



## Mary Ann Neil

August 6, 1946 - March 31, 2016

Mary Ann Neil aged 69 of Mt. Pleasant died unexpectedly on March 31, 2016 in Frankenmuth, Michigan doing what she most enjoyed—spending quality time with her family. Formerly of Ludington, Mary Ann moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2012 to live with her daughter.

Mary Ann was born August 6, 1946 in Ludington, the first child of William and Mary Neil. Mary Ann, a 1965 graduate of Ludington High School, attended Northwestern Community College earning a degree in Licensed Practical Nursing, and later earned a B.S. in Psychology from Grand Valley State University. She was employed as a counselor at Community Mental Health of Mason County and later worked as a substitute teacher in Mason and Lake Counties.

During her marriage to Roger Barnard, the loves of her life were born—Sara Nicole and Jarrett Neil Barnard. Mary Ann was a stay-at-home mom whose greatest joy were her children. Despite many challenges, she found happiness in her family and remained positive all of her life. Because of her compassionate and empathetic nature, she touched others in positive ways, especially the friends of her children, who often called her Mom. She was gentle, kindhearted, and took great pleasure in her relationships with others—always offering a ‘listening ear’ to those in need.

“God’s most precious work of art,” it has been said, “is the love of a grandmother for her grandchildren.” That was especially true of Mary Ann’s love for granddaughter, Marcilyn Jarrett Rose, whom she cherished with all of her heart. After her birth, Mary Ann found a renewed joy in life that had been missing following the loss of her son, Jarrett. Grandma and Marcilyn were constant companions who shared mutual pleasures in weekly “paint days,” Saturday cartoons, and late night snacking.

Mary Ann was a creative person whose artistic abilities spilled over into painting, pottery, and ceramics. She loved to read and she was also a “fashionista” who loved jewelry and shopping. She enjoyed nature and became an avid bird watcher. Earlier in life, Mary Ann loved camping, hiking, and boating—especially during her years while living near Hamlin Lake. Mary Ann was a devoted animal lover especially enjoying her Afghan hounds. She was a life-long Democrat. Mary Ann, who was baptized and raised in Bethany Lutheran Church, had a love of God that sustained her throughout her life.

Mary Ann is survived by daughter Sara; granddaughter Marcilyn; four siblings and their spouses, Billie and Harry Plouff of Mt. Pleasant; Dan and Julie Neil, Diann and Bob Engblade of Ludington; Marcia and Jim Schulte of Scottville.

She had a special relationship with her various caregivers over the years, including Aleisha Hernandez, Nicole Calkins, and sister-in-law Lois Lemcke. She is survived by uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends each with a special place in her heart. Preceding her in death were her son Jarrett, parents William and Mary Neil; sister-in-law Stephanie Neil; grandmother Bertha Neil; grandparents Glenn Day and Mary Bevington.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 A.M. on Friday, April 8, at Bethany Lutheran Church of Ludington with Pastor William Huether officiating. Visitation will be held at 10 AM for one hour prior to the service and, afterward,

there will be a luncheon held in the church fellowship hall. Those who wish to remember Mary Ann with a memorial contribution are asked to consider her daughter and granddaughter.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Lutheran Church  
1101 S. Madison  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Neil*



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**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - April 07, 2016 at 11:58 AM

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“ *My sister, Mary Ann, was such a kind, loving person. She loved her daughter Sara and granddaughter Marcilyn more than words can express. Even faced with physical challenges, Mary Ann remained intellectually curious and involved with life. Our entire family will miss her!*

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**Billie & Harry Plouff** - April 12, 2016 at 01:17 PM

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“ *I always treasure the great memories in my heart and you will be greatly missed. Sherry Johnson*

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**Sherry Johnson** - April 08, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - April 07, 2016 at 11:49 AM

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“ Paula, Thad, Gina, and Ted Maciuszek purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mary Ann Neil.



Paula, Thad, Gina, and Ted Maciuszek - April 06, 2016 at 06:48 PM

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“ Mary Ann had a sweet spirit, a great sense of humor, and a kind heart.



Paula Maciuszek - April 06, 2016 at 06:02 PM

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“*Maryann was a great person, we will miss u forever Jarrett s cat Thomas is doing great we still have him Maryann, I thought about all the times we had together when I would come over and help u after Jarrett passed away love u Maryann till I see u again rip*

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**autumn schwab** - April 05, 2016 at 04:49 PM