



Mary Ann Pottenger

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Mary Ann (Hill) Pottenger, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed peacefully into the presence of her Savior on May 20, 2026 at 9:38 a.m., surrounded by her loving family.

Born on July 27, 1949, to Harry and Mary Hill, Mary Ann was one of thirteen children in a large and loving family whose legacy continues through countless relatives, friendships, and generations touched by her life. There are simply too many loved ones to mention individually, and she would never have wanted anyone unintentionally overlooked. What mattered most to Mary Ann was that people knew they were loved - and anyone who met her knew exactly that. She loved deeply and was deeply loved in return.

Mary Ann met the love of her life, Chuck (Charles) Pottenger, on a blind date on December 10, 1968. That single evening began a beautiful journey of faith, family, and devotion that lasted for 57 years. Together they built a life centered on love, perseverance, service to others, and unwavering commitment to family.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Chuck; her three sons, Chuckie and his wife Christy, Robert and his wife Claudia, and Kevin and his wife Amanda; and her cherished grandchildren, April, Tyler, Eli, and Naomi.

Among those who preceded Mary Ann in death were many beloved relatives, including her precious granddaughter, Sophie Lynne, who held a very special

place in her heart and she prayed for everyday.

Throughout her life, Mary Ann faithfully served in many capacities within her church, career, and community. Whether caring for family, encouraging others, helping quietly behind the scenes, or simply offering kindness to someone in need, her life reflected compassion, strength, humility, and enduring faith. Her warmth and gentle spirit left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Though her family grieves deeply, they rejoice in knowing that Mary Ann is now whole, at peace, and forever home with the Lord she faithfully loved and served.

Her earthly body will be interred at All Saints Cemetery.

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

West Highland Baptist Church

1116 S Hickory Ridge Road

Milford, MI 48380

Mary's Service will be available to livestream using this link: www.mywhbc.org/map26.

All are invited to stay for a luncheon at the church immediately following her celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a memorial donation to either of these organizations that Mary Ann loved:

The Power Company Kids Club

www.thepckc.org

Making Miracles Animal Rescue

www.makingmiraclesanimalrescue.org

Cemetery Details

The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery

4401 Nelsey Road
Waterford Township, MI 48329

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ Alex lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Pottenger



Alex - June 09 at 02:35 AM

CP

“ Connie Jane Pottenger purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.



Connie Jane Pottenger - June 05 at 02:23 PM

LP

“ I remember all the family get togethers at Family Christmas, Walbash family reunions, and time at the cabin. So many card games! At one family reunion we played in a Euchre tournament together as partners. We won the first match with two loaners and a Euchre! Then we lost and were eliminated in the next round. Through it all we had fun. I will miss her presence, smile, and her hugs!



Lynn P - June 04 at 02:57 PM



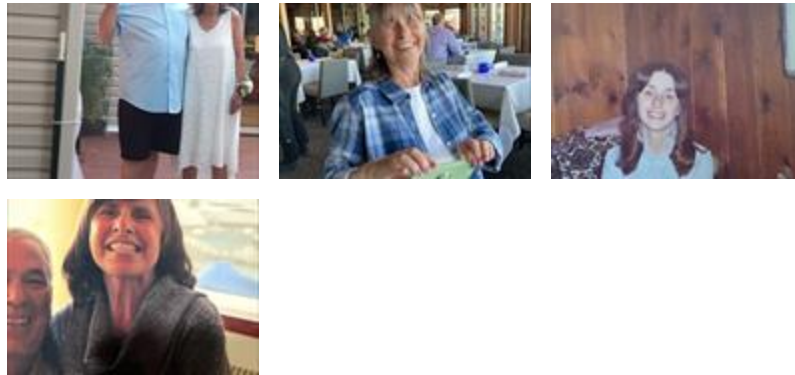
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.*



June 04 at 02:56 PM



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Chuck Pottenger - June 03 at 03:59 PM



“ *There is something absolutely irreplaceable about young adult friendships. I will never forget being in Sunday School together. I will never forget all the times a bunch of us got together and ate and laughed and laughed. I'll not forget filling sandbags at your house on the canal, because the water was rising. I'll never forget having your boys in Kid Choir. Their strong voices added so much value to our productions. And they were spunky... I love you guys so much. Mary Ann was my sweet friend. While on earth, I'll love her memory. Later, I'll hang out with her in God's perfect home. Fran*

Frances Wallbank - June 02 at 08:53 PM

LW

“ *Love & Sympathy, Peter & Fran Wallbank purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.*



Love & Sympathy, Peter & Fran Wallbank - June 02 at 08:28 PM

BK

“ *Brandon, Chelsea, & kids purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.*



Brandon, Chelsea, & kids - June 02 at 12:20 PM

CP

“ *Some of my favorite memories are the summers spent with her and our family at the cabins, where laughter filled the days and memories were made that will stay with me forever. She had a way of making everyone feel welcome, cared for, and loved.*

She loved deeply and selflessly, always looking after those around her. Her devotion to her husband, her sons, their wives, and especially her grandchildren was unmistakable. Any conversation with her quickly revealed how proud she was of her family and how much joy they brought to her life.

