



## Magdalene (Lynn) M. Becker

July 14, 1933 - February 24, 2025

Magdalene (Lynn) M. Becker, formerly of Oak Brook, IL, Bonita Springs, FL, and Naples, FL, loving wife of the late Richard C. "Dick" Becker, daughter of the late Joseph J. and Emily M. Kypry of Berwyn, IL, peacefully passed away on February 24, 2025.

After moving to Bonita Springs in 1995, Lynn became active with her husband Dick, serving as secretary to the Incorporation Committee and Transition Committee. She and Dick also wrote articles for the "View from Here" in the Bonita Springs Banner for several years. After the incorporation of Bonita Springs in 1999, Lynn wrote a book called "A New Beginning" events that took place during the incorporation period chronicling the events that took place during that time. Lynn was also an active member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society and served as its President from 2000 to 2002.

Lynn served as the "First" First Lady of Benedictine University, formerly known as Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, IL, when her husband Dick became the first lay President in 1976, serving for 19 years. She was known as "Mother Monk" to the Benedictine Community of St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, IL. Lynn was a Lady Commander with Star of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. And while a parishioner of Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, Oakbrook Terrace, she served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Lector as well as performing duties as a sacristan.

Lynn was primarily a home maker or "Domestic Engineer" as she called it, and a loving mother and grandmother to her 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Lynn and Dick were married for 64 years before Dick passed away in 2018. Their children include sons, Lt. Commander USN (Ret.) Richard J. "Rick" and his wife Therese; the late Daniel P. (DVM); Douglas F. (the late Jeanne); Steven G. and his wife Susan, and daughter Pamela J. Becker-Radcliff and her husband Donald L. Radcliff. Known as Nani to her grandchildren, Lynn leaves behind Andrew Joseph (AJ) and Nicole Marie Becker; and, Richlyn Leia, Ashley Grace (Frank Heredeen) and John Clayton (Sarah) Radcliff.

Lynn was predeceased by her brother Ramond J. (Irene) Kypry of Cicero, IL and sister-in-law Arlene (Joseph) Stafford of California.

The family requests that any memorials be directed to the Richard C. and Lynn Becker Scholarship Fund at Benedictine University, 5700 College Road, Lisle, IL 60532.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden**

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to all the family. I have such wonderful memories of Lynn and Dick through our Schmitt Foundation years.*  
*Patricia Shevlin*

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**Patricia Shevlin** - February 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Mary and Jim Cooper send our deepest condolences to Steve and the rest of the Becker family. May God bring peace to your hearts, and may all your treasured memories bring you comfort. You are in our thoughts and hearts throughout the campus of Aston Gardens.*

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**Mary and Jim Cooper** - February 28, 2025 at 08:44 AM