



Mary Eugenie Bertain Bickford

May 25, 1927 - May 30, 2018

Mary Eugenie Bertain Bickford, a lifelong Napa Valley resident, was born on May 25, 1927 to Jean and Ellen Bertain. She passed away peacefully at home on May 30, 2018, surrounded by her family. She attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School, where she returned as a teacher's aide in the Title 1 program, teaching for 30 years. She graduated from Dominican Upper School in San Rafael. Mary was a charter member of the St. Apollinaris Parish.

Mary was best known for the love, devotion and joy she showed her six children and the inspiration she gave to so many. She embraced life with grace, courage and humility.

Sharing her beautiful roses and special handmade pins brought her great happiness. A devoted friend who could always be counted on for love and support, Mary loved playing bridge every third Thursday with her lifelong friends of over 65 years.

She is survived by her sister, Sr. Anne Bertain, O.P., her six children, John Bickford (Carol), Mary Ellen Robertson (Don), Cathy Bennett (Dick,dec), Margaret Thompson (Bill), Pattie Henry (Tim), and Tom Bickford (Karin), as well as her 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses and caregivers for their compassionate and loving care.

The twinkle of life in her eye was present until her very last breath and will forever be missed.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 4:00pm at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home with a Rosary to follow at 7:00pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 11:00am at St. Apollinaris Church, immediately followed by Interment and Reception at Tulocay Cemetery. Mary's special handmade pins would be a welcomed sight.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. John's Catholic Church, St. Apollinaris Parish or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd

Napa, CA, 94558

Events

JUN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Claffey & Rota Funeral Home

1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

JUN **Rosary** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUN **Reception** 12:00PM - 04:00PM

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Tulocay Cemetery

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Comments



“ My deepest sympathy to all the Bickford family on w Mary's death. I have wonderful memories of a devoted parent, tireless worker for school and parish and good friend. May she enjoy the light, love, peace and joy of Heaven.
Actually, my memory goes back further than Mary's involvement in St. A's to the goodness of Bertain's Laundry who washed, starched and ironed the white headpieces of the habits we wore back in the early 60s. They would not take payment.
Thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss.
Thank God for Google in my old age! I was able to get out Mom's obituary.
Loving wishes to each of you especially to Margaret, Pattie and Tom whom I remember at st. A's.
Mary Corcoran (Sr. - - - formerly Liguori)

Sr. Mary Corcoran - June 15, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ We are so sorry we were unable to attend the services for this beautiful, lovely, dear and courageous lady.
May we offer our deepest sympathy to her wonderful family for your loss. We know she left so many memories and examples of how to face the challenges life brings and we hope those memories and God's love will give you strength, comfort and peace in the days ahead.
God bless you, always.
With love.
Bob and Betty Daly

Betty Daly - June 12, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear family of Mary Bickford. I taught 2nd grade at St. John's and knew Mary for many years. She was a lovely lady and I loved her as a special friend. I, too, have some of her pins. I just found out today, Sun. June 10, of her passing so was not aware of the Rosary or Mass. Elaine Moura

Elaine Moura - June 11, 2018 at 01:21 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Eugenie Bertain Bickford.



June 03, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ Rest In Peace Mary,I had the pleasure of caring for you many many times in The Procedure Center @ the Queen,you so kindly gave me a couple of your pins & I will cherish them always,Love to you & your lovely family,Jeana Skivington

jeana skivington - June 02, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Mary. I so enjoyed working with her at St. John the Baptist School in Napa. I still have the pins she gave me on each holiday. God Bless you Mary, RIP

susan cosentino - June 02, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ From: Paula, Judy, and Ken Weber purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Eugenie Bertain Bickford.



From: Paula, Judy, and Ken Weber - June 01, 2018 at 04:55 PM