



MARY ANN SCHMITZ

July 24, 1929 - September 15, 2018

Mary Ann Schmitz, 89, from Caledonia, MN passed away peacefully Saturday, September 15th 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 24, 1929 to John and Susan (Ernster) Welscher in Caledonia.

Mary Ann married Willie Schmitz May 29, 1951. On April 2nd, 1952, they started Mary Ann's Floral, and Mary Ann continued operating the business for 65 years. Together they raised 4 children: Kenny (Bonnie) Schmitz, Deb (Stan) Halverson, Steve (JoAnn) Schmitz, and Bill (Tammy) Schmitz.

Grandchildren are Willy Schmitz and step grandchild Jerrod (Brittney) Klug, Eric (Amy) Halverson, Craig (Shelby) Halverson, and Todd Halverson, Kevin (Sally) Schmitz, Greg (Carissa) Schmitz, Jeff (Emily) Schmitz, Kayla Schmitz, and Carter Schmitz. Great Grandchildren are Dawson and Donovan Klug, Tyla, Hadley, Kyan Halverson, Easton, Adri Halverson, Noah, Kyra Schmitz, Braedon, Kaylee Schmitz, Dylan, Owen Schmitz. She is also survived by a brother Maynard (Mary) Welscher, sisters and brother in law, Carol Welscher, Virginia Klein, Lois Schmitz, Larry and Joanne Klug.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Schmitz; son, Kenny Schmitz; parents, John and Susan Welscher; brothers, Bert Welscher, Milton Welscher; sister, Rosie Frank; in laws, Lawrence and Hermina Schmitz, Miles Schmitz, Gaylord Klein, Ray Frank, and Beverly Welscher.

Mary Ann was involved in community associations such as CDA, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Caledonia Founder's Day, and she was an avid 4H promoter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am, Thursday, Sept. 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Stephen Abaukaka will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 4-8 pm Wed. at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall, where a prayer service and sharing of memories will be held at 7:30. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

"I did it my way."

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Judy Cooper lit a candle in memory of MARY ANN SCHMITZ*



Judy Cooper - September 18, 2018 at 10:54 AM

SB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Jim & Sandi Beier*

Sandi Beier - September 18, 2018 at 09:03 AM

HW

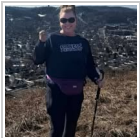
Our prayers for family and friends. She loved Caledonia and the people of Caledonia. She also knew how to have fun! I always loved her hospitality at her kitchen table. She is a Caledonia icon.

hjordy wagner - September 18, 2018 at 09:10 AM

JC

So sorry for your loss. Sending sincere sympathy.

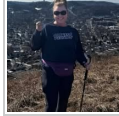
Judy Cooper - September 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Janice Haxton lit a candle in memory of MARY ANN SCHMITZ*



Janice Haxton - September 17, 2018 at 07:21 PM



Here's to an awesome Aunt who made me laugh. Who ALWAYS had time to listen and always had a treat and rtime for you. However her and my aunt Rosemary were double trouble but all in good fun...she will he missed

Janice Haxton - September 17, 2018 at 07:23 PM

KG

I took care of Maryann when I was on a travel assignment in Caledonia very sweet lady she will definitely be missed by all my prayers go out to the family

karen Gerstung - September 17, 2018 at 09:36 PM

JS

When I married into the family at 19 years old I didn't know what I was in for! But has it been a ride of laughter and memories to fill a book! I was very lucky to be a part of Aunt Mary Ann's life! There are so many things I remember from parties to the awesome food she prepared, playing cards, working on Mother's Day weekend with the flowers, filling urns, and of course we can't forget all the shenanigans that went on! She was a very loving, giving lady that worked hard, faced challenges with grace, and had a lot of fun along the way! Thank you for all you shared of yourself in many ways for many people, including me! (I never had a green thumb and no matter the problem you always knew the solution!!) We will miss you terribly but knew it was time for you to rest! God's Blessings and our love to you always!

Jerry & Susie - September 17, 2018 at 10:47 PM

JG

Mary Ann represents so much of the Caledonia I remember...Her store on Main Street is iconic. Mary Ann is iconic. She had such a great way of making everyone in her presence feel acknowledged--even if it was with a little dig and a smile.

As a kid, I enjoyed dropping off the Argus Shopper every Wednesday. As a young adult, I appreciated her help with selecting flowers for girlfriends. And as an old guy, I appreciated her laughs, memories, and admonitions to me to "Get some work done today!" Mary Ann, I carry you in my memories.

John Graf - September 20, 2018 at 08:50 AM

GL

“ Granite Logistics purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of MARY ANN SCHMITZ.



Granite Logistics - September 17, 2018 at 02:17 PM