



Ann Marie Bowman

August 9, 2023

The Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Ann Bowman of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 am. on Thursday August, 17, 2023, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant.

Family and friends may gather at the church on Thursday, beginning at 9:30a.m. with a Time of Remembrance from 10:30 until 10:50a.m.

Ann Marie Bowman - most intelligent woman in the room, smart aleck of the year, kindest soul you'd meet, reigning "Name That Tune" champion, and pioneer of "Bacon Day" - passed away on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, at the St. Cloud Hospital

Ann Marie was born on December 1st, 1966 in St. Cloud, MN, and was adopted shortly after by Verne and Carol (Erpelding) Bowman of Wadena, MN. She attended Moorhead State University and worked in accounting for decades. Numbers were her thing and serving others was her gift, evident from the numerous family and friends who have been touched by Ann over the years.

Ann had a soft spot for children spending as much time as possible caring for, and entertaining, kids of all ages. She'd mentor and coach them into adulthood, setting them straight, as needed. She was their second mother and

fun-loving “Auntie Ann.”

If you ever lost Ann, you would more than likely find her near Funkley, MN at the Bowman Shack. The exact location cannot be disclosed due to us all swearing under Ann’s oath not to share the exact location, otherwise: “death by bog.” No phones, no service, no TV – just a lot of four-wheeling, card games, playing with rocks, shenanigans, and solving all of the world’s problems around the campfire.

Whether it be technical knowledge - like trivia or financial and/or legal advice - or witty sarcasm and funny nicknames, everyone could learn something from Ann Marie. She was always fun to be around. She was a morally driven person and would do anything for the people she cared about. No judging, no taking sides – just support, encouragement and, of course, a little humor.

Ann Marie was predeceased by her father, Verne Bowman, and sister-in-law, Tammy Bowman.

She is survived, and will greatly be missed, by her mother, Carol; siblings, Jenifer (Randy) Anhorn and Michael Bowman; nieces and nephews, Kayla (Nick) Thurner, Toni Hagen, Stevie (Kyle) Ostenson, Elise Anhorn, Alex Anhorn; great niece and nephew Reese and Rhett Ostenson; her six Godchildren and the many people who loved Ann Marie.

Serving as pallbearers will be all of Ann’s godchildren: Alex Anhorn, Elise Anhorn, Nichole Burson, Jared Kirscht, Samantha Swanberg and Kayla Thurner.

Burial will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Time Of Remembrance

AUG 17. 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Ann was always fun to be around back in our high school days. Sounds like she kept that fun loving spirit. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Heaven sure gained a beautiful Angel!* 🙏🙏
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Anita Hietpas - August 19, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Aunt Ann, so many good memories of you. From playing dice and cards to the way she handled any situation with the flat out truth. She was there for my mom and my family through some tough times and I'll miss her sharp wit. Bye Ann, love you!*

Dylan Cad - August 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM

DA

“ *I am saddened by news of Ann's death. She had stopped by our house just a few days before her hospitalization to share update about her mom, Carol. I always enjoyed our random visits. God bless all those good memories of her & bring comfort to her loved ones* 🙏



Diane Schiller Anderson - August 16, 2023 at 11:11 PM

GK

“ *So sorry to hear about Ann's passing. We had the best times in Mr. Adams' typing class, I still remember to this day our joke from the class about Nadine Hoople... My condolences to all of her family.*

Greg Krier - August 16, 2023 at 01:35 PM

SY

“ This makes me very sad. I met Ann in jr high in Dennis Kaatz’s social studies class. The thing I primarily learned was that Ann was a nice and deeply funny person.

Steve Yetter - August 16, 2023 at 01:12 PM

MB

“ I’ll always remember Ann for her great sense of humor and the fun we used to have working at Hardees. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

Mary Jo (Schwartz) Brockpahler - August 15, 2023 at 07:45 PM

RN

“ Working with Ann was wonderful. Her humor made every day brighter and more fun. She will be dearly missed. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. -Rob Nielsen

Rob Nielsen - August 15, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Bowman.



August 15, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ I remember her very well from school. She was always a nice nice person. We all know where she’s going to be going very well like person. It’s just so sad to hear that she had to pass away so soon. You have my prayers and my thoughts, of course.

Scott Kern - August 15, 2023 at 02:21 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Bob & Donna Haman - August 15, 2023 at 12:45 PM

SS

“ *Stacy Stock-Stanley lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Stacy Stock-Stanley - August 15, 2023 at 11:43 AM

AB

“ *Alicia Baker lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Alicia Baker - August 15, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Bowman.*



August 14, 2023 at 07:50 PM

BG

“ *bonnie gustafson lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



bonnie gustafson - August 14, 2023 at 04:11 PM

CR

“ *Carrie Rauschnot lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Carrie Ann Rauschnot - August 14, 2023 at 10:47 AM

CR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ann was a wonderful person, and a delight to work with. She will be greatly missed. Carrie Rauschnot*

Carrie Ann Rauschnot - August 14, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Bowman.*



August 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

KD

“ *Kim Denny-Carlson lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Kim Denny-Carlson - August 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM

AM

“ *I am sorry for you loss. Ann was a great co-worker and will be missed.*

Adriene Myears - August 11, 2023 at 11:31 PM

AR

“ *Amy Rowan lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Bowman*



Amy Rowan - August 11, 2023 at 07:10 PM

JS

“ *Ann you will be missed greatly. I'll always fondly look back at the memories of going up north and hanging out with you and all my aunts/uncles/father and mother. Always considered you a cross between a "cool aunt" and "mother from another mother", wisdom, tips, and life lessons you passed on to me will not be forgotten.*

Love

Josh Swanberg "boy"

Josh Swanberg - August 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM

DS

I will never forget a friend forever. Ann was so selfless that with just one phone call this wonderful woman dropped everything and came to the city to stay with my husband while I had a stint put in. The sweetest person ever in so many terrific ways.

Donna Swanberg - August 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

KH

“ *My condolences to the Bowman family. Ann was a great classmate and neighbor.*



Kimberly Holland-Schissel - August 11, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Ann Bowman*



Rocky Reese - August 10, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Bowman.*



August 10, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann Bowman.

August 10, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Ann's passing. Her smile now brightens our home in heaven. May God bless you with peace and knowledge that she has gone home.



Ellen Niska - August 10, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ Nicole White lit a candle in memory of Ann Bowman



Nicole White - August 10, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ann's passing. Always remember her great sense of humor, our many laughs & her good work ethics. RIP, Ann
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LaQiita& Bob Wierima - August 10, 2023 at 06:26 PM

SK

“ *Stefanie Kittelson lit a candle in memory of Ann Bowman*



Stefanie (Tapley) Kittelson - August 10, 2023 at 05:36 PM

MJ

“ *Always had so much fun with Ann in the old days. She will be missed,*



Melisa (Ament) Johnson - August 10, 2023 at 03:59 PM

SA

“ *Great times working at Hardee's, sorry to hear about Ann. Thinking of her family.*



scott anderson - August 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Ann Bowman*



Dan Kern - August 10, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Terryl Tatem lit a candle in memory of Ann Bowman*



Terryl Tatem - August 10, 2023 at 02:13 PM