



Mary Ann D. Carolin

August 10, 1939 - February 20, 2018

Mary Ann D. Carolin died peacefully in her home in Ann Arbor, MI, on February 20, 2018 at the age of 78. Born August 10, 1939 in Detroit, MI, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Joseph and Margaret Carnaghi Decorte.

She graduated from Dominican High School and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Detroit. She holds two masters degrees from Marygrove College, one in Education and one in Arts.

Mary Ann was an IHM Associate out of Monroe, MI; a Benedictine oblate out of St. Paul, MN; a Spiritual Director and Retreat Guide at Mary Reparatrix; LGBT ally at St. Mary's Student Parish in Ann Arbor and a Spiritual Director at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dexter, MI. In the 1980's while in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Mary Ann was one of the first to work in Aids Ministry, appointed by the Arch Diocese of Rome. She participated in various retreats around the country and always worked to bring people of different faiths together on common ground.

A Memorial Celebration will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2018 at St. Joseph's Village Church, 7870 4th Street, Dexter, MI.

Mary Ann is survived by her son, Patrick Carolin (Lana) and grandson, Joseph Carolin of Newbern, TN; 2 step-grandchildren Jessica and Rachael Davis of Bradenton, FL; her brother, Tom Decorte (Lynda), Bloomfield Hills, MI; sister, Margaret Ross-Robinson, Windsor, Ontario; brothers-in-law: David Cook, Birmingham, MI; Ralph (Carol) Carolin, Franklin, MI; Joseph Carolin, Indian River, MI; sisters-in-law: Pat Smith, Cedarville, MI; Penny Carolin, Bloomfield Hills, MI; and 7 nieces and 14 nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband Jim Carolin; her son Tom Carolin; grandson Laurence Carolin; sister Ellen Cook; brothers-in-law: Mike, Paul and John Carolin; Brad Smith; Rudy Robinson and sisters-in-law: Lynn and Sue Decorte and Terry Carolin, niece: Lynn Smith and nephew: Tim Cook.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Ann has asked that you honor her by choosing to make a donation to one of the following organizations:

Sister Servants of Immaculate Heart of Mary (SSIHM): 610 Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162

St. Paul's Monastery: 2675 Benet Rd., St. Paul, MN 55109

Sisters of Mary Reparatrix: 10065 Northway Ave., Allen park, MI 48101

Cemetery

St Mary's Cemetery

36105 24 Mile Rd
New Baltimore, MI, 48047

Events

MAR **Memorial Gathering** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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The Village Church
7870 4th Street, Dexter, MI, US, 48130

MAR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I was sad to hear of Mary Ann's passing. She was my spiritual director for many years and supported my faith journey in her gentle and inspirational ways. I can see her smile and feel her hugs as I write this. May you be blessed in this time of remembering and grieving.

Barb McRae

Barb McRae - July 04, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ I was really sad to learn of Mary Ann's passing. She was very kind to my wife and me, and I will never forget that.

Jim McMurtrie - June 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ I was so sad to just learn of Mary Ann's passing. She was such a delight in my life, and I feel blessed to have known her. I hold her family and friends in my thoughts - hoping that sweet memories comfort you and sharing stories helps you to celebrate her meaningful life. Wishing you Peace, Debbie Wollard

Debbie Wollard - April 23, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Mary Ann was such a beautiful light to me and the world. Her gentle ways and words will not be forgotten. I am so blessed to have known her. Mary

Mary Brummer - March 11, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ We loved seeing Mary Ann. She was one of our favorite people. What a great and gracious lady. We will miss her!

The Doctors and Staff at McNamara Orthodontics

Liz - March 07, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ Text from my visit to Mary:

"I visited Mary Ann today (Feb 17th) in the afternoon (2:30-3:10 pm). I brought her flowers, and she loved them. Overall, she was tired, mostly resting and sleeping. But also very much alert about my presence there... holding my hand and smiling constantly. The atmosphere was deep and spiritual, certainly as the fruit of her own constant and personal relationship with our Holy Mother, Mary. You can feel an air of sacred and peace around her. A testimony of a life lived loving others, including me there. I told her, how much I (we, at the LGBTQ group at Saint Mary's) appreciated all her 8 years as a member of our group, especially for always being welcoming and accepting, all these years. She said, "they are all beautiful people, and I enjoyed be together, very much." We talk about our recent retreat and I told her how we are praying for her and accompanying her at this moment. As she fell to sleep and, I prayed and give thank God's for Mary's many gifts to each one of us, and the group."
William Calvo-Quirós

William Calvo-Quiros - March 06, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Mary Ann was my dearest and best friend when we were students at the University of Detroit. She was a very special gentle strong woman who was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Mary Ann was a bridesmaid many years ago in my wedding and she and Jim were Godparents to my first born. Mary Ann lived a beautiful life.
Anne Cairns Federlein

Anne Cairns Federlein - March 04, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ Mary Ann was a rock of support at the St Mary's LGBT Ministry. I will miss her dearly. Her faith and nurturing presence provided a foundation for healing for me and for many others struggling to reconcile faith with identity. I am grateful for knowing her.

Mark - February 28, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ So close in heart, so close in love to all of us in our LGBT community. She will be missed, but the light she ignited in all of us will endure indeed. Thanks, many thanks.

Rodrigo - February 27, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ She was one of the cool older cousins. I watched them dance to Elvis Presley records in the basement while our ants and uncles were upstairs celebrating Christmas cheer. Cousin Harry

Harry Chancey - February 24, 2018 at 07:19 AM



“ I will so miss her gentle angelic voice and her genuine, loving spirit. She made a mark on my heart and my soul and I'm eternally grateful to the Dickson family for bringing her into our lives. Prayers to you all, her family, because I know how dear she was to you and how much she will be missed here on earth. Thinking of you all.
Anne (Amy's sister) and Todd Anderson

Anne Anderson - February 23, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Aunt Mary Ann. She was so welcoming to our daughter when she married into the family. She always had a smile and kind word for people. She will be missed.

Roger and Sheila Ruitter

Sheila Ruitter - February 23, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ Oh, how we loved your sweet gentle spirit. I admired MaryAnn from the day we met when John and I were dating. That admiration grew with each year and every encounter.
My hope and prayer is that John and you are happy and at peace!

Penny Carolin

Penny Carolin - February 23, 2018 at 05:34 PM