



## Mary Ann Reinsch

February 25, 1944 - September 18, 2020

Mary Ann Reinsch (Denholm) went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 18th, after a brief battle with Covid/pneumonia. And yes, she fought to the end.

Mary Ann was born in Akron, Ohio, and grew up in a large Catholic family with two brothers, three sisters, and cousins and family she loved. Like her Polish grandmother, she wanted to feed you if you came for a visit. She loved hosting large holiday dinners with enough food for an army and her fancy china set on the table. You could always find chocolate in candy dishes throughout the house and cookies in the cookie jar. If there was a window, she'd put a plant in it. She never threw anything away. NEVER. Including the contents of the refrigerator. Just ask Charlene about that. She loved her pets, Scrabble, polka music, and Jesus, whom she came to know in the early 1970s.

She moved with her family to Durant in 1977, where they lived near Lake Texoma. At various times she worked at the Durant Chamber of Commerce, Bryan County Youth Services, and SOSU. They later moved to Texas, where she worked at Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas as secretary to the Dean of Men. There she became a mom to many of the Resident Assistants at the men's dorm. But home was always Durant, where she and Bob retired in the early 1990s.

In 1993, Mary Ann co-founded a women's ministry called Christian Women's Fellowship of Durant. Today it's known simply as Remnant, which hosts quarterly retreats. For years she and Bob were Care Pastors at their church, Victory Life. They loved ministering to the singles, and Bob talked everyone's ears off.

She was active in the Bryan County GOP and was a clerk on the Bryan County Republican Board of Elections.

Mary Ann loved the Lord and serving others. She was proud of her kids and grandkids. She had many friends, and wherever she went there was laughter. Her favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31—"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Preceded in Death By: her parents Joseph and Annette Denholm; brother Joe Denholm Jr., husband Robert Reinsch.

She is survived by: her brother Anthony Denholm of Cottonwood, AZ, sister Carol Fitzgerald of St. Ann, MO, sister Donna Lillo of Akron, OH, sister Stephanie Howieson of Forest, VA, daughter Valerie Smith of Wylie, TX, daughter Victoria Keffer of Aubrey, TX, daughter Lori Luschei of San Diego, CA, daughter Marilyn MacDonald of Chesapeake, VA, son Frank Reinsch of Durant, OK, son Dale Reinsch of Helena, MT, 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any of Victory Life Church's ministries.

Funeral services will be held at Victory Life Church in Durant, on Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM, burial to follow at Mead Cemetery. Services

are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service of Durant. Online  
condolences can be made at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

## Cemetery Details

### Mead Cemetery

Mead, OK

## Previous Events

### Funeral

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Victory Life Church  
3412 University Blvd.  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Reinsch*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Mary Ann was a jewel! She always thought of others and was truly one of a kind.  
I will miss her.  
Penny Bridwell*

**Penny Bridwell** - September 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Mary Ann hosted several “tea parties” at her home at the lake. She went all out as a wonderful hostess! I will always cherish these memories of her . She also was a leader and example to me how to live close to God through many Bible studies and retreats.*

**Vivian Thacker** - September 24, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *We are saddened with the news of Mary Ann's passing, but comforted in knowing she was welcomed into Heaven. She was a wonderful cousin who will be missed.  
The Perellas & The Haddens  
Family in Ohio*

**Tri and Marie Hadden&Jean& Manny Perella** - September 23, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ I called her Mom! Mom and Dad are the reasons I have been living in Christ for almost 42 years! I miss her steadfast love and am so happy that she is now interceding for her children in heaven before our redeemer! Her prayers on earth were powerful in my life and the lives of my children (her grandchildren). Alleluia! Can you just imagine the power of her prayers now! I'm not happy for me, but I know she is dancing a polka!!!

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**Marilyn Macdonald** - September 22, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ So sad to learn that Mary Ann has left this earth. Our deepest sympathy to all of her family at this difficult time. We were honored to call her a friend, may she rest in eternal peace.



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**Liz & Kirk Ashton** - September 22, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ Your cousin Tammy, Cottonwood, Az. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann Reinsch.



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**Your cousin Tammy, Cottonwood, Az.** - September 21, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Reinsch.*



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September 21, 2020 at 04:21 PM



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



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September 21, 2020 at 03:42 PM