



Mary Ann O'Mara

August 22, 1928 - May 23, 2017

Mary Ann Bonnen O'Mara – died Tuesday, May 23, 2017. 88 years of age.

Her love of education and willingness to share that with her family has carried long into the lives of her children. She kept full sets of the old Child Craft and Funk & Wagnalls encyclopedias, as well as her trusty dictionary, on the bookshelf next to her chair in the den. She instilled in her children and grandchildren a love of learning and a respect for knowledge, and neither was quelled within her. She was a faithful reader of her daily newspaper, and a voracious reader besides.

Mom was often the “cushion” between a loving (but sometimes stern) father and his loving (but sometimes unruly) children. Don't anybody tell Dad, but there were plenty of, oh, let's call them “incidents” that took place while he was traveling on business that Mom kept to herself – often sparing her children the drudgery of 6 a.m. Saturday rock-hauling in the backyard.

Mary was born August 22, 1928, in Bryan, Texas and grew up in nearby College Station, where she was raised as a Texas Aggie. She earned a bachelor's degree in business from Texas State College for Women (women weren't allowed to attend Texas A&M in those days, otherwise...) in 1949 before launching her life-long, full-time career as a devoted wife and mother.

Mom and Dad were married on September 6, 1949, in College Station, then commenced a six-state adventure where they finally settled down in Arkansas. Dad fell in love with fishing on Beaver Lake, while Mom couldn't get enough of walking among the trees, enjoying bird watching ("That IS a pileated woodpecker!") and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a devoted member of St. Raphael Catholic Church since the family moved to Springdale. She had served on the Parish Council and was an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She was a member of the Altar Society and the Sewing Group, as well as Right To Life.

On Tuesday, Mom was greeted in heaven by her devoted husband, W.D. O'Mara, with whom she has 17 years of catching up to do; her parents, C.A. and Alice Bonnen; and her three brothers, Jim, Jerry and David Bonnen.

Those who remain to cherish her memory include two sisters, Marty Dixon of Houston, Texas; Patsy Boughton of Sugar City, Idaho; two daughters, Patsy O'Mara and Marty Yarbrough, both of Springdale; six sons, Mike O'Mara of Cedarville, Roger O'Mara of Fayetteville, Jim O'Mara of Bella Vista, Ralph O'Mara of Springdale, Andy O'Mara of Beebe, and Dan O'Mara of Columbia, S.C.; four daughters-in-law whom she loved as her own, Glenanna O'Mara of Cedarville, Lottie O'Mara of Bella Vista, Connie O'Mara of Springdale, and Sheila O'Mara of Columbia, S.C.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, with visitation to follow from 6 to 7 p.m., both at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale, with interment to follow at Fayetteville National Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the caring and devoted professionals at Circle of Life Hospice, especially Holly, for making Mom's last few months just that much less painful and stressful. Your commitment to her care made it possible to fulfill her greatest wish – to live out her life at home. We ask that memorial donations be made to Circle of Life Hospice at nwacircleoflife.com, or by mail at 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.

“Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don’t remember me at all.” –
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 25. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church
1386 S. W. End St.
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann O'Mara*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Patsy,*

*I am so sorry for your family's loss. We have but one mom.
Hold on to all your precious memories...she was a beautiful lady
both inside and outside.*

*Love,
Nancy Johnson*

Nancy Johnson - May 26, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Roger and the family! Jim Hawkins*

Jim hawkins - May 26, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *Condolences to you Mike, your family and Glenanna. This is a time
we all know is coming but it's hard, nevertheless. Mothers are
special in many ways.*

*The obituary was a sweet reminder of all the time growing up in a
lively family and her ever present influence. Keep those great
memories and remember her in your prayers.*

*My sympathy,
Mary Safranek*

Mary Safranek - May 26, 2017 at 09:10 AM

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“ PRAYERS FOR THE EXTENDED FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF MARY. WE RAISED OUR CHILDREN IN SPRINGDALE SCHOOLS. DAN DATED OUR DAUGHTER HOLLY HARRISON IN HIGH SCHOOL. A PRETTY MEMORY WITH HE AND HOLLY ALL DRESSED FOR THE PROM IS IN OUR CARE HERE. WE HAVE NOTHING BUT WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THEM ALL.

RONDELL " RON " HARRISON - May 25, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann O'Mara.



May 25, 2017 at 12:10 PM

LE

“ My deepest sympathies.
Lena Marshall

Lena - May 25, 2017 at 10:18 AM

BB

Comforting hugs and prayers for the O'Mara family. I'm so thankful that my dear brother in law Roger introduced me to her and the rest of the family many years ago.

Brenda Faires Blaha - May 26, 2017 at 12:04 PM