



Colleen Ortmann

February 18, 1934 - June 28, 2023

Note: Colleen is the mother of Mike Ortmann, the dedicated WDC School Choir Director and community member.

Colleen Marie (Freking) Ortmann was born on February 18, 1934, to the late Joseph and Loretta (Holton) Freking in LeMars, Iowa. She was baptized and later confirmed at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Oyens, Iowa. She attended St. Catherine's Catholic School in Oyens, Iowa, through the ninth grade then moved to complete high school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Remsen, Iowa.

At age 15, Colleen began teaching the accordion. Colleen loved the sound of music and dedicated her life to filling the world with it. She spent more than 58 years as a piano, accordion, and organ instructor. She demonstrated incredible patience and was a memorable teacher to so many. She also served St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in many ways - as an organist for 60 years, liturgist, on the alter society, and guided youth to grow closer to Jesus as a CCD Catechist.

On June 8, 1954, Colleen was united in marriage to Richard Ortmann at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Oyens, Iowa. Their marriage was blessed with seven children, Gary, Ken, Jeanine, Dan, Ann, Tim, and Mike.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023, Colleen passed away at Good Samaritan Society – Sogge Memorial in Windom, Minnesota, at the age of 89 years. Colleen is survived by her children, Gary (Lynn) Ortmann of Windom, MN,

Ken (Nancy) Ortmann, of Marshall, MN, Jeanine (Matt) Hiller of Sioux Falls, SD, Dan (Linda) Ortmann of Windom, MN, Ann (Gary) Arendt of Sioux Falls, SD, Tim (Ellie) Ortmann of Buffalo, MN, and Mike Ortmann of Wadena, MN; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and siblings Larry Freking of LeMars, IA, Jim (Sally) Freking of LeMars, IA, Pat Wurth of Marcus, IA; and sister-in-law, Carol Freking of Topeka, KS.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Loretta Freking; husband, Richard Ortmann; brother, Don Freking; sisters-in-law, Karolyn Freking and Vicki Freking; and brother-in-law, Francis Wurth.

Blessed be the memory of Colleen Marie Ortmann.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Colleen Ortmann was held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, July 3rd at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom, with Father Pratap officiating. Burial was at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in Windom.

Arrangements were with LaCanne Funeral Home, Windom, MN. Tributes may be left at <https://www.lacannefuneralhome.com/obituaries/Colleen-Ortmann>

Tribute Wall

EF

“ *Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann* ”



Esther and Alan Freitag - July 06, 2023 at 09:29 PM

IB

“ *Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann* ”



Irene Baron - July 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ *Mike, Sending you and your family our condolences. May you cherish the wonderful memories you have of your dear sweet mother as they bring warm smiles to your hearts, Rick & Janet Mattson* ”



Janet Mattson - July 06, 2023 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann* ”



Sharonboline@gmail.com - July 06, 2023 at 08:16 AM

MM

“ Hugs and prayers Mike. Dick and Jane Malone



Mary Malone - July 05, 2023 at 12:33 PM

TH

“ Sending love, hugs and prayers to you all!
Please take gentle care of each other!!



tammie Hamlin - July 04, 2023 at 09:15 PM

LB

“ Lucille & Jack Belch lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Lucille Belch & Jack Belch - July 04, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DW

“ Our sympathy to you and your family, Mike!
Dave and Lynda Wosmek



Dave and Lynda Wosmek - July 04, 2023 at 04:27 PM

KF

“ Kelly and family lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Kelly Bain and family - July 04, 2023 at 04:25 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Darrell & Peggy Haman - July 04, 2023 at 12:25 PM

BT

“ Ben Regina Tellers lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Ben & Regina Tellers - July 04, 2023 at 07:32 AM

MH

“ Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Marladene Heinen - July 03, 2023 at 10:34 PM

JB

“ Mike and family, I know you loved and respected your mom very much. May she rest in peace with our Lord. Blessed be her memory.



Joyce Boyne - July 03, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ Mike Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Colleen Ortmann



Mike and Lea Snyder - July 03, 2023 at 06:54 PM