



Mary Anne Farris

May 10, 1925 - February 18, 2011

Mary Anne Diemer Farris, 85, of Bloomfield, Indiana passed away Friday, February 18, 2011 at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove, Indiana.

She was born May 10, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois the daughter of Bernard Peter and Sue E. (Laibe) Diemer.

Mary Anne graduated from Alvernia High School in Chicago in 1942; she attended Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946. She received her Master of Arts in 1951 and her Certificate of Counseling and Guidance in 1972 from Indiana University. She taught at Jasper High School from 1945 to 1950, Arlington Heights High School from 1951 to 1952, and Bloomfield High School from 1967 to 1990. She was a founding member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield. Mary Anne was awarded the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Saint Mother Theodore Outstanding Alumnae Medallion in 1970, the Theta Sigma Psi National Journalistic Honorary Fraternity in 1951, and the Brute' Award, a Diocesan Service Award from the Diocese of Evansville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson Christopher Farris Schwarz.

She is survived by her children; William (Ember) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Marc of Carmel, Indiana; David of San Antonio, Texas; Lisa (Paul) of Avon, Indiana; Amy (Jim) of Kingwood, Texas; Robb of New Palestine, Indiana; Scott of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Julie of Indianapolis, Indiana. She has twenty one grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. William

(Irene) Diemer of Peoria, Illinois.

Friends may call from 1 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Indiana.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at Saint Peter Catholic Church in Linton, Indiana.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana or St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove, Indiana.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Farris Family, Your mother was a wonderful person.....She graced the halls of BHS and left such a positive mark on all our lives. My sympathies to all of you...*

Ally Moore Ross - April 04, 2011 at 07:53 PM

RA

“ *I never knew what unconditional love was until I met Mrs. Farris. She was a mentor and one of the greatest influences of my life. She brought a little bit of heaven to me during some very turbulent years. Now heaven is brighter because she is there. As far as I am concerned she was a saint. I look forward to heaven and meeting her there. God bless all of the family you have no idea how lucky you were to have had her.*

Roger Axe - March 20, 2011 at 05:48 PM

EW

“ *Mrs. Farris was such a wonderful teacher and person. Her encouragement will always be fondly remembered.*

Eva J. (Summerville) Willis - March 05, 2011 at 09:52 PM

MS

“ *I wish I was able to be up there with everybody, you all have constantly been in my thoughts and prayers. Let Grandma's light shine down upon us all. Love from Austin*

Michael Schwarz - February 24, 2011 at 11:45 PM

KS

“ There's not enough space to name all the fond memories I have of Mary Ann and her wonderful family. My days in Linton/Bloomfield from 1968 - 1970 began a life-long friendship. No one was more loyal, generous, and loving with her time and energies than Mary Ann.

May our memories of you continue to enlighten all who know and love you.

Mary Ann, Presente'

Fondly, Kathleen Desautels, SP

Kathleen Desautels, SP - February 24, 2011 at 02:31 PM

MM

“ Your Mom was such a rock for so many. This world is much better having had her energy and wisdom. She was a tremendous guiding force for the Farris family and so many youngsters with names other than Farris. May her incredible spirit continue to be present for you and provide you joy, pride, and peace. Love, Melissa

Melissa Miles - February 23, 2011 at 09:27 PM

JL

“ Please know that Al and I send our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your dear mother whom I'll always remember as the catalyst for my career in journalism. Mrs. Farris counseled me wisely when I was editor of the school newspaper and taught all of us the value of free speech along with its responsibility. I look forward to talking with her again in eternity. You were blessed to have her as your mother.

Joyce Hasler Long - February 23, 2011 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ Know that I am with you all in spirit, love, and prayer. Mary Anne was a great, great lady! I will treasure our friendship forever. You are in my heart. Sister (David) Mary, SP

Sister (David) Mary - February 23, 2011 at 06:18 PM

JA

“ Mary Anne was my teacher, one of those that you always remember with a smile; and my sister Connie Lester was her hairdresser. It was always nice to see her at the beauty shop. She was a very special person. Prayers to all of you.

