



Mary Ann Bellafiore

May 14, 1934 - March 4, 2020

Mary Ann Bellafiore, age 85 of Phoenix, formerly of Merrillville and Valparaiso, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2020, in her shared group home of Phoenix, AZ from natural causes. Mary Ann, a proud woman until the very end, was preceded in death by her loving husband and love of her life, Samuel E. Bellafiore. Mary Ann lived life on her terms always. Daring to pursue her passion of flight, Mary Ann set out in her early years to be a pilot, and succeed she did. With her very devoted husband and fellow pilot by her side, Mary Ann and Sam became the baron and barrenness of the skies, seizing every cherished moment of flight time and flying together in a multitude of air races. She was a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99's Pilot's Association. When not flying, Mary Ann and Sam owned Karim's Car Wash (formerly in Valparaiso) and tended to their business, accordingly, treating every valued coworker and patron as family. Though her years of flight may have come to an end, she will soar forever more. Mary Ann is survived by her two daughters- Kimberly (Gary) Bellafiore Runquist of Phoenix, Arizona and Karen (John) Bellafiore Lain of Valparaiso.; two granddaughters-Cameron (Reggie) Henderson of Phoenix and Morgan Lain of Valparaiso. She will be in our hearts forever more, enjoying eternity with her husband. Friends and loved ones may visit with her family on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 3-7 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service will take place Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10 am at Burns Funeral Home. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,

contributions may be sent to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St.
Phoenix, AZ 85014. Website is hov.org. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'll miss your beaming smile and such down-to-earth advice. Especially when I'd be jumping off the planet! I think of you often but life got in the way. Flying my Bonanza and you and Sam in the Arrow were golden memories. Why did we take them for granted? Did you still have the dark open door painting I did for you? Well, now I'm 85 and probably be flying up to see you shortly. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Say hi to Sam.

Beverly Boucher Johnson (Distelhorst) - November 10, 2024 at 09:56 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Vikki Benjamin/Stolarz

Vikki Stolarz - March 11, 2020 at 08:45 AM