



Mary Ann Meyer

January 8, 1934 - February 13, 2021

Mary Ann Meyer

A much-loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, and sister; Mary Ann Meyer, 87, of Racine, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at her home on February 13, 2021. She bravely confronted and fought Primary Myelofibrosis, dementia, and declining health in the last two years of her life. She showed us how to face life and its challenges with a calm spirit that will live on in all of us. She was born on January 8, 1934, in Kenosha, WI, graduating from Bradford High School in 1952, then resided in Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia for 66 years.

Mary Ann married her beloved husband Ronald 'Bud' Meyer at St. Sebastian's Congregation in Sturtevant, WI on January 16, 1954. They had seven children and fostered 16 babies for Catholic Charities which she absolutely loved and cherished. Nothing made her happier than having a baby in her arms. Mary Ann and her husband owned and operated a truck farm where she worked many days together with Bud delivering produce in a stake bed truck to Piggly Wiggly stores across Racine, usually with a baby in tow alongside her. She maintained the most beautiful landscape and wildflower gardens on the Meyer Farm. Mary Ann always said her time on the farm and raising her children were the best of all times!

In past years, Mary Ann was active in her church and community. She was a past President of Goodwill Volunteers and a Dale Carnegie assistant instructor. She volunteered her time at the Franksville Kraut Festival,

managed a fundraising booth for Goodwill, and painted a detailed farm scene for the main stage honoring the farming community, which was featured in the Racine Journal Times. She and Bud were past recipients of the Franksville Businessmen's Association Community Service Award. Mary Ann loved dancing, gardening, floral arranging, enjoyed crocheting, and was an exceptional seamstress. Her cooking was out of this world and our home was filled with the most incredible aroma's from Mom's bustling kitchen. The summer BBQs and family reunions were a huge hit, even hosting their daughter's wedding under a big tent. There was always a hot meal on the table and an open door welcoming All. Many people were gifted with her crocheted afghans and gorgeous flower arrangements created for her daughter's and friends' weddings. Mary Ann sewed her daughters' formal dresses and even an equestrian outfit for a horse competition at the Racine County Fair. She enjoyed their monthly Card Club group of close friends betting pennies, nickels, sometimes dimes, and then back to nickels for more than six decades.

She is predeceased by her parents Mike & Mary (nee: Caruso) Rizzo, son Robert 'Bobby' Meyer, and sister Janice Trossen.

Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Bud; sons Michael (Julie) Meyer of San Antonio, TX and Kim Meyer of Kansasville; daughters Shawn (Mario) Denoto of Kansasville, Tamara (Brian) Jackson of Toluca Lake, CA, Deborah Meyer of Salida, CO and Gina Meyer of Fox Lake, IL; grandchildren Amanda (Omar) Rivera, Mateo and Owen Denoto, Robert (R.J.) and Brooklyn Meyer-Shaffer, great-grandchild Michael Rivera, her brother John (Heidi) Rizzo and sister Frances Haaland.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Sana Jeffreys, her staff and the outstanding hospice team for their expertise and caring for Mary Ann these past years. Our most heartfelt thank you to Jenny Bodio, Mom's live-in caregiver, for your constant love, compassion, and exceptional care. Mary Ann wanted to spend her final days at home and with Jenny's tremendous support we were able to fulfill her final wish. Mom loved

Jenny, and our family will be forever grateful.

For those wishing to remember Mary Ann in a special way, in lieu of flowers, donations to Careers Industries at careersindustries.com or St. Sebastian Parish at stsebracine.org are suggested.

Due to the coronavirus and our desire to keep everyone sheltered and safe, a private service and burial were held with the immediate family at West Lawn Cemetery. An outdoor celebration of Mary Ann's life will be held at a later date with family and friends so we can all gather safely.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Meyer*



Sturino Funeral Home - February 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DM

My beautiful, talented, most generous mother. She taught me so much and will be missed. Love, her daughter Deborah

deborah meyer - February 20, 2021 at 07:09 PM

CW

What beautiful pictures, so many wonderful memories 💖. What an amazing tribute for Aunt Mary Ann. I will miss her so very much. She always had the sweetest smile and Love for everyone. I spent many weekends in her home and always felt so loved and welcomed. I was always in awe of her as she not only took care of her own family, but many times when I was there, she also took care of foster babies, who were so in need of her love 💕.

