



## Mary Ann Bell

November 20, 1944 - January 12, 2018

Mary Ann Bell 73, of Estero, FL died Friday, January 12, 2018 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs. A former resident of Mitchell, South Dakota, she had resided in Estero since 1999. She was born November 20, 1944 in Belle Plaine, Iowa a daughter of the late Peter A. and Lillian J. (Switzer) Van De Walle.

Prior to moving to Mitchell, SD, Mary Ann worked as a property manager for the Angeles Corporation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She was a parishioner at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community and was very active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the past 15 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, William E. Bell of Estero, FL; two sons, Robert G. Smith and his wife, Denise of Ely, Iowa and Nicholas E. Smith and his wife, Sarah of Iowa City, IA; four step children, Angela M. Guignon and her husband, Edward of Coppell, TX, Michael A. Bell and his wife, Leslie of Manhattan Beach, CA, Juliet A. Shedenhelm of Des Moines, IA and Thomas P. Bell of Dallas, TX; two sisters, Elaine K. McAndrews and her husband, Jim of North Fort Myers, FL and Jean M. Seaton of Clive, IA; 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate her life will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018

at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967. Burial will follow in the memorial garden. A reception for family and friends will immediately follow the burial in the Parish Life Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary Ann may be made to the Our Lady of Light Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

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 (239) 992-4982.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr  
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201  
(239) 267-7088

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Bell*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.*



January 27, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *She was a classy lady who went far to soon. Neat neat woman. My sincere condolences to Nick, Rob, and the Bell family.*  
*Bruce Hop*

**bruce hop** - January 27, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ *Mary Ann I think of you every day! Never missed an opportunity to hang with you and Bill, so much laughter! Our thoughts and prayers are with your Bill and your family you love so much!*



**Lynn McCullough** - January 27, 2018 at 09:32 AM

IH

“ Though at the opportunity of your departure, we are grateful for you to have touched us, and we wish to send everyone who loves and misses Mary Ann all the comfort - from Basil and Isabelle Harford



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**Isabelle and Basil Harford** - January 27, 2018 at 08:09 AM

IH

“ Isabelle And Basil Harford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ann Bell



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**Isabelle and Basil Harford** - January 27, 2018 at 08:00 AM

JM

“ John and Melanie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Bell.



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**John and Melanie** - January 26, 2018 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ We will always remember Mary Ann's friendly and uplifting spirit. Our condolence to Bill and family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mike and Connie Strabala

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**Mike and Connie Strabala** - January 26, 2018 at 10:02 AM

AS

“ *Nani and Brutus boating on Potato Lake. She would hate this photo, but it's one of my favorites. There is no one else in this world like her. She is so so missed.* ”



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**Abby Smith** - January 23, 2018 at 04:34 PM

AS

“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name* ”



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**Adam Smith** - January 23, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.* ”



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January 23, 2018 at 01:06 AM

FR

“ *Mary Ann was a beautiful lady, full of Joy and Love. She will be so missed at St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Light Conference. Our prayers and sympathy for Bill, family and friends. May she rest in the Peace of our Lord.*

*God Bless, Frank and Ann Ragonese*

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**Frank and Ann Ragonese** - January 20, 2018 at 01:14 PM

AA

“ *Mary Ann can never be forgotten as the energy, joy and laughter she shared made for a brighter day. Coffee mornings at Roasters we're special when Mary Ann and Bill would be there. Our condolences goes out to Bill, the family and neighbors who are saddened. Her memory will always lift our spirits. Ace & Polly Aosse.*

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**Ace & Polly Aosse** - January 20, 2018 at 12:14 PM

JL

“ *We will always miss the Sunday morning greetings! Her smile was infectious! Also, it was always such fun to work with her during the Christmas giving tree. It has been a wonderful experience having known her and she will always be fondly remembered.*

*Alphee and Judy Lefebvre*

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**Judith Lefebvre** - January 20, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JM

“ DEAR BILL, PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES AND KNOW THAT YOUR WONDERFUL MARY ANN IS IN HEAVEN WITH THE LORD. MAY GOD WRAP HIS ARMS AROUND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU WALK THIS VERY DIFFICULT PATH. A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE CHILDREN'S ORPHANAGE IN DELTONA, FLORIDA

JOE MURDOCH

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JOE MURDOCH - January 19, 2018 at 04:37 PM

PB

“ Dear Bill,  
So sorry for your loss. Mary Ann radiated a joy that was contagious and made any gathering special. We will all miss the generous and loving spirit of a true lady.

