



Mary Ellen Bickel

June 10, 1953 - December 19, 2016

Colonie - Mary Ellen (Meister) Bickel, 63, passed away at her home unexpectedly but peacefully on Monday, December 19, 2016.

Born in Albany, she was the loving daughter of the late Mary (Keyser) Meister and Emil J. Meister, Jr. Mary Ellen is a graduate of the Vincentian Institute of Albany. She assisted her beloved husband with the management of their businesses, Paul's Garage, Inc. and M.E.B. Properties Ltd, Albany, for 36 years. She was also the daytime caretaker for her three eldest grandchildren for 12 years.

Mary Ellen enjoyed camping, shopping for others, and had an incredible eye and passion for party and holiday decorating. She loved to make others smile and was happiest when spending time with her family.

Mary Ellen is survived by her beloved husband of 42 years, Paul H. Bickel, Sr. She is the devoted mother of Melissa (John) Willis of Ballston Lake, Paul (Karen) Bickel, Jr. of Colonie, and Brian Bickel of Colonie. Mary Ellen adored her precious grandchildren, Maxwell, Lucas, and Elise Willis of Ballston Lake and Arianna and Brianna Bickel of Colonie. Mary Ellen is the cherished sister of Emil (Peggy) Meister, III of Hudson, Theresa (Eric) Preston of East Greenbush, Paul (Patti) Meister of East Greenbush, and the late Barbara (Nicholas) Ketz of Guilderland. Mary Ellen will be dearly missed by many

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to specially thank Meghan Deltry and Stephen Bickel whose compassion and assistance in the early hours of December 19th were invaluable.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mary Ellen's family Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 10:00 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Mary Ellen Bickel in a special way may send a contribution to the American Heart Association, 4 Atrium Drive, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave a special message for the family, light a candle, or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

DEC **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Bickel*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces"*

Montana - December 28, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences
You are all in my prayers, God bless*

James Gaul - December 25, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *My heart is breaking to hear about the loss of Mary Ellen who I have known since high school, an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker . Heaven may have gained an amazing soul, but I know that she will continue to watch over and protect her family here on earth as their special guardian angel.*

Karen Cruise - December 22, 2016 at 05:49 PM

RB

“ *Melissa and family, I am so sorry for your great loss. I knew your Mom and Dad in High School and they were so much fun to be around. I really loved seeing all of the pictures of family that your Mom posted on Face Book, she was so proud of you all. My heart breaks for you all and I am sending prayers that you and your family will find peace in your wonderful memories. Rose Rider Baker*

Rose Rider Baker - December 22, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bickel.*



December 21, 2016 at 04:23 PM

DW

“ *So sorry to hear of your wife.mother and grandmother's sudden death.Mary Ellen was a classmate of mine all through VI.We went to St Vincent dePaul Church.So many common memories our group of kids shared through the years.
I moved to Maine in the mid 70's and haven't been back much to visit.But it still hurts when someone you've known almost all your life dies...It can be especially hard when you don't get the chance to say goodbye.Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Drucinda (Cindy) Slocum Woodman
woodman@gwi.net*

Drucinda Woodman - December 21, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bickel.*



December 21, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bickel.*



December 21, 2016 at 02:15 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. Warm thoughts to the family - Bill Gaul VI71*



Bill Gaul - December 20, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of your wife and mother. The sudden loss of a loved one is never easy. May God bless you all and help you get through the next few days. Sincerely Kathy and Bill Brown.*



Mr and Mrs Bill Brown - December 20, 2016 at 02:25 PM

GP

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire family. Mary Ellen was always so kind and generous to us and we'll be forever grateful for so many great 4th of July parties together. We are thinking of you all. - Vicky and Greg Pautler

Greg Pautler - December 20, 2016 at 11:10 AM