

Gerald Vandeweghe - January 26 at 05:37 PM

GV

“ *Gerald Vandeweghe lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Gerald Vandeweghe - January 26 at 05:35 PM

LR

“ Aunt Mary is my mothers' (Annie Labadie) youngest sister, and my last surviving Aunt. She holds a special place in my heart, with her "big VanBastelaar smile" and a laugh that reminds me so much of my mother.

In October 2023, we were truly blessed to have Aunt Mary, Cathy and Theresa come and visit us here in Niagara. The memories of that precious time spent together over food and wine, and many laughs, will remain with me forever.

May you Rest in Peace Aunt Mary.

Sending love and hugs to cousins Cathy, Theresa, Darlene and Mike and families.

Our sincere condolences

*Louanne and Ken Rudisuela
and family*

Louanne Rudisuela - January 26 at 03:04 PM

PC

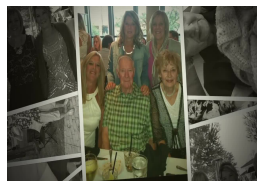
“ Theresa, Cathy, Dar, Mike and families I am so sorry to see your mom had passed. She was the sweetest lady and I know she loved all of you immensely. Thinking of you all.

Patti & Stretchy xoxo

patti coveny - January 26 at 01:43 PM

HAYCOCK
[CAVANAGH]
FUNERAL HOME

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 26 at 01:02 PM

MD

Theresa so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Thinking of you at this time. God keep you. Marlene Dell

Marlene Dell - January 26 at 09:30 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bev Buchser - January 26 at 12:04 PM

BB

“ *Every Memory I have of Aunt Mary was Lovely. She and Uncle Roger were always so kind to me each and every time I saw them. They were my Godparents and Mary was my Grandmother Bessie's sister. Although I did not see them often in my adult years, my childhood & teen years hold such fond memories of going to Wallaceburg and seeing them and my cousins Theresa, Cathy, Darlene and Mike. I was so happy I got to see Aunt Mary this past summer, she was as happy & kind as ever. To me, she looked so much like her sister, my grandma, it felt like I was hugging her too. I said this to Aunt Mary and she laughed and hugged me again. Such a beautiful laugh and smile she had. I am so grateful for that memory. With Love and Condolences to All the VanVaerenberghe Family Love from Bev Buchser & husband Brad*



Bev Buchser - January 26 at 12:00 PM

RC

“ To the VanVaerenberghe family my sincerest condolences .We were next door neighbours on Lawrence Ave. Again so sorry for your loss.
Bob Copeland

Robert Copeand - January 26 at 11:46 AM

DC

“ Mary was always a loving sweet woman. I respected her so much .. I always loved her . I still have gifts she bought me and when I see them I think so fondly of her... a beautiful friend with a heart of gold.. I will always treasure our fun times laughs and memories ... and I will forever miss and love you Mary
Condolences to Mary's family .

Donna and Ron Courteaux - January 26 at 11:42 AM

MB

“ Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen - January 26 at 11:01 AM

NM

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. Condolences to the family.



Neila McClinton - January 26 at 10:50 AM

TE

“ We are sorry to hear this news about Mary and extend our sincere condolences to all of her family and friends. May she rest in Peace.

Tim and Lisa English - January 26 at 10:18 AM

CD

“ My condolences to the family.



Cari DeKort - January 26 at 10:13 AM

TG

“ Our deepest sympathies to Theresa, Cathy, Dar and Mike and your families at the loss of such a wonderful presence in your lives. Mary was fun and kind and very thoughtful, and we will miss her beautiful smile.

Trish and Grady - January 26 at 10:11 AM

TP

“ Tammy and Bryan Poissant lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



Tammy and Bryan Poissant - January 26 at 07:37 AM

JS

“ *Condolences to the family, Jean Schaffer*



Jean Schaffer - January 25 at 08:30 PM

AM

“ *Cathy and family, my heart felt condolences to all of you.*

May Mary R.I.P. such are nice lady.