Love,  
Pat and Bonnie Becker

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Patrick Becker - January 19, 2018 at 03:31 PM

BH

“ A beautiful lady on the inside and out. We've had the pleasure of working with Mary Ann through St. Vincent. We'll never forget the special nickname she gave this Bill either 😊. Our love and prayers to you and your family Bill.  
Diane and Bill Heinz

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Bill and Diane Heinz - January 19, 2018 at 08:08 AM

DM

“ Dear Bill and family,

*What a truly GEM of a gal!! Mary Ann was so welcoming to us when we became part of the SVDP family a few years ago! Our lives are richer due to her amazing Christian spirit and energy. Hope we can always remember her dedication to improving the lives of those less fortunate!! Most sincerely, Don and Mary McLaughlin*

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**don and mary mclaughlin mclaughlin** - January 18, 2018 at 07:03 PM

DD

“ Dear Bill:

*We are shocked and saddened to hear of Mary Ann's death. She was such a joyful person. Mary Ann always made people feel welcomed and comfortable in her presence, an absolutely delightful lady.*

*Our deepest sympathies to you and your family, we are sorry for your loss.*

*God bless Mary Ann and rest her soul.*

*Love,*

*Judy & Del Dunlap Mankato, Mn.*

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**DEL DUNLAP** - January 18, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.



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January 18, 2018 at 01:59 PM

LD

“ *Mary Ann was a joy to know, kept us smiling all the time and was a master at getting volunteers for the SVDP efforts. We love and miss her. Lucy and Paul Denett*

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**lucy Denett** - January 18, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.*



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January 17, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.*



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January 16, 2018 at 06:06 PM

DP

“ *Bill and Family,*

*Mary Ann will always hold a special place in our hearts due to her loving and kind heart and friendship she and you had with us and our Mom and Dad, Mike and Evlyn Swanson. She always knew what to say to make us laugh. Mary Ann was always full of life. We know that she is now in heaven reunited with Mom and giving Mikey a good talking to! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Bill. Hugs and lots of love to you and your family!*

*Kim and Deb Price*

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**Debra Price** - January 16, 2018 at 05:51 PM

KA

“ *Kim & Deb Price, Jen & Adam, and Steph & Adam purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Ann Bell.*



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**Kim & Deb Price, Jen & Adam, and Steph & Adam** - January 16, 2018 at 05:44 PM

LF

“ *Bill, my heart goes out to you and your family. Mary Ann was one of God's special gifts. All of us who were fortunate to know her will miss her greatly. Lou*

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**louis fortuna** - January 16, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DL

“ With sincere condolences to Bill and the entire family. Though we only knew Mary Ann a short time, you couldn't help but be affected by her wit, humor and giving spirit.

*Diane and Tony LoPresti*

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**Diane LoPresti** - January 16, 2018 at 03:19 PM

NS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Nick Smith** - January 16, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.



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January 16, 2018 at 02:22 PM

NS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Nick Smith** - January 16, 2018 at 12:29 PM

JK

“ *The world will be a less happy place without Mary Ann's contagious happiness and joy in life! We are so grateful to have known her! We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Julie Kelch, Ankeny IA*

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**Julie Kelch** - January 16, 2018 at 11:26 AM

 Cecilia Flood

“ *1 file added to the album Papa & Nani*



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**Cecilia Flood** - January 16, 2018 at 11:04 AM

ME

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**Meg** - January 16, 2018 at 10:56 AM

ME

*Aunt Mary Ann having fun with my boys!*

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**Meg** - January 17, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bell.



January 15, 2018 at 07:11 PM



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**Rob Smith** - January 15, 2018 at 04:58 PM



*Love this picture of Aunt Mary Ann!!*

**Meg** - January 16, 2018 at 10:52 AM



*Yes, this was the Mary Ann that we knew and loved!!  
Lou & Diane Harvieux*

**Diane Harvieux** - January 16, 2018 at 03:13 PM



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**tom bell** - January 15, 2018 at 04:18 PM

TB

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tom bell - January 15, 2018 at 04:12 PM

EC

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Bill and family. We will sorely miss Mary Ann, a great lady and a great friend.

*Ed & Claire*

Ed & Claire - January 15, 2018 at 03:49 PM

LF

*My heart goes out to you and family. Mary Ann was one of God's special gifts. We'll miss her. Lou*

louis fortuna - January 16, 2018 at 04:57 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



tom bell - January 15, 2018 at 03:37 PM

MC

“ We will always remember Mary Ann's vivacious spirit, welcoming smile, wonderful sense of humor and inclusive love for all! We loved her and will miss her!  
Sending love and prayers to Bill and the entire family.

*Mary and Chuck Cebuhar*

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**Mary Cebuhar** - January 15, 2018 at 03:26 PM

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**tom bell** - January 15, 2018 at 03:05 PM

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**tom bell** - January 15, 2018 at 03:01 PM

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**tom bell** - January 15, 2018 at 03:00 PM