



## Maria Bencini

December 8, 1951 - June 7, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Maria Bencini

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Maria Bencini, age 73, of Murphysboro, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Saint Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

She was born on December 8, 1951 to William Keith and Pauline Rose (Sabella) Bencini in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Maria served in the United States Navy in Okinawa and in San Diego. She retired from the United States Postal Service working at the Carbondale location. Maria was a lifelong member of St. Andrew Parrish. She earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Journalism from Southern Illinois University. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and in the spirit of her aunt, Esther, she could have been a female sportscaster. Maria was the best athlete in her family having earned 17 triathlon trophies. Maria loved to travel and her

favorite trip was to the Artic.

Survivors include her brother, William Bencini; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph Bencini and David Bencini.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM with Father Joel Seipp officiating at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro. Visitation will be held the day of mass from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM at the church.

Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to ChildFund, formerly known as Christian Children's Fund, an organization Maria participated in and was near and dear to her heart. Contributions may be made at <https://www.childfund.org/>

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
724 Mulberry St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

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## Interment

JUN 18. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park  
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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I grew up with Maria and her brothers living next door, of course I only knew her as “Maribeth” then. Always a shy and quiet child, she became more like her mother as she grew up. I was fortunate to attend her graduation at the Orlando Naval Training Center. May she rest in peace now with her parents and younger brothers.

James Dietrich Michael - June 28, 2025 at 09:45 AM

PM

“ I considered every Bencini, including Willie and Pauline, a close personal friend. may all rest in peace  
Pat McCann

Pat McCann - June 19, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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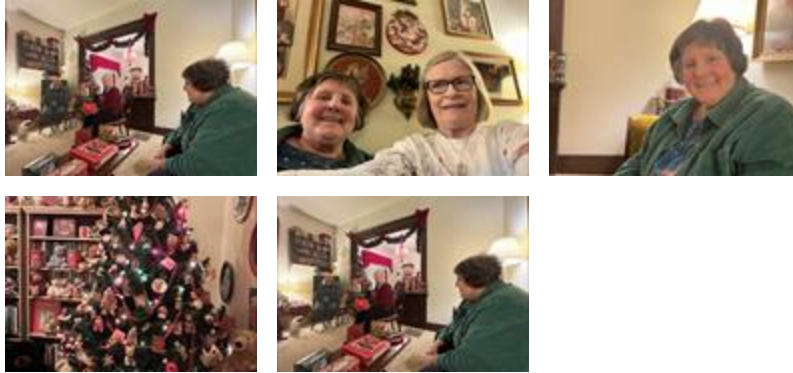
“ Military honors given for her service in the Navy as Meribeth is laid to rest on 06/18/25! 🙏 Our memories will live on in our hearts & minds of you, dear friend💕



Debra Casleton - June 18, 2025 at 04:16 PM

DC

“ *Maribeth was the best of the best— as an empathetic listener and conversationalist anytime and anywhere! Always friendly and kind !Cared about her brothers so much! God give her family comfort and joy of memories !Sure will miss seeing her at our ‘69 ladies gatherings! This was Christmas 2023at Cathy’s! May Meribeth rest in eternal peace and joy , reuniting with her loved ones in heaven 🙏*



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**Debra Casleton** - June 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM

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“ *My sympathy to her family. Maria was such a sweet person. I remember we were good friends as children. May she rest in peace.*

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**Patti Boyer Daniels** - June 13, 2025 at 11:50 PM