



Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer

April 20, 1940 - November 24, 2017

Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer, 77, of Ft. Myers, FL, passed away on Friday, November 24, 2017. Formerly of Boca Raton, FL, she had been a resident of Southwest Florida for the last fifteen years. She was born April 20, 1940 in Rochester, NY, the daughter of Samuel A. and Margaret (née Costansa) DiPrima.

Grace had great love for music. Whether playing piano, singing opera or cantering in her church choir it was so evident God had blessed her with an unbelievable talent.

Mrs. Schaeffer is survived by her loving husband of four years, Allan Paul Schaeffer; her beloved children, Margie (David) Tann of Cape Coral, FL, Mary Kay (Mark) Lenart of Chagrin Falls, OH, Tracy (Daniel) Cloyd of Suffield, CT and Christopher (Cheryl) Burch of Cape Coral, FL; her stepsons, Paul Schaeffer of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Michael Schaeffer of Pompano Beach, FL; brothers, Joseph V. (Victoria) DiPrima of Ft. Myers, FL and Anthony S. (Sarah) DiPrima of Bonita Springs, FL; and eight cherished grandchildren, Anthony (Virginia) Tann, Alex Tann, Nicholas Lenart, Francesca Lenart, Grace Cloyd, Paige Burch, Ava Cloyd and Christian Burch.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Burch.

Visitation for family and friends will be held Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, December 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625, 111th Ave. N., Naples. Burial will follow at Naples Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. John the Evangelist Choir Fund, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Mom, I miss you so much. Today, 3.1.19 I paid my respects to Terry and his family. His service was right next to your grave site. So, i went to visit with you. Im deeply saddened that you still have no gravestone. The fact that non of your kids can do anything about it frankly disgusts me. Rest in peace mom.*

Chris Burch - March 01, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Dear Allan & Grace's children,
I just learned of Grace's passing. I loved singing with her @ Our Lady of Light. She was so talented & she loved sharing her musicality. I will have a Mass said for her in Mystic, CT when I return from Estero. I think it was Mary Kay who lived in Stonington boro. I did get to see her beautiful art thanks to Grace. I know Grace is singing with the angels. Please accept my sincere condolences.
Sincerely, Kathleen Clark*



Kathleen Clark - January 21, 2018 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ Dear Allan and family..Please accept our sympathy and condolences for the loss of your Grace. I will miss her very much; her vibrant personality and beautiful voice! She was a dynamic leader in our choir and was always ready to help anyone who needed her. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Don and Eleanor McGee - December 05, 2017 at 04:14 PM

DC

“ To a beautiful lady, who was a wonderful mother and grandmother and who loved to sing.
You will be deeply missed!
David Corder

David Corder - December 01, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.



November 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM

JM

“ John Norman and Suzanne Moss purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.



John Norman and Suzanne Moss - November 30, 2017 at 09:12 AM

LS

“ Love, Brittany & Dylan Schaeffer purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.



Love, Brittany & Dylan Schaeffer - November 29, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.




November 29, 2017 at 08:52 PM

MO

“ *Your Mother blessed so many with her faith and Kindness!!! She will be greatly missed*❤️ *Sending love and hugs to you all*

Mark & Alicia Osinski - November 28, 2017 at 09:16 PM

 Deborah Rose

“ *Deborah Rose purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.



Deborah Rose - November 28, 2017 at 04:21 PM

LK

“ I can still hear Grace say, "choir is always choir. No matter who is sitting at the piano or directing, no matter who the pastor is, the choir will always be here." She was right, of course.

Grace treated everyone like family. She had a huge heart and was incredibly generous with her wonderful talent. I know she is leading the angels choir. God bless you, Grace. You are so missed already.

Bob and Liz Koplitz

Liz Koplitz - November 28, 2017 at 01:44 PM

SN

“ Was so glad we reconnected Aunt Grace. You were a pretty amazing lady and we were lucky to have you! You will be missed! Praying for the family... 🙏❤️

Samantha Nicole - November 28, 2017 at 09:40 AM

SN

“ Samantha Nicole lit a candle in memory of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer



Samantha Nicole - November 28, 2017 at 09:38 AM

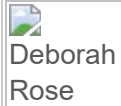


Deborah
Rose

“ Deborah Rose lit a candle in memory of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer



Deborah Rose - November 28, 2017 at 12:41 AM



Deborah
Rose

“ *I will miss you dearly Aunt Grace. You were always a constant supportive voice in my ear. Heaven received a new choir angel. Enjoy being with everyone who has gone before you. You will be deeply missed here on earth. Until we see each other again dolly... 🙏😭 To my cousins & Allen, my heart is breaking for you. Sending love and prayers to all who loved her.*

Deborah Rose - November 28, 2017 at 12:23 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Grace Mary Burch Schaeffer.*



November 27, 2017 at 12:28 PM