



Mary Joan Bistram

January 27, 1932 - April 29, 2026

Bistram, Mary Joan (Roberts) age 94, of Fridley passed peacefully with her children at her side on April 29, 2026.

Preceded in death by parents, Bill and Mildred, sister, Pat, and husband of 65 years, Martin

(Marty). With sincere humor, all her children would say that Mary loved order, following

rules, numbers, and believed everything had its place. Numbers were meant to add up,

checkbooks balanced to the penny, bowling scores properly counted, and shoes off in the house.

Mary loved to laugh and recently shared she was voted "Best Smile" in her high school

class. Nobody could make her smile, laugh, or break a rule more than her husband Marty,

who she met at her 15th birthday party and had missed dearly for 10 years.

Mary also found

humor, joy, love, and unique connections were to be made with her children, families, and

God. She ended all goodbyes with "I love you more" followed by "You'll never get ahead of

me."

Survived by children, Greg (Becky), Gary (Susan), Guy (Becky), Mary Jo (Art)
Erdman, Grant
(Danell), and Karin (Tom) Kladar; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren;
sister, Kathryn. In
lieu of flowers, donations to Godtown.org are preferred.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Voted Best Mom Ever” 7-0 vote (RIP fake son Gerry). We spent one of her last days in hospice watching two of her favorite shows- Jeopardy (“except geography topics”) and bowling. With respect for Mom’s strong opinion, there will be no mention of CHEESE at her service. Mom’s family thanks the staff at Cardigan Ridge for make your facility her home for almost 2 years. And special thanks to her good friend Gloria for the many wonderful conversations at Cardigan Ridge.

Greg Bistram - May 11 at 08:32 PM

DH

Greg, I enjoyed hearing the stories about your Mom. Condolences to you and your family.

Deb Hebert - May 13 at 08:26 AM