



## Ann M. Bixby

December 31, 1940 - April 12, 2015

Ann Marie Bixby, age 74, of Traverse City, MI, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015, while visiting at her son's home in Bellevue, WA.

A Traverse City native, she was born December 31, 1940, to Frank and Dorothy (Priest) Gauthier.

She will be remembered as a wonderful daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, neighbor and faithful friend to many. She is fondly remembered as a loving wife to Rex Bixby for 40 years, who preceded her in death in 2001. She will be dearly missed by all.

Ann lived her life to the fullest. She loved to travel with family and friends and spending time at her cottage on Drummond Island. After retiring as a legal secretary, she kept herself very busy volunteering for Traverse Symphony Orchestra, Old Town Playhouse, and her varied responsibilities at her lifelong church, Immaculate Conception Church. She was also a longtime election precinct official at Eastern Elementary and a caring landlord to many.

Ann is survived by her father, Frank Gauthier, brother, Glenn (Gary Woodhams) Gauthier, Brian (Marleny) Bixby of Bellevue, WA; Shari (Doug) Chouinard, their children Michael and Dayna Chouinard, Alicia (Terry) McQuater, their children Bret (Emma) and Travis McQuater, and Doug (Nancy Wesenberg) Bixby, and their children Emma, Ashlee and Macie Bixby and Nick and Scott Wesenberg, very special friend Bill McLachlan and dear family friend Victor Palimino of New York. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rex, and her mother, Dorothy.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 4-7pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a rosary held at 7pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 17 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 11am. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Food Pantry.

# Events

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

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**APR**   **Rosary**   07:00PM

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**APR**   **Funeral Mass**   11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ Brian, Shari, Alica and Doug,  
I was very saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady and will be a great loss to our church and to the community. Remember always that she and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless, Tim and Barb (McManus) Worm Family.

**Barbara Worm** - April 18, 2015 at 12:40 AM

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“ Ann was one of my dearest friends since 3rd grade. We had so many memorable times together; She was good, kind and sweet. I will miss her when I come to Traverse City.

Patricia Reamer Busalacchi Milwaukee Wisconsin

**Patrica Reamer Busalacchi** - April 16, 2015 at 04:36 PM

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“ I will always remember Ann for being the "spark plug" in planning many reunions of the class of 1958, St Francis High School.

Sally (Antony) Cole

**Sally Cole** - April 16, 2015 at 07:18 AM

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“ Dear Bixby Family,

The most vivid memory we have of your Mom is her relationship with your Dad. They were role model parents and partners. Your Dad "adored" your Mom and it was so sweet to see.

I also remember visiting your parents and your Mom was always cooking or baking something. I would love to have an ounce of her kitchen talents! As a caregiver to her parents for so many years - Ann was their angel on earth. We also remember our trip to Drummond island and talking around the campfire.

Bob & I will miss your Mom and will forever have fond memories of your very special Dad and the role models your parents were for what a relationship should be.

Sincerely, Bob & LuAnn Cruse

**LuAnn Cruse** - April 16, 2015 at 07:06 AM

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“ Our sympathy to the family, and to many in the community who loved Ann, and to the organizations who benefitted from her dedication.

Hugs and warm regards from...

Joe and Martha Griggs

**Joe and Martha Griggs** - April 15, 2015 at 09:16 PM

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“ What can we say? Only that every aspect of Ann's life was well-lived. You were truly blessed to be a member of her family, or one of her circle of friends.

Sincerely, Bob and Carol Kennedy

**Carol Kennedy** - April 15, 2015 at 10:52 AM

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“ Ann was a dear friend way back to High School days, we were part of a few who hug together. I lived in Elk Rapids , drove every day back and forth to attend St Francis, graduating with Ann in 1958. Leaving home right after for 27 I did not see much of Ann but she always checked up on me via my parents when she worked at the bank (at that time I was in the convent in Pa) my parents banked where Ann worked, they always forwarded her greetings to me. Returning to TC many yrs later and seeing Ann for the first time in yrs. it was if we had just seen each other the day before, (the sign of a good friend) I spoke with her on the phone a couple of weeks ago. Often when we spoke she recalled the fun she always had coming to my home in Elk Rapids. In those days that was a long trip ! Like you hearing of God calling her unto Himself was a shock. Ann was a lovely, gracious ,kind person, she will be missed dearly but remembered with love and prayers. May God grant you peace in this time of sorrow.

Sincerely Dorothy Lark aka (Dodo) to family and friends.

**Dorothy Lark** - April 15, 2015 at 10:20 AM

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“ There are so many memories it's hard to pick just one. But Mark and I will always treasure the days we spent with Uncle Rex and Aunt Ann at Drummond Island. They were truly a special and unique pair, and they will be greatly missed. Love, Jean & Mark

**Jean Matheny** - April 15, 2015 at 09:50 AM