



Mary Ann Bengtson

August 3, 1942 - April 12, 2023

Mary Ann Bengtson of Storm Lake, Iowa, died peacefully in her sleep at Methodist Manor in the early morning of April 12, 2023.

A service to rejoice in her life, faith, and memory will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday April 19, 2023. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Memorials may be directed to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Ann was the daughter of Irving and (Ruby) Lorraine Becker, born August 3, 1942. She attended the Lockport, Illinois, schools, graduating with honors. She earned her bachelor's degree from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, and her Master of Arts degree from Northern Illinois University, both with honors. She married Rev. Paul S. Bengtson in 1965. Mary Ann's administrative skills led to her position as LSSI (Central Illinois Office) Congregational Resource Director and also as that agency's Flood Relief Coordinator. Her primary career was spent teaching both high school and college history and English. Mary Ann's greatest joy in life was the adoption of siblings Amy, Hildy, and Peter and then later the births of granddaughters Heather and Nicole plus great grandchildren Danny, Evan, and Delilah. She lived out her faith in many ways through presenting studies and providing

committee leadership in local congregations. In addition, she served the Lutheran women's organization (LCW) at local and national levels. She represented the Church at pan-Lutheran gatherings in Canada, Brazil, Namibia, and South Africa. Mary Ann also represented the denomination at the Vatican, with the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox faith, and at Canterbury. Those who knew her recognized Mary Ann's exceptional administrative, educational and teaching skills plus her gregarious personality...a true people person. She was preceded in death by her father, mothers, son, and sister.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Memorial Service

APR **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 18, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ Todd Carsen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.



Todd Carsen - April 18, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.



April 17, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.



April 16, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.*



April 16, 2023 at 03:16 PM



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April 15, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Jim and Betty Troutman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.*



Jim and Betty Troutman - April 15, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bengtson.*



April 14, 2023 at 07:59 PM