



Mary Ellen Normandin, 73, of Crookston, MN, passed away early Monday afternoon, September 11, 2023, in RiverView Health, while surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born in Georgetown, MN on August 6, 1950, one of twelve children of the union of Andrew and Rose (Brunelle) Hermann. While growing up in Georgetown she was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Catholic Church and received her early years of schooling. She later attended high school in nearby Moorhead, graduating from Moorhead High as a member of the Class of 1968. Mary furthered her

education by moving to Crookston and enrolling in Corbett College at Mount St. Benedict. After graduation from there in 1971 Mary began working at the Development Achievement Center (DAC) in Crookston followed by serving as a volunteer for Vista. On June 6, 1973 Mary was united in marriage to Ernest Joseph Normandin at St. John's, her home Church in Georgetown. The young couple made their first home in Gentilly, MN before moving to Crookston in 1975. Over the years they were blessed by the births of Jim, Amy, Angie, and Scott, raising them in a very loving home. After the move to Crookston Mary began providing daycare from her home. For the next 40 years she loved and nurtured hundreds of children and as she grew older her role changed from being "second mom" to "second grandma" with her last child leaving the nest in 2015.

Mary and Ernie were devoted members of St. Anne's Catholic Church and after its closing became parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mary taught RE for many years, sang with the choir, and also served on the Cathedral School Board. She loved spending time with the Sisters of Mount St. Benedict while volunteering her time to them in whatever way she could. In her younger years she was a Girl Scout Leader for her daughters and their friends while they were growing up.

Mary and Ernie loved their family dearly and nothing was better than having everyone home and filling the house with the sounds of grandchildren's laughter. To the grandkids she was "nana" with the nana bread who also taught them to make cookie salad with dancing bears.

Mary is survived by Ernie, her beloved husband of 50 years; their 4 children: Jim and Kris Normandin of West Fargo, ND, Amy and Makell Pauling-Normandin of Moorhead, MN, Angie and Mike Kreider of West Fargo, and Scott and Samantha Normandin of Moorhead; 11 grandchildren: Cody, Shayenne, Cameron, Mason, Jessie, Aizel, Asher, Ashlynn, Austin, Liam, and Paxton; and great-grandson, Noah. She also leaves 5 brothers: Jerry and Linda Hermann of Georgetown, MN, Mike and Shelia Hermann of Dubuque IA, Charlie and Sherry Hermann of Minto, ND, William and Mary Hermann of Dilworth, MN, and Richard and Lisa Hermann of Moorhead, MN; 3 sisters to whom she was always affectionately known as the Queen Bee: Patricia Audette of Cambridge, MN, Barbara and Mark Thompson of Moorhead, and Jean and Deon Walton of Glyndon, MN; and from Ernie's side of the family, 2 sisters-in-law, Ruth and Darrell Cymbaluk of Crookston, and Veronica Gilstad of Brentford, SD; together with several nieces and nephews, extended family, and many friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Rose Hermann; brother, Tom Hermann; sisters, Rosie Hermann and Karen Hermann; and brothers-in-law, Bernie Audette and Rick Thomas. From Ernie's family: parents-in-law, Gloria Normandin, and Jerome and Doris Normandin; and brother-in-law, Larry Gilstad. Cherished will be the memory of Mary Ellen Normandin.

*On Eagle's
Wings*





God's finger touched her and she slipped away
From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day;
God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill's were to climb:
He gently closed her weary eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Ellen Normandin

August 6, 1950 September 11, 2023

Prayer Service and Memory Sharing

Friday, September 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home - Crookston, MN
Led by Msgr. David Baumgartner
"Jealous of Angels"
by Donna Taggert
"I Can Only Imagine"
by Mercy Me

The Mass of Christian Burial Honoring Mary's Life

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Crookston, MN
Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding

Readings

Psalm 23
John 14: 1-3
Ericka Uttermark

Solo and Hymns

"Ave Maria" - Phil Hermann
"Table of Plenty"
"On Eagles Wings"
"Go in Peace"
"You Are Mine"
"The Summons"

Janel Kresl and Joyce Johnson, cantors
Kim Mulvaney, organist

Honorary Urn Bearers

Mary's Beloved Grandchildren and Great-Grandson

Graveside Service

St. Peter's Cemetery
Gentilly, Minnesota

We would like to sincerely thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy which have meant so much to us during this difficult time. We are very grateful for your presence, whether in body or in spirit, as we Celebrate the Life of our wonderful Wife, Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma, Sister, and Aunt
Love,

*Ernie - Jim and Kris - Amy and Makell - Angie and Mike - Scott and Samantha
The Grandchildren and Great-Grandson - Hermann and Normandin Families*