



Mary E. Bodine

April 27, 1932 - December 16, 2019

Mary Esther Bodine, age 87, of Bonita Springs, Florida, found her eternal peace with Jesus on December 16th, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family at her home. She was born April 27th, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Napoleon and Mary Rose (Hanily) LaTinis – a Belgian-born coalminer-turned-Chicago police officer and an Irish nanny. She grew up in the city with her sister Joan, who survives her.

A devout Roman Catholic who was graduated from an all-girls' high school, Mary attended Purdue University until she married Edward Bodine of Michigan City, Indiana, in 1951 – the man she knew would be her husband the first time she saw him. Edward's work as a research Fellow at Battelle Memorial Institute took the couple to Powell, Ohio, where they lived until his untimely death in 1971.

Widowed at age 38 with nine children, all of whom survive her, Mary has led an extraordinary life, exemplary of courage and fortitude. She was a woman who truly felt the pain of others, but hid her own. Her unselfishness was rivaled only by the kindness of her demeanor. She took in foster kids and would have taken in the world if she could. Years of her life were devoted to the care of her aging mother in Bonita Springs, until her mother's passing in 2001. Traveling often in her latter years among the homes of her children, Mary's everyday persona embodied humility and exuded sweetness – traits

that were felt by every soul ever blessed to be touched by her life.

In the years before her passing, she was able to visit Ireland with her daughters, as well as England, Belgium, Italy, and the Netherlands. Her extended family joined her in Florida in 2017 for her 85th birthday, a time she described as one of the happiest of her life.

She is survived by her nine children – Michael (Sonnie), Brian (Shirley-Ann), Mark (Alice), Christopher (Lori), Nejla (Gregg), Rebecca (John), Edward (Lynn), Bret (Lynn), and Robert David (Inga); and dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Richard, and grandson Caleb.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 27th, 2019 at 2:30 PM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134 to coincide with what would be Mary and Edward's 68th wedding anniversary.

She will be laid to rest in Naples Memorial Gardens with her late husband and parents.

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

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 27. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Bodine*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I could not have had a kinder, more gracious mother-in-law than Mother Mary. She filled a great void in my life as I lost both of my parents. I shall miss her terribly, but she has gone on to her reward to be united with her Lord. Love you....Shirley-Ann*

Shirley-Ann Bodine - January 14, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Bodine.*



December 26, 2019 at 12:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary E. Bodine.*



December 24, 2019 at 12:08 PM

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“ *From the Integral Solutions family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mary E. Bodine.*



From the Integral Solutions family - December 23, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Bodine.*



December 23, 2019 at 07:46 AM

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“ *Oh Nejala. I am so, so sorry. Loosing a parent is heart wrenching. I lost mine at 19 and 22, prospectively. You can see the gentleness in your mother's heart just from her photograph. She sounds like a truly valiant individual. ANY woman who could raise 9 children alone knew her God, because you'd have to spend a lot of time on your knees to do that! I rejoice with you that she is in the Kingdom, but grieve with you too. You never get so old that you don't still need your parents. My love to you and your whole family. Mama Bodine did a really great job. Godspeed Mrs. Bodine. Fly away!*

*Love You.
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Natalie Fullmer - December 22, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Bodine.



December 22, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Bodine.



December 21, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Me and Paul feel very grateful to God that we were able to spend short times with Mary.
She was kind, funny, and she left you with a feeling that you had known her forever. We are so happy she is now in heaven and free of pain.

Paul & Beverly Craig - December 21, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ Love you forever, Gram. You are the sweetest person I know, and I've been so blessed to have you in my life since day one. Rest easy now with Jesus.

Rebekah Jane - December 21, 2019 at 08:56 AM