



Marilyn A. Bottorff

November 29, 1951 - October 29, 2025

Bottorff

Marilyn A. (Mau) Bottorff, 73, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center. She was born November 29, 1951 in Kankakee to Albert and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Mau. Marilyn married Rev. David Bottorff on June 19, 1982, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Marilyn grew up in rural Herscher. She graduated from Herscher High School in 1969, and Illinois State University in 1973 with a degree in music education.

God used Marilyn to reach out to people through her musical abilities as an elementary music teacher in Herscher, leader of a children's choir at St. John Lutheran Church in Darien, and most of all, caring for special needs children as a teacher's aide in the Hinsdale school system for 18 years.

Marilyn attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher from birth, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, IL through 1987, and St. John Lutheran Church in Darien, IL from 1987-2018 and again in retirement at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee since 2018.

Marilyn is survived by her husband David of Bourbonnais, and two sons and

daughters-in-law, Benjamin (Stephanie) Bottorff of Bolingbrook, and Samuel (Melissa) Bottorff of Bradley. She is also survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Gloria (Richard) Mannel, of Omaha, NE, a brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Rita) Mau of DesPlaines, IL, two sisters-in-law, Janet Mau of Herscher, and Ruth Bottorff of Crown Point, IN; nephews and nieces, Christopher (Lindsey) Mannel, Scott (Abby) Mannel, Johnathan (Sheri) Mau, Michael (Nichole) Mau, Avery (Moriah) Mau, Zachary (Haley) Mau, and Sophia Mau, Jonathan (Nicole) Bottorff, Nathan Bottorff, and Rebecca Bottorff, an aunt, Marianne Mau; several great-nephews and nieces, and cousins.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Robert Mau, and brothers-in-law, Christopher Bottorff and Mark Bottorff. Visitation will take place on Friday, November 7, from 4 PM - 8 PM at Jensen's Funeral Home in Kankakee, and on Saturday, November 8, from 9 AM-11 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, followed by the 11 AM service.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission and Ministry Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Visitation

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Tim H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

Tim H. - November 08, 2025 at 03:05 PM

FA

“ From Alethea Appavu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



From Alethea Appavu - November 07, 2025 at 08:28 PM

TF

“ The Babcock Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



The Babcock Family - November 07, 2025 at 06:27 AM

TF

“ The Babcock Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

The Babcock Family - November 07, 2025 at 06:27 AM

TF

“ *The Bruce Smith Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



The Bruce Smith Family - November 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



November 06, 2025 at 04:38 PM

KW

“ *So many memories- accompanying Marilyn at St. John with the Praise Kids, VBS music, four-hand piano duets, the Easter ensemble-and so much more. I will truly miss her, but our loss is heaven's gain. My prayers are with her family.*

Kathy Walker - November 06, 2025 at 09:49 AM

MK

“ *Mike & Sue Knitter purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



Mike & Sue Knitter - November 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM

MK

“ Mike & Sue Knitter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

Mike & Sue Knitter - November 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM

TF

“ The Fuller Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



The Fuller Family - November 06, 2025 at 08:04 AM

MM

“ Marilyn was a terrific colleague with our Madison School family and demonstrated her passion for colleagues together while teaching students. Her smile and dedication was always evident. Prayers for her family while you cherish memories together.
Mindy McMahon

Mindy McMahon - November 05, 2025 at 10:07 PM

LG

“ Love Mark and Kim Grabowski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



Love Mark and Kim Grabowski - November 05, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



November 05, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Jim Ellefson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

Jim Ellefson - November 05, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ The Slussers, Bill, Lee and Chrisann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



The Slussers, Bill, Lee and Chrisann - November 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



November 03, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



November 03, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ *From The Marciniak Boys & Their Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



From The Marciniak Boys & Their Families - November 03, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ *One of the many fun trips Marilyn and I took together-this one to my son's wedding in Massachusetts. I will miss her so much.*



Cyndee Marciniak - November 03, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Sending our sincere sympathies to Dave, Ben, Sam and the family. Marilyn was a lovely lady and we shared fun times cheering on our boys when they played soccer together. Ben and Brian are still friends today. May you find peace in your memories.*

Karen Azriel - November 03, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



November 03, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



November 03, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *I met Marilyn in 1988 when I started teaching preschool at St. John Early Learning Center in Darien. She helped out in the classroom when I taught her son Ben. She was always offering to substitute in any of the classrooms and she would have end-of-the-year teachers luncheons for us and make us all sweet breads every Christmas. We continued to remain friends over the years. She was kind and sweet and thoughtful and funny. I will miss our luncheon and dinner get togethers with you and Pastor Dave. You will be missed.*
Lynn Huber

Lynn Huber - November 02, 2025 at 05:40 PM

AF

“ Aunt Marianne, cousins and families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



Aunt Marianne, cousins and families - November 01, 2025 at 07:40 PM

AF

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Aunt Marianne, cousins and families - November 01, 2025 at 07:40 PM



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November 01, 2025 at 01:49 PM

GB

“ Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. Bottorff



Gloria Bydalek - November 01, 2025 at 12:07 PM

GB

My deepest condolences 🙏 to her entire family. Her family is wonderful and grew up with such beautiful parents.