Jan Adcock - February 23, 2011 at 05:20 PM

DH

“ Lisa and the Farris Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She was a true gift to Bloomfield High School, to the Community and to the Human Spirit. She touched so many lives with her energy, her support and her truth--what an incredible legacy she leaves...
Our hearts are with you.

Denise Hasler - February 23, 2011 at 03:05 PM

TG

“ Sorry to hear about Mrs. Farris. She was one of a kind. We all have very fond memories of her.

The Axe Girls - February 23, 2011 at 11:55 AM

SP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was an awesome woman who touched so many lives. I am keeping all of you in my prayers.

Susan (Street) Pardue - February 23, 2011 at 08:04 AM

JW

“ I was saddened to learn that Mrs.Farris had passed. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

John Wheelock - February 23, 2011 at 12:31 AM

DY

“ Mrs. Farris was my all-time favorite teacher. She was the first teacher to talk to us as though we were adults, even though we were only Sophomores.
Bill....I'm so sorry for your loss. It is a loss for all of us.

Doug Young - February 22, 2011 at 11:18 PM

BM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Farris was a wonderful teacher and counselor, a great asset to Bloomfield. I will keep you all in prayer.
My sincere condolences, Beverly Miller

Beverly Crabb Miller - February 22, 2011 at 10:42 PM

KR

“ My sympathies to the family. Mrs Farris was such a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. I smile whenever I think of her.

Kim (Boyd) Resler - February 22, 2011 at 10:03 PM

BB

“ I am sending special thoughts and prayers. It sounds like she lived a wonderful life. Her life was made great because of her wonderful family. Special thoughts and love, Barb Beymer

Barb Beymer - February 22, 2011 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ Lisa, Amy, Robb, Scott, and Julie,
Kirk and I are thinking of you this week and remembering your Mom. She accomplished so much by raising successful children while having a career that had a positive influence on so many others. Kirk is especially grateful for her assistance in navigating him to IU. While this is a sad time, I pray you hear many wonderful stories about your mom in the coming weeks that you will take comfort in and can reflect upon. Muchnlove to. All of you.

Marilea Grider and Kirk Miller - February 22, 2011 at 07:43 PM

AR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.
Lonnie and Anita Ranard

Anita Ranard - February 22, 2011 at 07:09 PM

MR

“ Sorry for your loss, thinking of you during this difficult time.

Marcia Ranard-Waldrip - February 22, 2011 at 07:07 PM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I think you mom was such a great role model for all of us.

KAY SURFUS - February 22, 2011 at 05:52 PM

JR

“ Dear Amy and Jim,
Our deepest condolences in the death of your mother. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Jean & Stewart - Kingwood, TX

Jean Robertson - February 22, 2011 at 05:47 PM

SW

“ Mary Anne was such an exceptional person and a positive influence in so many of our lives. I feel blessed to have known her as a teacher and friend. God bless her and provide comfort to her family at this time of great loss.

Steve A. Wilcox - February 22, 2011 at 05:05 PM

RC

“ I wish to express my deep sorrow in hearing of the loss of Mary Anne. I have very fond memories of her as a teacher. She was one of the few that could really get you to think about new possibilities and made learning an enjoyable experience. I wish that I had been able to visit with her one more time to let her know the effect that she had on me as a student.
With sympathy, Richard and Gail Clark

Richard Clark - February 22, 2011 at 03:18 PM

TG

“ My deepest sympathy to you all. What a wonderful woman and true inspiration. May the memories bring nothing but smiles.

Teri George - February 22, 2011 at 02:14 PM

RF

“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. I WENT TO BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL AND HAD MRS. FARRIS AS ONE OF MY TEACHERS. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL TEACHER. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME OF SORROW. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR HEARTS AND WILL BE WATCHING OVER YOU ALWAYS.

