



Dianne Therese Mahoney

November 7, 1937 - January 27, 2024

Dianne Therese Mahoney, a devout and spiritual woman, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, January 27, 2024 after 86 years of a very full life. She was reunited in heaven with her youngest daughter, Jenny Rebecca Mahoney, on the day of Jenny's birth.

Dianne was born on November 7, 1937 in Estherville, Iowa, the daughter of Bernard Vincent Bormann and Wilma Dorothy Wobbe. Her family spent the years of WWII in Superior, Wisconsin, but eventually settled in Morris, Minnesota. She graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a double major in art and music, and then married Gerald Dean Mahoney of Appleton, Minnesota at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris on June 27, 1959.

The couple moved to Walcott, North Dakota for their first teaching assignments, but eventually moved to Waverly, Minnesota where Dianne served as the organist and directed the choir at St. Mary's Catholic Church for many years. They moved to Winsted, Minnesota in 1966 where Dianne taught music at both Holy Trinity Catholic elementary and the public school in Winsted. She concurrently served the St. Mary's parish and served as the musical director of many summer plays in Waverly.

She was President of the Minnesota Orff teaching association, a premier

music education organization. She was also active with the American Orff Schulwerk Association. Dianne was a creative force throughout her life. She was talented musically with voice, piano, organ, conducting, and composing music and with visual arts and the written word. She was an avid seamstress, making not only her children's clothes but vestments and banners for various churches. She designed quilts and produced notecards.

After moving to Brooklyn Center in 2010, she began watercolor painting. Dianne received distinguished awards from Courage Kenny Foundation. The Foundation acquired her paintings which are still on display at the Abbott Hospital gallery. Her distinctive artworks were also featured in numerous national magazines.

For nearly fifty years, Dianne was actively involved in recovery support groups. She was a mentor and sponsor who helped thousands by living the spiritual principles of 12-Step programs.

Dianne is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her older sister Marilyn Bormann Rosenberg and her beloved daughter Jenny.

She is survived by her five remaining children: Mary Beth (JP Kumar) of Washington, DC, along with their son Elliot; Mike (Maureen McCarthy) Mahoney of Buffalo, along with their children: Meghan, Ryan, Rebecca, Willie, Viktoria, Stasia, Joey, Jesse, Lucy, and Ellie; Colleen of Minneapolis; Patrick of Minneapolis, along with his daughter McKenzie and granddaughter Mia; Sean (Ashley Bray) Mahoney of Plymouth, along with their children: Joshua, Kate, Laura, and Ben.

She is also survived by siblings Gerald (Priscilla) Bormann of Plymouth, Rosemary (Arthur) Froehle of Minneapolis, Jon Bormann of St. Louis Park, and Carol (Terry) Kapsen of Edina, and numerous nieces and nephews,

friends and loved ones.

There will be a visitation at 9:00 AM preceding a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly, Minnesota (607 Maple Avenue.)

She will be interred at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Waverly alongside her daughter Jenny immediately following Mass.

There will be Celebration of Life at Spiritual Life Center on Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 PM (6865 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the College of St. Benedict for the benefit of the Jenny Rebecca Mahoney Scholarship, or to Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery (Waverly)

Waverly, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Waverly
607 Maple Ave.
Waverly, MN 55390

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Mrs. Mahoney was my teacher at Holy Trinity in Winsted. More than that, she was my neighbor when I was growing up and her eldest; Mary Beth was my best friend in grade school. I spent many hours at their house and stayed overnight often. Mrs. Mahoney was always kind and treated me wonderfully and I have thought of her often throughout my life and will continue to think of her often. My condolences to her loved ones ! Always remember that you can take her with you everywhere you go as long as she's in your mind and in your heart and she'll never be far from you !
Micki Habisch

Micki Habisch - February 03, 2024 at 12:28 PM



Thank you Micki for your kind remembrances. I have found memories of staying overnight at your house too. Mary Beth

Mary Beth Mahoney - December 08, 2024 at 05:59 PM

MH

“ My sympathy to Dianne's children and siblings. Sorry I won't be able to make the services. I am a cousin of Dianne's. Mary Bormann Hartman.

Mary Hartman - February 01, 2024 at 07:00 PM

GW

“ Gary W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Therese Mahoney.

Gary W. - February 01, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dianne Therese Mahoney.*



February 01, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Teri lit a candle in memory of Dianne Therese Mahoney*



teri - February 01, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *I remember Dianne as a CSB sophomore - bright, multi-talented, caring, warm, and hospitable. She was a gifted and vital member of the civic and parish community everywhere she lived. Holding her, all her family and loved ones in prayer as you celebrate who she is and grieve your loss. You will miss her. May God comfort you. Sister Katherine Kraft, OSB, CSB alumna, 1960*

S. Katherine Kraft - February 01, 2024 at 03:00 PM

CO

“ *Easter 2022*



Colleen - February 01, 2024 at 12:18 AM

DR

“ *David and MaryJo Runde purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dianne Therese Mahoney.*



David and MaryJo Runde - January 31, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AK

“ *May all of Dianne's family find peace in our Lord Jesus at this time and in the future. God bless you all!*
Aaron Kubasch

Aaron Kubasch - January 31, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Judy Mumford-Torres - January 31, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JM

*Such a wonderful picture of all of you. Condolences and love,
Judy*

Judy Mumford-Torres - January 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Pictures



Sean Mahoney - January 31, 2024 at 09:04 AM

VI

“ Victoria lit a candle in memory of Dianne
Therese Mahoney



Victoria - January 31, 2024 at 06:37 AM