



Mary Ann Appel-Belski

January 11, 1936 - February 18, 2011

Benton Harbor – Mary Ann Appel-Belski, 75, of Benton Harbor, passed away Friday, February 18, 2011, in her home.

A Memorial Mass celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, February 24, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware, in Benton Harbor, with Fr. Bill Jacobs, Jr. officiating. Visitation with the family will be held from 10:00 until the time of the service, Thursday, at the church. Burial will be private at a later date. Memorials may be made to either St. John and Bernard's Catholic Parish or to the Berrien County Cancer Service. Messages of condolence may be made to www.florin.net.

Mary Ann was born on January 11, 1936, in Chicago, IL. She was one of two children born to Alex and Theresa Ann Appel. Mary Ann graduated from St. John's Catholic School in Benton Harbor in 1954 and was active in its Alumni Association and coordinating school reunions. Her life centered around her involvement at St. Bernard's Catholic Church where she was a long-time organist. Additionally she held many roles including president and secretary of the Kappa Theta Chi Sorority. She worked as a secretary at Consumers Coal Co. and later for the Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Mary Ann "never had an unkind word to say about anyone." Most of all, Mary Ann loved her family – particularly her nieces and nephew whom she considered her own children.

Mary Ann is survived by her brother, Joseph (Wilma) Appel of Benton Harbor; niece, Sharon (Barry) Desfor; nephew, Michael Appel; and by her great-nieces and nephew, Claire and Anna Desfor and Amber and Joseph Appel; and by her beloved cat, Bart.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her niece, Catherine Appel.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS John & Bernard Parish, St. Bernard Catholic Church
555 Delaware
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *She will always be remembered as a wonderful organist. It was a delight to have her play the music for my daughters weddings. Lucy and family*

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