



Ann LaVay Banning

March 9, 1943 - October 14, 2018

Ann LaVay (Longbella) Banning, of Hopkins, MN passed away on October 14, 2018 at the age of 75. Ann was born on March 9, 1943 in Minneapolis to Eldon and Hilma Longbella. Ann was the youngest of four daughters that included Pat, Eda Mae and Sharon. The family resided in the Hopkins/Minnetonka area where Ann and her sisters grew up, attended school and made life-long friends. Ann graduated from Hopkins High School and during her time there was a Warriorette on the dance-line and was also a member of the chorus group The Sextettes. She had a love of music and learned to play the piano which she enjoyed for years.

Ann met her husband, Butch Banning, through her sister Sharon and they were married for just shy of 10 years. Although they divorced, they had two daughters, Kari and Beth, who grew up mainly under their mother Ann's care in Hopkins.

Ann went to work for Supervalu, Inc. beginning her career as a secretary and through determination and a great work ethic ended her 30 years of service as a Manager in Market Research. After retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her daughters, her grandchildren and most recently her great-granddaughter. She loved visiting at daughter Beth and husband Allen's house reminiscing about her professional life. She was an avid card player in a bridge club, had a regular "friendly" monthly poker night and played 500 with

her sister Sharon, daughter Kari and Kari's husband, Matt. She enjoyed the Jacks or Better poker machine at Little Six and an occasional game of bingo.

Ann was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2016. Throughout the past two years, her attitude was never one of sadness or pity. She charged forward, living her life to the fullest only looking forward to the next day. "Why would I want to know how much time they say I have left to live, I'm just going to LIVE", she would say. And she did just that, up until just a few days before she left this world for her next journey. Her body may have been tired and worn out from fighting the cancer, but her independence and spirit NEVER wavered.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Pat Klinkhammer and Eda Mae Longbella. She is survived by her sister Sharon Nelson, her daughters Kari Banning-Golla (Matt) and Beth McCulloch (Allen), 8 grandchildren (her Teeter Pies), Kaci, Jori, Cami, Lexi, Jordan, Aly, Grant and Evelyn, one great-granddaughter, Arya, and her nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be on Saturday, Oct 27 at 11AM with visitation one hour before at:

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1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

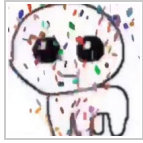
Hopkins Chapel
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Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beth Banning McCulloch lit a candle in memory of Ann LaVay Banning*



Beth Banning McCulloch - October 22, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *Dear Family and Friends, It was our privilege to provide care for Ann. We share in your grief and send our love.*

Your Friends at Little Hospice

Little Hospice - October 18, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ *Allen McCulloch lit a candle in memory of Ann LaVay Banning*



Allen McCulloch - October 16, 2018 at 06:56 PM