Sincerely,

Allon Meredith



Allon Meredith - January 25 at 04:09 PM

MJ

“ *Sending our condolences to the Van Vaerenberghe family. Very sorry for your loss*

Michael Phinney/Cheryl Johnson - January 25 at 03:44 PM

RY

“ *Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - January 25 at 01:09 PM

ST

“ *Sending condolences and hugs to all the VanVaerenberghes. So happy that we could visit at our cousins lunches and have Mary in attendance. Take Care!* ”

Sue Moran & Ron Taylor - January 25 at 01:03 PM

LR

“ *Linda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Linda Richardson - January 25 at 12:16 PM

ET

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, Mary will be missed, I remember the good times my wife and I had visiting and playing cards with Mary and Roger, rest in peace my friend* ”

Etienne Tack - January 25 at 12:06 PM

ET

“ *Etienne Tack lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Etienne Tack - January 25 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ So sorry on the loss of your beautiful Mother .
Sally&Gary Lucier



Sally Lucier - January 25 at 11:31 AM

EB

“ Mary will always be remembered as a wonderful and kind family member.
My childhood memories of the many visits between our households will never be forgotten.
This past summer was a cherished family get together hosted by (brother) Ray & Jodi Van Bastelaar's Port Lambton property, was both timely and enjoyable.
My wife Lisa really enjoyed meeting her.
Mary was her " happy self".
Roger and Mary were my " God Parents" and it was a privilege to be their " God Child".
Rest in Peace Mary
Ed and Lisa Van Bastelaar

Edward Van Bastelaar - January 25 at 11:24 AM

MD

“ Mary Deroeven lit a candle in memory of
Mary VanVaerenberghe



Mary Deroeven - January 25 at 10:37 AM

KA

“ *My condolences to all the families*



Karen - January 25 at 08:58 AM

SL

“ *Theresa and family, We are very sorry to learn of your loss. Our sincere condolences. Scott and Lucie Low.*

Scott Low - January 25 at 08:57 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Tracy Shaw - January 25 at 08:44 AM

LP

“ *Lola and Matt Pamer lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Lola and Matt Pamer - January 25 at 08:14 AM



George McGaffey

“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



George McGaffey - January 25 at 08:12 AM



PM

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. Condolences to the family



Patricia Morrow - January 25 at 07:41 AM



SC

“ My deepest condolences to Mary's family. I will miss her coming into the salon. Chatting about our flowers and her family etc. Lovely lady.
Sarah

Sarah Copeland - January 25 at 01:27 AM

KK

“ *Mary was such a wonderful neighbour. Many days we would come home from work to find our garbage pail and recycling bins neatly stacked by the garage.*



She was incredibly kind and always greeted us with a smile. She truly had the best lawn in the entire neighbourhood. I do not think a single leaf ever touched that grass.

Mary looked out for us and always had small, thoughtful gifts for our child. I am very sad to hear of her passing. She will be deeply missed.

Krystina Kokhna - January 24 at 11:16 PM

LN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Leighton Nugent - January 24 at 10:39 PM

AP

“ *Anibal and Paula lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe*



Anibal and Paula - January 24 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ Dear Darlene and family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom, may the angels surround you in your time of need.

Jay jones and Sue Heath

sue heath - January 24 at 06:14 PM

CB

“ My Condolences to Mary's Family



Cheryl Burroughs - January 24 at 06:06 PM

CM

“ Carol & Bill Van Mil lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



Carol & Bill Van Mil - January 24 at 05:15 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Gallerno lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe



Carolyn Gallerno - January 24 at 04:50 PM

KC

“ *My condolences to her family and friends.* ”



Kathy & Greg Charron - January 24 at 04:40 PM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Sherry VanGeersdaele - January 24 at 04:35 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Gerry Flynn - January 24 at 03:31 PM

ED

“ *Sending all our prayers, strength and love to entire family. She was such a wonderfully kind and sweet woman. She will be sorely missed.* ”



Eddie, Tracy, Helanna and Danni - January 24 at 03:17 PM

BW

“ *Sending sincere condolences to Mary’s family.* ”



Brenda Wilson - January 24 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ *Marlene Bushey lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Marlene Bushey - January 24 at 02:50 PM

HH

“ *Henry & Carolyn Van Haren sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Henry & Carolyn Van Haren - January 24 at 02:46 PM

HH

“ *Henry & Carolyn Van Haren lit a candle in memory of Mary VanVaerenberghe* ”



Henry & Carolyn Van Haren - January 24 at 02:45 PM