ROSEMARY FISHER - February 22, 2011 at 02:07 PM

AM

“ *Mary Ann has left a strong legacy! Aside from all her professional accomplishments, she hosted 'the fun home to hang at' for so many of us as kids. Thinking And praying for all of you as you celebrate through laughter and tears, your mom's life. Love, Alice*

Alice Mehaffey - February 22, 2011 at 02:00 PM

NH

“ *To the family,
Rick and I are truly sorry at the loss of your mother. What a dear, wonderful lady she was. Always smiling, always hopeful, and always ready to help. You all have been so blessed to have her as your mom. We are thinking of you, and sending prayers of strength and comfort for you during this hard time.*

Nancy Hudson - February 22, 2011 at 01:10 PM

TF

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family in this difficult time. May the memories ease the pain and lift your spirits in the days ahead.*

Tom Ferry - February 22, 2011 at 10:42 AM

MS

“ *As a new high school student in Bloomfield in the early 70s, Mrs. Farris was a sweet and welcoming presence. She even put up with my "city" ways and tried to help me fit in. She will be missed. Sleep sweetly, Lady.*

Marilyn Sullivan - February 22, 2011 at 10:21 AM

DA

“ *The Alano family sends our heartfelt condolences. Mrs. Farris was one of a kind and a great friend to all.*

Danise Alano-Martin - February 22, 2011 at 10:08 AM

AS

“ Dear Farris Family: It is with sadness that I write to all of you today. I just learned of your mother's passing yesterday and with regrets I will not be in Indiana for her funeral. Your Mom was one of a kind - a risk taker, a caregiver, an open ear, a believer in God who thought all was possible if you believed. She was fun and welcomed all of us into your home without hesitation or concern. She impacted so many and supported even more, often when no one else did. She will be missed. But I am very glad she was in my life and in all of yours. Peace. Alan Sickbert

Alan Sickbert - February 22, 2011 at 09:42 AM

HH

“ I can't begin to say how sorry I am for the loss of such a fine lady. She was a very good teacher, in church, and in school. She was also a friend. I know she will be missed, always.

Henry Haywood - February 22, 2011 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Anne.

Jayme Farris - February 22, 2011 at 08:55 AM

RH

“ To the Farris family, so sorry to hear of Mary Anne's passing. She was truly a special lady and had such a caring gift about her. I am sure you all have many wonderful memories to hold onto in the days, months, & years to come. Congrats Mary Anne on a life well lived!

Rita & Harold Holtsclaw - February 22, 2011 at 08:29 AM

JF

“ I was very sadden to hear about your mom. She was a special lady and loved by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Jane Ternes Francis - February 22, 2011 at 08:06 AM

FB

“ Fred & I are so sorry for your loss.

Fred & Beverly Byers - February 21, 2011 at 11:02 PM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very special lady. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

Joe & Gerry Lardizabal - February 21, 2011 at 08:39 PM

BF

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Brian & Kim Frederick - February 21, 2011 at 08:05 PM

AR

“ I was sorry to hear of Mary Anne's death. Working with at her in the counseling office at BHS was pretty instrumental in my decision to study psychology and counseling. She was a wonderful woman.

Anita Allen Reach - February 21, 2011 at 04:40 PM

SG

“ To all of the children of Mary Ann, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of your mother. I have many fond memories of her. Her dynamic personality made an impact on me when I was in nursing school. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time love and hugs Sara and family

sara(laibe) goeble - February 21, 2011 at 04:18 PM

GH

“ I was saddened to hear of Mary Anne's passing. She was a great teacher at BHS, and I'm sure was a wonderful mother as well. She will be missed. Rest in Peace Mary Anne.....

Gary Howell - February 21, 2011 at 02:56 PM

CB

“ I only have fond memories of your mother. She was not only one of my favorite teachers but also a friend.
I am sorry that I will not be able to attend visitation or funeral mass. I will be out of town attending meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.
Your family will be in my prayers.
Love,
Connie Williams Burris

Connie Burris - February 21, 2011 at 02:35 PM

CR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Farris family during this difficult time.

Chad Riddle - February 21, 2011 at 01:03 PM