Her cooking was so absolutely awesome (she is full blooded Italian) and she loved to cook!! We had many family get togethers at their home and enjoyed them tremendously.

I was also the proud recipient of two gorgeous afghans that I still enjoy today. I have watched her create her gorgeous floral arrangements and I was so in awe of her. She was such a loving, giving, sweet Aunt who I will miss so very much. 😔💕🙏 Rest in Peace Aunt Mary Ann.

Love , Cindy and Bill

Cindy Wilson - February 21, 2021 at 06:14 PM

RR

Mary Ann was like a second mother to me growing up. Such a sweet woman, hardworking and dedicated to her family. She had the most amazing flower garden.

Godspeed to her, and much love to her family. ~Becky Ryan

Rebecca Ryan - February 22, 2021 at 06:26 PM

GM

“*Maryann Meyer, my Mom, the absolute strongest and hardest working woman that I have ever known. Mom had seven children, countless foster babies including twins (all of which were a dream of hers), continuously volunteering wherever and whenever it was needed, always had a clean house, created and cared for the most beautiful yard every year without fail.. all while cooking, cleaning, taking care of her family and friends and working on the farm. Our Sunday suppers which she usually spent the weekend cooking for, were out of this world!*

Our house was one where the door was always open (in the good old days, this was literal) and people would stop, walk in and Mom was there to welcome them, sit them down, give them a meal and chat. Something taken for granted at the time, but looking back, one relishes in the memory of a home that was always warm, inviting and smelled of the most amazing worldly cuisines.

Something only few know about her, for much of her life she lived in pain – multiple back, hip, and neck surgeries with multiple health issues, but she never complained and never stopped. She was fearless, selfless, beautiful, strong, artistic, talented, passionate, and simply amazing. Incredibly loved, greatly missed. Your loving daughter, GG

Gina Meyer - March 15, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MM

Tasty Italian gravy @ the traditional Christmas eve gatherings with friends and family

Mark David Miller - February 22 at 07:49 PM

PK

“*Mary Ann and I were more like Sisters than just friends. Our kids grew up together and their daughter Debbie is our Godchild. One year our guys took all the kids to the fireworks in Racine while Mary Ann and I stayed home. We thought we heard a noise in the garage. So being two brave people to see what was it was we opened the door and there was a big Horse staring us the in the face. Needless to say these two brave people slammed the door shut. Oh! And locked it. Then we prayed for the guys to come back Soon. Come to find out the horse belonged to a neighbor. We laughed about that for years.*

Pat Kroes - February 28, 2021 at 12:23 PM

BU

A beautiful remembrance Pat. Thank you.....Bud

Bud - April 01, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LI

“ Aunt Mary Ann wore her hair long before it was fashionable, including on her wedding day, age twenty, with a tiara and veil. She was traditional, yet never reticent. Her sense of humor evolved later on. Italian (Rizzo), she only cooked only Italian food that I remember, especially lasagna. She was artistic. For a large family gathering she made place cards with colored pencils, every card completely different. She could draw roses, the hardest flower to draw. Aunt Micki said Aunt Mary Ann wasn't a great traveling companion. However, she raised great children, Michael, Shawn, Tamara, Gina, Debby, and Kim. Sincere condolences to the Meyer family and hope for a reunion to mark Mary Ann's life.

Linda - February 25, 2021 at 06:21 PM

SC

“ As a young teenager I spent a lot of time at the Meyer Homestead. What a warm home and much of it due to this beautiful person. What a life well spent. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Sandy Carlson

Sandy Carlson - February 22, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Meyer.



February 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM

ND

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Bud, Kim, Mike, Tammy, Debbie, Shawn, & Gina.. Mary Ann was a great family friend, wonderful lady, always had a ready smile and a knowing look in her eye! Many memories, especially that she handled the flowers for my wedding. Tiny, but mighty...

Nancy Duthie - February 21, 2021 at 02:05 PM

BM

“ A loved wife and mother



Bud Meyer - February 21, 2021 at 10:27 AM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



deborah meyer - February 20, 2021 at 07:20 PM

CW

I will so miss my sweet, loving, dear Aunt Mary Ann. Love you!!
Your niece Cindy. xoxo

Cindy A Wilson - February 26, 2021 at 05:03 PM