Gloria Bydalek - November 01, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RN

“ *Ruth, Nathan, Becca, Jonathan and Nicole purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.*



Ruth, Nathan, Becca, Jonathan and Nicole - November 01, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DB

“ My connection to Marilyn runs through the Mau family’s summer cabin on Dodge Lake in Michigan’s Schoolcraft County. My parents ran a resort just down the road from their cabin, and our families have been enjoying each other’s company for seven decades. Marilyn embodied the gentleness of her grandmother Rose, the keen sensibilities of her mother Elizabeth and the joyful sense of humor of her father Albert Mau. The combination of these qualities always made for conversations that went far beyond the superficial to the things that really matter in life. And of course, there was the laughter. I will fondly remember a wonderful dinner I shared with Marilyn, her son Ben, Jim Babcock and Armando Flores at the Mau cabin in September of 2024. The laughter generated from the witty personalities gathered at that table incessantly interrupted our attempts to consume the delicious food on our plates. This is how I will remember Marilyn.



Dwight Brady - November 01, 2025 at 05:11 AM

MM

“ Michael, Nicole, Maxwell and Zoey Mau purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



Michael, Nicole, Maxwell and Zoey Mau - November 01, 2025 at 04:17 AM

MM

“ Michael, Nicole, Maxwell and Zoey Mau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

Michael, Nicole, Maxwell and Zoey Mau - November 01, 2025 at 04:17 AM

CC

“ I'm so sad to hear of Marilyn as passing. I remember her fondly! Our high school years, confirmation, our many bowling trips with church youth group and college times! She was a good friend and a great person! My hearts goes out to her family. Prayers for all! I know she is in Heaven!

Cheryl(Minard) Craig

Cheryl Craig - October 31, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Marilyn I have so many recent and life long memories with you. You loved and supported everyone you came in contact with. Thank you for loving our entire family as much as you did. We will miss you!



Anna Warner - October 31, 2025 at 08:19 PM

LE

“ Lauren and Pam Edwards purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



Lauren and Pam Edwards - October 31, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ I don't know where to start but will try. Marilyn was my second mother, usually watching over me during the summers while my parent's moved. She was a very special woman that was very much a mother to me, treating me like I was her own and caring as most wouldn't. She took me to my first MLB game in the city (multiple times in fact over the years), and introduced me to her great sons Ben and Sam. Years later, while I was deployed and my wife was staying with my parents, she treated my wife with kindness. leaving a loving first impression. For these few things mentioned, I will be forever grateful to this fine woman. I love you Marilyn, and thank you again for everything. To Pastor, Ben and Sam: I am so sorry for your loss and wish I was able to attend to show my appreciation and celebrate this wonderful woman's life. I am glad you were able to share a life with her, for she was a gift to anyone who met her.

Rob Landsmann - October 31, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. Bottorff.



October 31, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Rev. Lon, Robert and Rosie Landsmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn A. Bottorff.

Rev. Lon, Robert and Rosie Landsmann - October 31, 2025 at 07:10 PM

TD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Theresa Doering - October 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

NF

“ I taught with Marilyn years ago at Herscher and remember her fondly. We had just recently reconnected on Facebook. I am so saddened to hear of her passing. My sympathies to her family and friends.

Norma Felbinger - October 31, 2025 at 06:40 PM

CM

“ Marilyn was a part of our book club that meets at Barnes & Noble.. we are all sad reading about her passing away ... your family will be in our prayers 🙏

Carol Morse - October 31, 2025 at 06:24 PM

TD

“ Oh my gosh.... so shocked and saddened to hear this news. My heart goes out to your family. I met Marilyn at CHMS a very long time ago. We bonded over farm life, church and the Packers. Sooooo many good memories of attending Packer games. And, all of CHMS remembers her delicious breads at Christmas time.

Theresa Doering - October 31, 2025 at 06:12 PM

KK

“ *Praying for Dave, Samuel, and Ben (and their families), that the presence and comfort of the Good Shepherd would surround them and bring them peace and strength at this time*

Karl Koeppen - October 31, 2025 at 04:22 PM