



Mary Anne Bissett Forman

January 8, 1939 - September 4, 2024

Mary Anne Bissett Forman, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on September 4, 2024, surrounded by her family, a blessing she and her family received gratefully. Born on January 8, 1939, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, she was the cherished daughter of Daniel E. McIvor and Isobel McIvor, who predeceased her.

Mary Anne's life was deeply rooted in family and faith. She was married to William Simpson Buchan Forman on November 14, 1959, in Richmond, British Columbia. They were married for 44 years, until his passing on August 5, 2004. As she said at his memorial service, their favorite thing to do was "anything they did together".

Mary Anne is remembered for her creativity and unwavering joyfulness. One of her great pleasures was gatherings with family and friends. She loved welcoming everyone into the kitchen, where all were included in cooking, creating, and celebrating. She enjoyed hosting lively New Year's Eve parties, backyard gatherings, and family celebrations. She was at ease in a fine restaurant and peeling logs on the beach at the edge of a forest, always eager to share experiences and laughter.

Mary Anne was passionate about nurturing the imaginations and faith of children through art projects, co-leading Catacomb Club; a community after

school Bible Program, and co-leading her church Christian Education Committee with her husband. She loved telling the children's story during church services, and using that opportunity to share the gospel with young children. She volunteered with the Alcohol Drug Education Service (ADES) to support their work with youth. In her later years in Lynden she enjoyed tending to her garden and sharing it with the children in her neighborhood.

Mary Anne was also an avid baker, known for her pies and cakes, homemade bread, and Christmas cookies. Her grandchildren could count on going home from grandmas with a few "extra" bags of cookies for the coming days. Family breakfasts and dinners were a hallmark of her commitment to time together, and when an irresistible song came on the radio, swing dancing was added to the mix.

Mary Anne was a committed member of her couples Bible study group for over 30 years and actively participated in a women's fellowship group. Her morning routine always included her Bible, a testament to her steadfast faith.

Mary Anne is survived by her four loving daughters, Elizabeth Hamming, Wendy (Scott) Wilding, Katherine (Tom) Williams, and Heather (Dave) Johnstone; her sister, Wendy Stuart; and her eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind five nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed for her love, joy, and deep commitment to family and faith.

A service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Grace Baptist Church, Lynden, WA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Grace Baptist Church, 338 N. Park Street, Lynden, WA 98264 for Bonnie Blankets.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Elizabeth, Wendy, Catherine and Heather as well as Scott, Tom and David. your Mum both blessed and inspired me. She left an impression on everyone she met.
I am finding that WORDS, (of which Mary Anne was the best of the best), are totally inadequate to describe all that she meant to me, and Allen – and to our children.
So many happy times that will never be forgotten. So many years of intimate connection among our “STEW” group.
So many very-best-ever New Years parties in your Burnaby home, old and young together.
And now so many tears as we remember the love she shared with us.
With our deep sorrow for your loss,
Deanna on behalf of the Cazes Family

Deanna Cazes - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Mary Anne as a forever young, lovely, classy lady with a terrific sense of humour, the ability to cheer anyone up and a mischievous twinkle in her eyes that seemed to indicate that she wasn't always going to do what was expected of her. She had a good understanding of God's word and always had an insight to share. She was an encourager and a woman of wisdom. She knew how to host a great New Years Party. It was a great loss to us when she moved to the United States. She couldn't keep up with all the people she'd left behind and didn't pretend she could. Life was more barren without a word from her but she was being Mary Anne, near to her family. It was a new chapter.

I appreciate all the time I got to spend with her. She gave me good advice and buckets of laughter. I'll never forget her.

My sincere condolences to all her precious family and friends. May she live happily ever after with Bill in heaven.

Maureen Bailey - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM