



Maria B. Murad

March 27, 1934 - September 5, 2024

Maria (Benda) Murad

Died September 5, 2024, after a brief illness. Preceded in death by parents, Ethel (Lowe) and Victor Benda, loving husband George, brother Victor Benda and nephew Tony Benda.

Survived by five wonderful children, Lisa (Jeff) Ellis, Victoria, Connie (Mike) Smith, Angela, and Michael; four grandchildren who were the lights of her life, Maggie Smith, Madeline (Ben) Lesiak, Noah Smith and Ryan Murad. Also survived by dear sister-in-law, Karol Benda; darling niece, Juliet (David) Thomas; and wonderful grandnephews, Zachary (Anna) and Henry; and many other relatives and friends.

When her children were all in school, she returned to the University of Minnesota where she finished her B.A. in English and attained her M.A. in the Creative Writing Program; she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. After graduation, she worked for 13 years at Supervalu Inc. (now UNFI), also taught for many years at Metro State, Rasmussen College, National American University and Academy College.

She published many memoirs online and in anthologies; wrote a nonfiction management book, "Leading Ladies: How to Manage Like a Star;" published several short stories, three novels featuring "Suzy the Supercop" and a Care Bears book, "The Magic Words." She was a long-time member of the Southside Writers group.

A fan of peacocks, the color blue, gnomes, murder mysteries, holidays,

musicals, travel, QVC, and anything related to fashion. She was a dancer all of her life, devoted primarily to ballet. We love you Mia, and you will always be in our hearts.

Mass of Christian Burial at All Saints Catholic Church, 19795 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044, Wednesday September 18th; with Rosary at 10:15 / Visitation at 10:30 / Mass at 11:30 am. Light luncheon 12:30-2:00 pm will be served after Mass at the church. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to American Heart Association or All Saints Catholic Church Lakeville, MN.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 18. 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church (Lakeville)
19795 Holyoke Avenue
Lakeville, MN 55044

Visitation

SEP 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 18. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church (Lakeville)
19795 Holyoke Avenue
Lakeville, MN 55044

Graveside Service

SEP 26. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Annie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maria B. Murad.*



Annie - September 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

KV

“ *Kyle and Megan Villa purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria B. Murad.*



Kyle and Megan Villa - September 17, 2024 at 01:13 PM