



Mary Ann Remshardt

January 22, 1947 - March 31, 2026

Mary Ann Remshardt, age 79, of Durant Ok, passed away March 31, 2026. We have lost a dear friend and loved one. We barely had time for the word cancer to sink in, before she was gone. Mary Ann was born January 22 1947, in Seattle WA, to William J Riley & Anne Cecilia Maloney Riley.

Mary Ann was raised in Phoenix Az. and graduated from Xavier College Preparatory in 1965. She began her nursing career at St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center School of Nursing in Phoenix in 1969. She went on to pursue higher education in nursing next at Montana State for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Bozeman Montana, followed by a Master's of Science in Nursing from TWU in Dallas TX. , and finally with a Doctor of Education from Texas A & M.

She spent many years working in the medical field where she build lasting friendships and gained the respect of those she worked alongside. She loved teaching and has taught many nursing students from Alaska, to Texas to Oklahoma over many decades. She spent most of those years at Grayson College and ECU.

Her retirement has been spent on her other favorite hobbies, her beloved husband Bill. Cooking for him, watching movies together, and traveling in their motor home together. She loved growing flowers, mowing the yard and

reading, always reading so many books. If you wanted to find Mary Ann, look in her favorite chair, where she was reading another book. She loved to tell stories about the old ICU days, shenanigans from 55 years ago, we always wondered why we didn't get into trouble.

She leaves behind a whole lot of loved ones missing her every day. She had a big heart and left an positive impression on everyone who crossed her path.

She is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Remshardt, her brother, Jimmy Riley of Washington; a son Jason Remshardt & Sarah Stewart of Colorado, son Brian Murray of Dallas TX, granddaughters, Bryn Murray of Durant and Kathleen Murray of Dallas. Many Remshardt'; Jera Remshardt Austring, BFF of 55 years that introduced her to Billy, Jill Gordon, Steven & Susan Remshardt all of Durant. Jill Remshardt & David Valentine of Sherman TX.

Nieces/nephews: Sindjia Austring & Rylee Gray of Durant, Danielle Weatherford of Wasilla AK, Jenna Gossett of Denton TX & Cannin/Jaysee Gossett of Big Lake AK , Kallie & Cameron McKnight of Wasilla AK & Tristan/Sarah Austring of Albuquerque NM, Steven/Ramona Gordon of Sherman TX & Kevin Gordon of Durant, Jessica/Sean Corbin of Abilene TX , Jeremy & Melanie Remshardt of Durant, Nikki/Caleb Berry & Jeff Remshardt of Durant, Andrew/Katie/Bryan Remshardt & Will Remshardt, Sherman TX. And many more nieces & nephews who will cherish her memory.

She will also be missed by special lifelong friends: Sheila Otter, Paulette Nordin, Barb Beringer, and Jeanie Hardin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William & Anne Cecelia Riley; brother Michael Riley, mother & father- in- law William & Marjorie Remshardt; brother- in- law, Brian Remshardt.

Family and friends are invited to share memories and condolences online at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Mary Ann's care has been entrusted to Brown's Funeral Home in Durant Ok.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ When I read Mary Ann's obit, I was touched to find my name as a "life long friend." Mary Ann & I trained at St Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in the '60s. Although we hadn't seen each other for many years, we reconnected through the weekly funnies I've been sending for the past 6 years. Mary Ann often responded & we became email buddies, sharing laughs & commenting about the political climate! I will sorely miss my email friend.

I've enclosed two old photos from our St Joe's days, one from a student nurse camping trip we took to Slide Rock State Park in AZ. Mary Ann is pictured surrounded by (L to R) Paulette Nordin, Peggy Ernster, MA & Mary Ann Valerine Haney. The second is a photo from our 1968 yearbook dressed as "hippies!" (L to R) Shana Franks, me (Barb wearing a long wig) & Mary Ann as a guy! Those were great memories.

At our 25th reunion in 1994, a pamphlet was compiled with quotes for each member of the class. This was Mary Ann's: "A faithful friend is the true image of the Deity."

Farewell, faithful friend.

With love,

Barb Fenner Beringer



Barb Fenner Beringer - May 05 at 10:01 PM

PE

“ *Peggy Ernster lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Remshardt*



Peggy Ernster - May 05 at 03:45 PM

PE

“ *I went to St. Josephs Hospital School of Nursing many, many years ago with Mary Ann. She was so pretty, funny, and such a lovely person. The world is a little less bright today.
Warmly,
Peggy Ernster*

Peggy Ernster - May 05 at 03:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Remshardt.*



April 22 at 01:59 PM

JC

“ *There are so many memories that are in my heart of her. The family gathers we would have from birthdays, holidays, hangs to summer fun in the pool. Love to tell stories of family, Utah trips, kids and grandchildren.
Always ask how everyone was doing. Always in my heart ❤️.*



Jessica Corbin - April 20 at 09:48 PM

GM

“ *One of a Few 'second moms'... So many memories. Too many stories.* ❤️❤️

G Mac - April 20 at 02:25 AM

MB

“ *Melody Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Remshardt*



Melody Baker - April 19 at 11:15 PM