



Mary Frances Kelley

July 31, 1940 - December 8, 2025

Mary Frances Kelley, 85, passed away on December 8, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. John W. and Heddy Sabo, and by her husband, Captain Richard M. Sroka.

She is survived by her children, Sara Sroka Kihn, Sean Kelley (Deana), and Katie Kelley Berumen (Anthony); and by her cherished grandchildren, Evan Kihn, Morgan Kihn, Anthony Berumen Jr., and Lily Berumen. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses, Jeanne Finn (John), John Sabo Jr. (Linda), Annette Charron (Frank), and Celine Sabo.

Mary Frances was born in Pueblo, Colorado. A lifelong parishioner of the Shrine of St. Therese, she attended elementary school there and graduated from Pueblo Catholic High in 1958. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, where she also met her future husband, Capt. Richard M. Sroka.

Mary Frances dedicated thirty years to teaching in Pueblo City Schools/District 60. During her career she earned a Master of Education from the University of Northern Colorado. After retiring, she continued her studies at Santa Clara University, focusing on Pastoral Liturgy, and later shared that knowledge through St. Paul the Apostle's religious education program.

Mary treasured her friendships and especially loved spending time with her lifelong friends from Pueblo Catholic High.

A rosary for Mary Frances will be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 30, 2025, at the Shrine of St. Therese, 300 Goodnight Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004, followed

by a funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St.
Therese Catholic School, 320 Goodnight Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

Cemetery Details

Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Previous Events

Rosary Followed by Funeral Mass

DEC 30. 9:30 AM (MT)

Shrine of St. Therese
300 Goodnight
Pueblo, CO 81004

Inurnment

DEC 30. 11:45 AM (MT)

Rosealwn Cemetery
1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall

LR

“ I am heartbroken to hear about Mary Frances. She was a frequent visitor at the Starbucks I worked at a couple of years ago. She would always get 4 Americanos and some treats. I looked forward to seeing her every week, she had the sweetest smile and laugh. She was always so nice. My condolences to her family. May she rest in peace❤️

Lauren Reyes - February 23 at 11:17 PM

DL

“ Mary Fran was my very very best friend...we met in college and were best friends then and still are. Mary Fran experienced losing a husband (married only two years)and lost him to the Viet Nam war. She was devastated but "moved on" and became a Mother to Sarah (shortly after her husband's death.)Mary Fran loved being a social science major and high school teacher (for many years). In each of her roles, she "excelled.! I never knew Mary to complain or give up on her challenges in life. I still cannot believed she has passed but her unforgettable, fun loving and spiritual life will never be forgotten.

Donna Larson - January 15 at 07:48 PM



“ Miss Sabo, as we knew her, was my 6th grade teacher at Somerlid, in the 1962-63 school year. She took an interest in me and my fellow clowns in that year, and was so good at tolerating our 6th grade antics and bringing us back to what we had to learn It may have been her rookie year as a teacher. I've never forgotten her. She was a wonderful teacher. Deepest sympathy to all her family. Mack and Mary Rae (Neari) Staton

Mack Staton - December 27, 2025 at 09:30 PM

PG

*I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing- yet happy she has gone to her Glorious home in heaven! I've known Mary Frances for many, many years through our ministry at St. Therese. She was a faithful and dedicated Christian Catholic through it all. We were always happy to see one another and share stories. I pray peace and wonderful memories for her family.
Rest well, my friend. 🕊*

paula Giordano - December 28, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BK

“ *Mary Frances was a sweet and dear soul. May she rest in eternal peace.*

Betz Krutak - December 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Kelley.*



December 26, 2025 at 02:10 PM

PF

“ *Printz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Kelley.*

Printz Family - December 26, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LK

“ *Lars, Heidi, Neena Krutak purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Frances Kelley.*



Lars, Heidi, Neena Krutak - December 26, 2025 at 07:36 AM

MS

“ *Mary Frances was a gem and I loved visiting with her! My condolences to the entire family!*

Mimi Short - December 22, 2025 at 07:19 PM