



Elizabeth "BAnn" Bowers

March 2, 1932 - February 5, 2019

Elizabeth "BAnn" Bowers, 86, of Murphysboro, passed away at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at Manor Court in Carbondale.

Elizabeth was born on March 2, 1932, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Clyde Graeff and Elizabeth (Borgsmiller) Graeff.

She was a housewife. She was very active in the Murphysboro Senior Citizens and had delivered Meals on Wheels for a long period of time. She loved to knit and sold her scarves and hats at various craft fairs. In recent years you could usually find her knitting near the front entrance of the nursing home where she lived. People all over the world have purchased and wear her beautiful creations.

Mrs. Bowers was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and St. Andrew Altar Society, as well as St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

BAnn married Michael Bowers on February 6, 1959, in Murphysboro, and he preceded her in death on March 2, 1999.

She is survived by two daughters Denise Miller and her husband Jack Miller of Carbondale, and Lauralee Ryan of Murphysboro;

six grandchildren and four great grandchildren Kyle and Libby Griffith and their son Collin Griffith of Decatur, GA, Ryan Griffith and his daughter Analise Griffith of Cartersville, Alixandre and Jacob Weber and their son Hunter Weber of Murphysboro, Austin Beckman of Murphysboro and Bo Wooldridge of Columbia, SC, Allison Miller and Sean Beaty of Alexandria, VA, and Jack Miller, Jr and Jennifer Miller and their son Riley of Las Vegas, NV;

and one sister in law Virginia Bowers of Murphysboro.

She was preceded in death by two sisters in infancy Mary Ellen Graeff and Rita Kay Graeff, and her parents.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2019, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating and burial will be at St. Andrew Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the church. The family would prefer in lieu of flowers, memorials to be made to the Murphysboro Senior Citizens. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "BAnn" Bowers

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Our condolences to you in your loss. My mom, Gloria Hopkins says she knew your mom well. Peace be with you.

Marcia Chew - February 07, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ I was so sad when I heard, as I walked by her door, on Liberty Lane. I have always admired this lovely woman, more so in the most recent years. B Ann and I would talk every time that I visited my dad. She would always tell me about Mom teaching her to knit. B Ann, Mike, Denise and Lauralee are apart of our family forever. Ms. B Ann will be greatly missed.

Beth (Loy) Clover - February 07, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that God is ready to heal the brokenhearted. - Psalm 147:3

Jl - February 06, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. Love you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Many great memories with your family.

Julia Loy - February 06, 2019 at 10:52 AM