



## Mary Ann Skowronski

June 13, 1946 - January 15, 2021

Mary Ann Skowronski (née Bracker) passed away peacefully on January 15, 2021, with her three children at her side. She has joined her late beloved husband Thomas (55 years of marriage) in eternity. Mary Ann was born on June 13, 1946 to the late Harry and Cotella Bracker in Hamtramck, Michigan.

Mary Ann will be forever loved by her children, Charles (Karen), Lisa (David) Elston, and Matthew (Kimberly). She will be cherished by her six beloved grandchildren, the pride and joy of her life, Haley, Andrew, Gillian, Christian, Jack, and Lily. Her siblings will forever remember their time together, Rita (Bernie) LeMieux, Carolyn (Gary) VanHorn, Paul "Shovelhead" and her late brother John. Several nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors have been blessed by her presence.

Mary Ann was a woman of many talents. Being a loving, caring, nurturing mother was her gift to Chuck, Lisa, and Matt. She was a grandmother for "all seasons". Mary Ann was a wonderful person and her smile of pride lit up the room. She loved her grandchildren unconditionally. She was their foundation and they could always count on her support, understanding, and encouragement. Mary Ann and her little sister Rita (11 months younger) were best friends. Family events were very special to Mary Ann. Cooking and baking were Mary Ann's accomplished talents and for relaxation she enjoyed a good book. Working along side with Tom and their children at the Famous

Polish Kitchen for decades was their pride and joy.

Life to Mary Ann was sharing who she was with her family, friends, and neighbors. She was that “BETTER ANGEL” among us. To her children and grandchildren she will, forever be their “guiding light”.

A celebration of life will take place in the late spring or early summer of 2021 and we will celebrate Mary Ann and Tom’s life together.

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ *Been thinking of you all. So sorry to hear about your dear mother’s passing. Always remember the good times and good families from OLQofH. Your parents were solid examples for all of us kids. God bless you.*

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**Paula Del Papa** - January 31, 2021 at 03:50 PM

KJ

“ *Dear Lisa Chuck Matt and families. We have wonderful memories of your parents while at Our Lady Queen of Heaven and of course the state fair kitchen. May they rest in eternal peace Hand and hand forever and ever  
Frank and Kathy Jacobowski and family*

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**Kathleen Jacobowski** - January 27, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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“ *Mary Ann treated me as her son when we worked at Kowalski together. I was stock boy and there wasnt a day when she offered me a sandwich or something to eat. I worked hard for her because I respected her for the hard work and goodness I observed in her. Received a lot of good advice from her. Even later in life when we chatted. Often, I heard her talking about her three children. She truly loved them so much. And also her grandchildren. Mary Ann will always be a special part of my life. Thank you, friend. Rest in peace.*

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**Mike Smigielski** - January 26, 2021 at 09:58 AM

KD

“ *Lisa, Chuck, Matt and family- We are so sorry for the losses of both your parents. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go to all of you.  
Love, Kristi, Michael, Joe and Ciara Delia*

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**kristi delia** - January 20, 2021 at 06:49 AM

LH

“ Mary Ann, where do I begin? We have shared so many moments together over the past 36 years. You have always made me feel like part of your family and I'll forever be grateful. From the days at Metro Beach to Michigan Football games and the State Fair with your family, we've sure had some fun!! It seems like yesterday that Lisa and I were visiting you at the Kowalski counter to make sure we had enough food for the week. We had some really great talks when we were by ourselves at the fair before the gates were open and I will treasure those in my heart forever I'm so glad I was there with you when you found out for the first time that you were going to be a grandmother. I had never seen you happier. I am glad that you are no longer in pain but sad that I will never get to come visit like I promised. Rest in peace with Tom by your side. I love you, Lori Ann

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**Lori Hickey** - January 19, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ Mary Ann, my sister and best friend forever, and I had a very special bond that will always sustain me in life. She was always there for me. If I needed someone to talk with she was there to listen. If I needed to a shoulder to lean, she was the steady pillar of strength. If I needed advice, she would be that guiding light that helped me forward. My life with Mary Ann was filled with laughter, with love, with memories beyond this lifetime. Her talents went beyond the kitchen. She was a very accomplished cook and baker. I never was sure what she would bring to the table whenever we shared dinner together. Her signature dish was spinach pie. Ask her grandson Andrew, he will attest to that. Her desserts were sweet and delicious, especially her pretzel jello. She was also a very fine singer. I remember the church choir we sang in every Sunday, she loved to sing. With her children gathered at her bedside, she was able to hear her favorite hymn, Be Not Afraid. The light of the Lord shone about her in those final moments, she was at peace. Mary Ann gave of herself, not only to me, but to others. When Bernie and returned to Michigan for the State Fair, her home was our home. When she and Tom came to Florida our home was their home. Oh the times we had, filled with laughter and good times....and let's not forget the meals. The past few years, I knew Mary Ann was in pain, but her strength was my strength. “Lord help me to trust you amid life's suffering...” sustained her in life. I am blessed to be known as “Rita, Mary Ann's little sister “. I promise the love we shared I will share with your family. To my beloved sister and best friend, walk with me everyday to be my source of compassion, hope, and love. For God has wrapped his love around you like a blanket. Till we meet again.....my everlasting love. Rita

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**Bernard LeMieux** - January 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM



*Note the above was authored by Rita, Mary Ann's little sister*

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**Bernard LeMieux** - January 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM

BL

“ To my beautiful “sister” in law, the BETTER ANGEL” in my life. You accepted me with open arms when I fell in love with your sister. I felt like I had been in the family forever. Thanks to you and your love, I am in your family forever. Yes, the our world is a better place because you walked among us. Everyday I will look skyward and bid you and Tom a good morning. Rita and I will join you both someday and what fun time we shall have. Tell Tom to behave, and to you smile as that is the light I will see daily.  
Love forever, Bernie

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**Bernie LeMieux** - January 19, 2021 at 04:20 PM

TA

Met MaryAnn through our connection with sports as my son played with her grandsons - she always supported her grandsons and the “team”. Loved sitting by her in the stands and chairs at baseball will miss that smile but know she is watching from above. Praying for your family and here for you all - need anything Lisa let me know. Love the McRaes

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**Tammy** - January 19, 2021 at 04:46 PM

PB

What a blessing it was to have her as my sister, I loved being her little brother! I have lived most of my life away from my family in Michigan down here in Florida, but I always felt at home when we could spend time together. Mary Ann gave me a love for cooking and baking and I must admit, I unintentionally sabotaged some recipes we worked on together! I will miss her smile and her laughter, I will miss our "debates on college football, our Beloved Detroit Tigers and of course, politics! We didn't always agree, but we always knew we loved each other! I will leave you with this, if I remember anything at all about my Mary Ann, it is and always will be, she loved her family first! Her children and grandchikdren were blessed to have her and her unconditional love! Great Mom, great sister, wonderful person! I feel sad for i will miss those phone calls, but now she is at peace, at rest and getting an earful from our Mom!.  
Love you Mary Ann, God bless you and your family!  
Always and Forever,  
Paul

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**Paul Bracket** - January 19, 2021 at 04:50 PM

TS

*I am heartbroken for you. Your mom was such a fun, sweet, kind lady. I would love to see you all to celebrate your mom and dad's lives when able. I will continue to watch for updates on that.*

*I will be praying that the angels welcome her to paradise. I know it must have been devastating for her to be on earth without Tom. They are together again.*

*Hugs to all the Skowronskis,  
Tricia Skapyak*

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**Tricia (Olson) Skapyak** - January 19, 2021 at 05:25 PM