



Mary Ann Bender

March 25, 1932 - August 16, 2019

Mary Ann Bender (nee Cosgrove) formerly of Minocqua, Wisconsin passed away Friday afternoon, August 16th in Bedford, TX after a long and happy life of 87 years. She was the loving wife of Laurance Hadley Bender and mother of Jim, Jen and Dan.

Mary Ann, along with her twin brother Joseph, was born on March 25, 1932, in Davenport Iowa to the late Millie and Henry Cosgrove. A graduate of Northern Illinois University, Mary Ann taught elementary school and special needs education in the suburbs of Chicago before devoting her time to raising her children. In 1977, she and husband Larry left the Chicagoland area for Northern Wisconsin where she lived through retirement, splitting her time between Minocqua, Wisconsin and Naples, Florida. Her interests in tennis, bridge and mahjong provided her with great fun and many friendships.

She is survived by her brother, Joseph, of Bedford, TX and son James (Kristin) Bender (of Denver, CO); loving daughter Jen Marie Bender (of Grapevine, TX) and son Dan (Eileen) Bender (of Glen Ellyn, IL). She was the much loved grandmother of Jonathon Bender, Elizabeth (Grant) Plost, Dr. Victoria Bender, Michael Christensen, Bradley Christensen, Finn Bender, and George Bender. She will be remembered with love by her many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Genevieve, brother Richard and husband Larry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church,
Woodruff, WI on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to HYF Seasons of Life
PO Box 770 Woodruff, WI 54568

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

Woodruff, WI

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
8950 County J
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6284
<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

Tribute Wall



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