Her legacy is one of love, generosity, and unwavering strength. I am grateful for the memories we shared and the example she set for all of us. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Chelsea Phillips - June 02 at 12:13 PM

FF

“ From, Mary, Steve and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.



From, Mary, Steve and family - June 01 at 03:05 PM

NL

“ Nick and Sara Lucchese purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.



Nick and Sara Lucchese - June 01 at 12:18 PM

GM

“ Gladys Miller purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.



Gladys Miller - May 31 at 02:02 PM

MB

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Mark Besh - May 29 at 03:07 PM

JK

“ It is hard to put into a few short sentences what Mary Ann’s friendship meant to me. I’ve known her around 12 years, but feel we have been life-long friends. She had such a compassionate heart, always checking in on the ladies in the group, no matter how she was feeling. Worried more about them than herself. I’d call her and hear “Hey kiddo, how are you doing?” I loved talking to her and we could talk for hours. She would always end the call with “I love you!”. She was a mentor, encourager, sounding board and everything else I could ask for. I miss her dearly and will strive daily to be the type of person Mary Ann was. I love you, Mary Ann! - Jann Kania (MCC)

Jann Kania - May 27 at 02:41 PM

PF

“ Mary Ann was one of the most caring women. She thought about others before her self. If you asked how she was she never complained or shared her pain. Our group will never be the same without her across the table and we’d share a little grin about something. She will be so missed. You all have been blessed to call her wife, mother, grandmother. I was blessed to call her friend. Pat Frye, MCC

Pat Frye - May 26 at 06:26 PM

PF

Pat Frye
9 hours ago
*Mary Ann was a very kind, loving warrior of God. She often cared for others over her own needs. Being across from her was a comfort and sometimes a little side ways grin when we were both thinking the same thing. Our group will never be the same. She is my sister in the Lord always.
To her family, be very proud to call her wife, mother, grandmother and carry on her legacy. I love her and will miss her till we meet again. Pat Frye MCC*

Pat Frye - May 26 at 06:39 PM

GM

“ I first met Mary Ann in the Life Group I joined & we became friends instantly. We would sit together at church & I would ask how she was doing. I will always remember her answer: “Peachy-Keen” I laughed & told her I hadn’t heard that phrase since I was in junior high! She was always there for everyone. She had a big heart & was a gentle soul. I will miss her greatly!

Gladys Miller - May 26 at 05:46 PM

JJ

“ My dear friend for so many years at Transnav you were my everyday lunch partner we laughed and cried together you will be missed I wish I had one more hug from you until we meet again RIP

Jo Ann Julian - May 26 at 03:11 PM

PS

“ Mary Ann was kind and sweet. She always looked for opportunities to share the Lord. She will be missed. Pat S from MCC

Pat Stickley - May 26 at 09:40 AM

FW

“ Faith Works purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pottenger.



Faith Works - May 23 at 10:54 AM



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



May 22 at 05:58 PM



“ I will always remember Mary Ann as a gentle and kind soul. As I was nervous coming to Macomb Christian church for the first time, she welcomed me to sit near her each time I saw her. I loved the welcoming light of the Lord that she let shine through her. Mary Ann brought calmness and peace to me no matter what I was going through. Moreover, in spite of all her medical battles and all the other battles she faced daily, she was faithful, loving, always considerate and gracious of others. Mary Ann will be missed. Sending love and hugs to each of her loved ones.



Ivana Echols - May 22 at 12:58 PM



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Pat Frye - May 26 at 10:02 AM

DP

“*Condolences to her family. I felt very close to Mary Ann. The first time I went to Bible study I happened to sit next to her. Afterward she came up to me and asked if I would go to lunch with her so she could get to know me better. I accepted her invitation and told her I would love to get to know her as well. She made me feel at home from day 1. It grew into a wonderful friendship. The last time I spoke to her on the phone we talked for a few hours, catching up with each other, laughing. Mary Ann is a wonderful person, so positive about everything, non-judgemental. Jayden and I would give her a ride home from Bible study. She always smiled and loved everyone so freely. We loved her too. We always had good conversations. I had to have cataract surgery on both eyes. I almost didn't have it done. After talking to her about it and praying. She took the initial fear away. God was with me during both procedures. May she rest in peace.*

Donna Peterson - May 22 at 11:04 AM