



Mary Frances Bunten

August 4, 1950 - April 14, 2017

Mary Frances Bunten, age 66, of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, April 14, 2017 at the Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Bill Peckman officiating. Burial will be held at St. Clement Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held from 5:00pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Mary was born August 4, 1950 in Louisiana, the daughter of Frank T. and Lucille Niemeyer Tophinke. On May 1, 1976 she married Daniel Lee Bunten at St. Clement Catholic Church. He survives.

Other survivors include children Amanda Lynn Lamb of Collinsville, IL, Jeffrey Daniel Bunten (Tamara) of Columbia and Kimberly Ann Simpson (Jay) of St. Peters; grandchildren Henrietta Lamb, Cassidy and Julia Simpson; sister Jean Volk (Rick) of Cincinnati, OH; brother John Tophinke of Nashville, TN; nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary lived in St. Clement and Bowling Green most of her life. She attended grade school at St. Clement, graduated from St. Elizabeth Academy Catholic High School in St. Louis, and in 1972 she earned her bachelor's degree in

nursing from North Eastern Missouri State in Kirksville. Upon graduation, she worked at Pike County Memorial Hospital before taking a nursing job for a year in Augusta, ME. After leaving Maine, Mary started working for Levering Hospital in Hannibal, MO, which merged with St. Elizabeth to become Hannibal Regional Hospital. Mary was a registered nurse, working in the ER, a supervisor and outpatient surgery.

Mary enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball, shopping, vacationing and traveling around the United States. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Serving as pallbearers will be Nathan Hoover, Jay Simpson, Kevin Volk, Steve Early, Chris Tophinke and Josh Early.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or St. Clement Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Bowling Green, MO 63334
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Mass of Christian Burial

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Dan, Jean, John and Families. Sorry for your loss. I always fondly remember your entire family being wonderful neighbors. And smile when I remember waiting for the school bus at the top of hill each morning. May memories bring you comfort and peace. Know that prayers are surrounding each of you.

Dan and Brenda Niemeyer - April 21, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Bunten.



April 19, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Bunten.



April 19, 2017 at 08:34 AM

AB

“ I met Mary when Amanda and I were roommates in college. She would always send and bring Amanda fun gifts to make her school years better. When I would go and visit Amanda in Bowling Green, Mary was always so sweet. One time her and I watched Soaps together all day while Amanda worked. She kept trying to feed me Pineapple Cake. She talked about Amanda, Kim, and Jeff constantly. I am so lucky to have met and been involved with your family for all of these years. xo

Angie Biondo - April 19, 2017 at 08:13 AM

JT

“ I am Mary's brother John. Mary was always the "big sis" to me growing up. As she was the oldest and almost exactly ten years older than me. She did what I thought were some pretty cool things at the time like going to High School in St. Louis and then off to College and later living in Maine for a while. She always enjoyed music and was into all the changing music trends of sixty's and seventies. (Mom and Dad were usually in disagreement on that subject however!). In later and recent years she was still the big Sis providing sound sisterly advice even when it was what you needed to hear and not necessarily what you wanted to hear. I will miss her so much.

John Topinke - April 18, 2017 at 10:21 PM

YF

“ Your Preschool Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances Bunten.



Your Preschool Family - April 18, 2017 at 07:34 PM

LN

“ I wish to express my condolences to Dan and family, to Jean and John. I haven't crossed paths with you for many years. I have fond memories of growing up next door. May Mary rest in peace. God Bless! Les Niemeyer

Leslie Niemeyer - April 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM

JJ

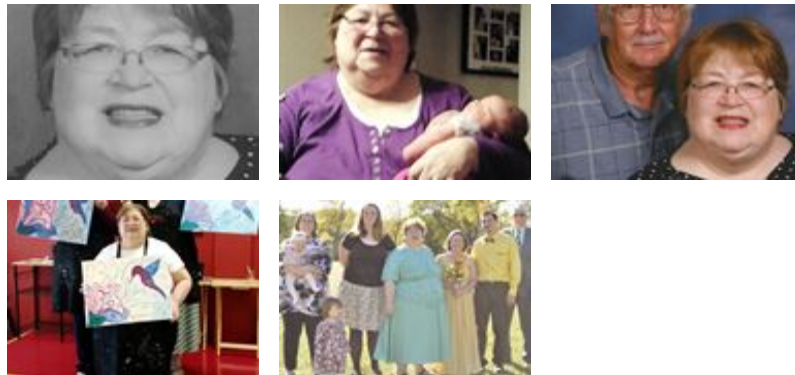
“ Jeff and Sharon Jones purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Frances Bunten.



Jeff and Sharon Jones - April 18, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - April 18, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JV

“ I am Mary's sister, Jean. She was the best sister, always thinking and doing for others. She always had the best advice on just about anything. I was at my son's house for the Easter weekend when I learned of her passing. I got home Sunday night to find an Easter card from Mary in my mail. That was the kind of six she was. I will miss her so.

Jean Volk - April 18, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ I worked with Mary at hrh. She was a lovely person worked very hard. And always had a kind word and a smile !! I will be praying for her family so sorry

Albert Eversmeyer - April 17, 2017 at 10:47 PM

BC

“ Mary was a wonderful, loving, nurse and great coworker here at HRH Sincere sympathy to all her family

Betsy Clark - April 17, 2017 at 10:03 PM

KR

“ After many years of working with Mary at HRH, it's hard to believe she's gone. Always the professional nurse, sharing compassion with patients and co workers alike. God bless her family and comfort the empty days ahead.

Kay McDonald, RN - April 17, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Buntun.*



April 17, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ *I will always remember Mary as a hard-working, dedicated woman. I always had a lot of respect for her as a nurse. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to her family at this sad time.*



Tina Niemeyer - April 17, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Buntun.*



April 17, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Buntun.*



April 17, 2017 at 01:36 PM

KV

“ I am Katie Volk married to Mary's nephew Kevin Volk. Aunt Mary and her family has always been so kind and friendly to me and my family. Her and her children have always made me feel more welcomed than my own family. Mary and her girls have always made an effort to come to any event I invited them to, wedding shower and baby shower. She has always been so kind to my daughter getting her gifts when she didn't have to. She was so generous, kind and loving. I always saw her with a smile on her face.

The last time we saw her she was at my niece's first birthday party. She drove 2h to Springfield Illinois and then a few hours later drove 2h back. That is the sort of thing she would do for family no matter what. She would do whatever you asked to help out without thinking twice about it. She will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends who will miss her the most. I only knew Mary for about 9 years and I am blessed to have known her for that short amount of time.

Katie Volk - April 17, 2017 at 12:05 PM