



Mary A. Burant

June 12, 1936 - November 10, 2023

Mary (Lucas) Burant, age 87, passed away surrounded by her loving family on November 10, 2023.

Mary was born on June 12, 1936 in Chicago, IL to the late Frank and Marybelle (O'Brien) Lucas. The family moved to Stevens Point, WI in 1941. Mary attended high school at St. Joseph's Academy. At the end of her junior year she was accepted as a special student to UW Stevens Point in 1957 where she earned her Bachelor's degree in education.

While at UW Stevens Point, Mary met the love of her life, Donald Burant. They married on July 19, 1958 at St Stephens Catholic Church in Stevens Point, WI. They were blessed with three wonderful daughters, Margie, Jeanne, and Nancy, who made her very proud.

Mary earned her master's degree in reading at UW Milwaukee while raising her children. She taught at Lowell Elementary in Madison for a short time. The majority of her career was spent in the Racine Unified School District at Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary and Goodland Elementary Schools. There, she was a reading specialist and 1st grade teacher, as well as a summer school teacher and tutor. She was incredibly proud of being named Teacher of the Year in 1985. Mary retired from teaching in 1990.

In her retirement, Mary pursued her lifelong dream of becoming an artist. She took classes at Wustum Museum and at Elderhostels across the United States to learn about painting. She soon became well known in Racine and throughout Wisconsin for her floral watercolors. She, along with her husband, Don, participated in art fairs around the state. Don did all of the matting and framing of her art. Her works were selected to be in Watercolor Wisconsin 17 times. She also became involved in the artist community in Racine. She was the head of the Racine 6th Street Art Walk for two years and was a member of the Wustum Art Museum as well as the Racine Art Guild. Mary was a founding member of the Artist's Gallery in Racine and Friends of Seniors. In 1998, she was named by The Racine Journal Times as one of the "5 who made a Difference." Mary and Don vacationed for many winters in Florida where Mary also took art classes. She never tired of learning new techniques and explored abstract, collage, and alcohol ink painting.

Mary was never happier than when surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Donald Burant, and their children, Margie (Bob) Milius of Elk River, MN, Jeanne (Doug) Jones of Burnsville, MN, and Nancy (Bob) Margis of Racine,. Her Grandchildren: Jessica (Mac) Matza, Alex Kissner, Katie (Nathan) Panka, Ryan Jones, Rachel (JP Dentino) Margis, Jayme (Anh) Pham, Andy Jones and great grandchildren Ava Pham and Everett Panka. She is also survived by her beloved brother and sister-in-law, John and Shirley Lucas and many nieces and nephews including Kathy (Jim) and Stephanie March and Christine (Brian Grondin) Lucas and Luc Grondin.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the wonderful caregivers at Primrose Retirement Community for the love and care she received over the past 8 years. They would also like to extend a special thank you to Hospice Alliance.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 11:30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2201 Northwestern Ave, Racine, WI. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the church from 10:00 until the time of service. Private interment will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

Racine, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2201 Northwestern Ave
Racine, WI

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary A. Burant*



Sturino Funeral Home - November 14, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.*



November 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.*



November 17, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ Mary had painted this lovely lady one of the only people she painted standing in her bridal white lace dress. It looked just like me a few years back. I told her she had drawn me into her life before she even knew me!!! Oh we would laugh about that!! Your laugh is locked in my brain!! 🌸🥰🙏

Felicia Heckel - November 17, 2023 at 04:47 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.



November 16, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.



November 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM

DR

“ Wonderful lady. She helped me a great deal when I first started painting watercolors and showing at art fairs. I will miss her.

Don Ricchio - November 14, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ 133 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - November 14, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mary A. Burant*.



November 14, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary A. Burant*.



November 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

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“ To my godmother, Aunt Mary. The world just doesn't feel the same without you in it. Your aging soft smiling spirit and ever-encouraging welcome to us (particularly Lucas who reminded you of Johnny) were always a reminder that life was good, and learning was important. We will miss your opinions and your candor, and everything that made you you. Rest in peace Aunt Mary. You were loved❤️.



Christine Lucas - November 13, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.



November 13, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary A. Burant.

November 13, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary A. Burant.



November 13, 2023 at 03:02 PM