



Mary Lynn Bell

April 10, 1940 - March 7, 2023

It is with heavy hearts, and yet we try to rejoice at the same time in celebrating and remembering the wonderful life of our Mom - Mary Lynn Bell. "Mim" as her grandkids called her, passed away at Amber Manor on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. She was battling another round of cancer that was causing constant pain. Although we were never ready to see our vibrant and loving Mim leave us, we are thankful the dear Lord relieved her of her earthly pains and asked her to join Him in Heaven. We know she is more happy than we have ever seen her. This does give us some comfort. However, we do wish we were there to see her so happy.

Mary Lynn Bell (and don't ever call her by her first name only) was born in Washington, IN on April 10, 1940 to Joe and Ann (Gootee) Williams. Mary Lynn graduated from Washington Catholic High School in 1958 and later graduated from Maryville College with a degree in education. She and her late husband, Rodney, have three children – Becky Butcher (Steve Chambers), John Bell (Bobbi Jo) and Laura Albrecht (Mike).

Mary Lynn grew up with five brothers and sisters, so she was always used to crowds of family and friends never having trouble to find a good time. She was always up for a party, travel and anything out of the norm to have fun. She would rarely say no to any offer of having a good time regardless of when or where. Unfortunately, back half of adulthood prevented her from doing much

of what she loved. With life that dramatically changed from how she grew up, she was never bitter. Mim was the most kind, gentle hearted and supportive person in our lives. Whether she was saying the rosary for you or slipping you a \$20 bill (but don't tell Rodney), she was always your biggest cheerleader wanting you to take every opportunity in life to venture out and have fun. Mim was your biggest supporter and the one person you knew you could always count on to be in your corner no matter the situation or time of need. We will all miss our talks and her words of encouragement at times when we seemed to need it the most.

Mim had an unwavering love for her children and grandchildren. In return, we loved her so much. We yearned for her to be happy and experience life the way we knew she wanted but couldn't most of the time. We prayed for her to be pain free and genuinely happy and full of life. And, maybe if she could have heard a little better, that would have been helpful too. But, now we know she is pain free and is in Heaven truly enjoying the life we all dreamed she would have. Life will not be the same without her. But, we are all better people because she loved us. We are who we are because of her.

Mary Lynn is survived by her sister Carol Olsen and her loving grandchildren: Jared Butcher, Nalon, Madysan, and Corban Bell, Kaitlin and Logan Albrecht, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters – JoAnn Clark and Sallie Hoefling and brothers – Bill Williams, Joe Williams and P.J. Williams. It's tough to mention all the people that touched her life and was supportive to her. But our neighbors Dean and Jo Jacob were always so loving and supportive to Mom that we appreciate deeply. And her best friend Lois Kuntz was a best friend that we wish we all had.

If you knew our Mom, you know she probably wore clothes that you would not wear. Colorful, sparkly and sometimes the gaudier the better it seemed. Truly

a fashion of her own. She proudly with a big smile, wore them all! We ask that you celebrate with us in honoring our Mom's free unique spirit by wearing your most vibrant colorful outfit at her visitation and celebration services.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Lynn Bell will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to follow at Enlow Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (service time) at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center of Memorial Hospital or Dubois County Humane Society 426 Wernsing Rd Jasper, IN 47546.

Cemetery Details

Enlow City Cemetery

220 Brucke Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Laura & families:
We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. We have great memories of talking to her when she took her walks in the neighborhood. Love to all of you. ❤️
Karen and Mike*

Karen and Mike Stenftenagel - March 16, 2023 at 03:05 PM

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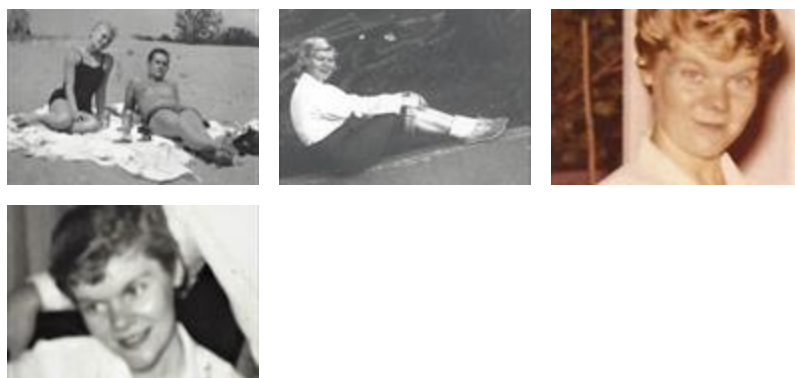
“ *May she rest in Peace.*



Sally C Hackmann - March 15, 2023 at 09:54 PM

AM

“ *4 files added to the album aunt Mary Lynn*



Anne McCauley - March 12, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ Mrs. Bell was my next-door neighbor growing up. She was always kind to me and all the neighbor kids. My deepest sympathies to the Bell family.



Todd Hentrup - March 12, 2023 at 06:48 PM

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“ Mary Lynn was such a joy to have as a client! I always looked forward to doing her hair. I will miss her greatly.

Reyne - March 12, 2023 at 06:41 AM

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“ Reyne lit a candle in memory of Mary Lynn Bell



Reyne - March 12, 2023 at 06:38 AM

BH

I am sad to hear of Mary Lynn's passing. We have many wonderful memories of our time together. I am so sorry I live so far away and cannot be with her children and grandchildren at this sad time. Since COVID and my mother's passing I have not been to Indiana. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be focused on her family and friends. Becky Herring

Becky Herring - March 13, 2023 at 05:25 PM

SB

Bell family, Prayers are with you especially at this time. She was a dear lady. She truly was special. I will always remember her as kind and sweet with a zest of enthusiasm. I apologize for having lost track of you guys. Love you all. Stella Bennett (Mrs. Bennett)

Stella Bennett - March 24, 2023 at 08:37 AM