

In Loving Memory of
Mary Ann Berning

I want you to miss me a while,
then you must let me go.
Because someday I will greet you here.
I simply know.



Born
August 10, 1934
Graettinger, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
October 22, 2022
Shenandoah, Iowa



Mass of Christian Burial from
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant
Rev. Tom Thakadipuram

Lector
Pete Wenstrand

Memorial Register *Caring for Flowers*
Barbara Cox Genene Fienup

Ushers
Richard Hunt Norb Martin

Organist *Cantors*
Mary Beth Gowling Tommy & Sue Hanna

Gift Bearers
Jennifer Fletcher Brooke Berning-Roush
Madison Berning

Casket Bearers
Nick Berning Cody Berning Luke Berning
Chris Jones Will Berning Jackson Berning

Interment
Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

In Lieu of Flowers Memorials
St. Mary's Catholic Church or
Shenandoah Food Pantry

Following the committal service at the cemetery everyone is welcome back to the church hall for lunch and fellowship.

Mary Ann Berning was born on August 10, 1934, in Graettinger, Iowa, the oldest of thirteen children to Adolph F. Kilian and Caroline Mary Garman. Mary Ann passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, October 22, 2022, in Shenandoah, Iowa at the age of 88 years.

Mary Ann's early years were spent on farms in Minnesota. She moved to Milford, Iowa in 1949 at the age of 15 and graduated from Milford High School in 1952. She married William B. Berning on January 12, 1953, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, Iowa. After various moves, they settled in Shenandoah in the early 1960s. To this union, five sons were born.

With her husband Bill, they owned and operated the Berning Café from 1961 to 1985. With her outgoing and vibrant personality, Mary Ann worked in every capacity. After leaving the restaurant she worked at Ladies Apparel and Mae Farmers until landing her dream job at Central Surveys where she could chat with people from various facets of life.

Mary Ann was active in the St. Mary's Catholic church guild and a member of the Business Professional Women (BPW). Her hobbies were ceramics, being an avid reader, tandem biking with her husband, Bill; and flying with him on many trips from Iowa to South Dakota and Florida in their two-seated airplane named "Honey Bunny".

She was welcomed into heaven by her parents, Adolph and Caroline Kilian, and brothers Robert and Paul Kilian. Those left to cherish her memory include her beloved husband Bill of 69 years of Shenandoah; sons Stephen (Nancy) of Shenandoah, Michael of Forest Hills, NY, Mark of New York City, James (Karen) of Omaha, and Paul (Deanna) of Shenandoah; nine grandchildren Jennifer, Nicholas, Lucas, Brooke, Cody, Jackson, Chris, Will, and Madison; ten great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends. Mary had a spirit for adventure and traveling and a deep love of family. She will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched.