



## Mary Anne E. Raber

October 23, 1959 - December 31, 2006

A building technology assistant at Lancaster Elementary School for the last two years, Mary Anne E. Raber, 47, of rural Bluffton, died at 2:42 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, in an auto accident in front of her residence, 0317N-300W.

Mrs. Raber was a 1978 graduate of Mishawaka - Marion Catholic High School. She graduated with a bachelor's of science degree from Ball State University in 1982 with a major in education. She completed her master's of education from Ball State in 1990 with a major in communications.

In 1983, she started teaching at Adams Central High School, where she taught for four years. From 1987 through 2000, she was an instructor of English and speech at International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Born Oct. 23, 1959, in Elkhart to the late John Boyd "Bob" and Josephine (Minelli) Albaugh, her marriage on Oct. 22, 1983, in Elkhart was to Rex Paul Raber, who survives.

Additional survivors include two sons at home, Joseph Paul Raber, 13, and Nicholas Henry Raber, 12, and a brother, Michael Albaugh of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Calling hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the Wells County Animal Shelter, which can be made

through the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Anne E. Raber*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sorry we were out of town,our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Carol J. Schultheis[Albaugh]##imported-end##*

January 07, 2007 at 01:26 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for loss. I only knew Mary Ann through my sister Vanessa. I did attend St. Thomas with Mike. My wife Heather and I will keep you all in our minds and prayers.##imported-begin##Joe Milroy##imported-end##*

January 05, 2007 at 11:20 PM



“ *Rex, Joe and Nicholas, I am so sorry to hear about our loss. Mary Anne is my favorite and most respected cousin. I am still in shock. I will be praying for you. Love, Shelly##imported-begin##Shelly (Albaugh) Hoefle##imported-end##*

January 04, 2007 at 08:58 AM



“ Rex, it has been a long time since I last saw you. I remember lots of times our families were together growing up. Who would have ever known then that your wife would become Patti's dearest friend. Mary Anne was one of God's special angels here on earth. She seemed like a person who was gifted to make others feel special, loved and cared about. You and the boys will be in our prayers and hope that you will feel God's loving arms surrounding you each and every day. I know that Patti and Vince will be there for you. There will be a deep void in Patti's life that will never be filled. She loved Mary Anne so much. On Christmas, Judy and everyone was playing yahtzee and Patti was on the phone, they yelled at her that it was her turn and Sonny said, "It's Mary Anne, you can tell, mom's voice is happier and she laughs more when she is talking with her!" What an awesome testimony of the love and friendship they shared. I am sorry we could not be there but have a grandson in the hospital in Dayton and are helping with the other kids. Please accept our sincere sympathy and compassion for you and the boys.  
Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Plummer##imported-end##

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January 04, 2007 at 01:22 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go with your hole family. I new of Mary Anne at St. Thomas And Marian Although she was in my sisters class. I went to school with Mike. I wish I could be there but I can't because of work. Just remember she will always be with you all and, you are not saying Good-bye Tomorrow Just See You Later! I will keep you all in my Prayers.  
Bill Milroy##imported-begin##Bill Milroy##imported-end##

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January 03, 2007 at 09:12 PM



“ *Mary Anne was a friend of mine in grade school and high school. I'm sorry for your loss. Although we had lost touch through the years, I'm sure she was still a kind person.##imported-begin##Vanessa (Milroy) Ortner##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2007 at 06:07 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences, Rex.*

*Please let me know if I can be of any help.##imported-begin##Dave and Susie Rahn##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2007 at 10:54 AM



“ *How very sad we were to hear of Mary Anne's death. Our families date back to grade school and Marian High School. Mary Anne, Denise and our daughter Jackie were quite the trio. Time changes our lives, but the memories of the girls and the fun they enjoyed together will continue. You and your sons will remain in our prayers that God will give you the strength you will need at this most difficult time. Sincerely  
The Hartman Family##imported-begin##Jack & Pat Hartman and families##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2007 at 10:22 AM



“ Rex, Joe and Nick:

*I'm Mary Anne's cousin Lisa, my parents are Ron and Nancy Cataldo. I was saddened to hear the world has lost a sweet and loving person such as your wife and mother. My prayers are with you at this time and will continue to be. I was telling Steve and Ian (my husband and son) what a beautiful voice she had, remembering her singing Ave Maria, as well as her laughter around the campfire during our summers up at Fisher Lake when we were children.*

*If you need anything, please contact us at our email address##imported-begin##Lisa Cataldo Williams, Steve Williams and Ian Monteith##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2007 at 10:18 AM



“ Rex, Joseph and Nick,

*We were very shocked and saddened to hear about Maryanne. She was truly a wonderful person. Although we had not had contact with your family in many years, I will never forget how sweet and kind she was. She is with Dad and Mom now along with all the aunts,uncles and cousins who have gone before her. If you ever need anything or just to get away from Indiana for awhile please email me. We are currently living in Louisiana. You and the boys are in our prayers. Stay strong like I know you are.##imported-begin##Jayne (Albaugh) Pratt and Robby Albaugh##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2007 at 10:04 AM



“ The boys and I are still in shock after hearing about your loving mom and wife. I always felt like hugging her whenever I seen her anywhere. I will never forget our last long converstion. It was while we were doing the 5th gr. graduation dvd. She kept welling up tears as she told me how Nick had bought her a present with his own money (which he nevers spends) and how he tried to get out of the house with it and hide it without her knowing. She was a very kind and genuine loving person. She loved you all so much and you could just tell she was happy to be who she was. She will be greatly missed. You are in our prayers and I hope you all feel comforted by that.##imported-begin##Robin,Britton, and Blake Fillers##imported-end##

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January 02, 2007 at 10:22 PM



“ Rex, Joseph, and Nick,  
Expressing sympathy is always difficult, but all we can say is how sorry we are for your loss and hoping our deepest sympathy brings you comfort in some small way. When we were touched by Mary Anne we were all touched by a angel. She was the most kind and soft spoken person I have ever met. She was one of a kind and made you always feel loved by her. She always made you feel special and told you so. I loved her dearly and will miss her bright smile and her huge and warm heart. She was a very special person and friend and will be missed by many. I will always feel honored to have known Mary Anne and have her as a friend. May God's love give you strength during your time of sorrow and in the day's ahead. He is with you always.  
Please remember that if you need us for anything, we're only a phone call away. You're in our thoughts and in our prayers. We love you dearly, Gary, Kay, Cory and Drew Day##imported-begin##Kay Day##imported-end##

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January 02, 2007 at 10:07 PM



“ Rex, Joseph and Nicholas,

*Our sympathy to you.*

*Sorry we cannot be there in person - you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*She was a great lady and will be missed by all of us.*

*The Kuehne's##imported-begin##Karl, Peggy Anne and Shaun Kuehne##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 04:57 PM



“ *I was stunned to hear the news of Mary Anne. I just want to to know I love you and you will continually be in my thoughts and prayers in the next few months. You are all stonger then you realize and just know that me and my whole family are here for you in any way. May peace be with you in your darkest hour.##imported-begin##Tascha##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 03:57 PM



“ Rex,

*A short note from one of your "old" noontime basketball playing buddies. I just spoke with Kevin Beatty - I am so sorry about your wife. Having lost my wife of 33 years to cancer 3 1/2 years ago, I can feel your hurt.*

*You and your family remain in my prayers.*

*Greg##imported-begin##Greg Schnepf (slowmo)##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 03:11 PM



“ Hello Rex and boys,

*I am a friend of Annie's and I met you at her birthday party last summer. I can't tell you how upset we-all of Annie's community- are for your loss. We are all holding you and the boys close to our hearts during this very, very difficult time. Please take care.*

*Much love,*

*Debra Snell##imported-begin##Debra Snell##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2007 at 02:39 PM



“ *Rex, Joe, and Nick,  
Our thoughts and prayers have not left you since hearing of the tragic loss of Mary Anne. We loved her from the first moment we met her and will miss her infectious laugh, her caring and thoughtfulness in all she did for everyone and for the love she shared with everyone she met. While you only had her for a short while, she has left her mark on all three of you as well as on the rest of us who knew her. We love you all and will be there with you as you find your way. Mary Anne is in heaven with the Father, may that knowledge eventually bring you peace.  
Lynn, Laura and Daniel.##imported-begin##Lynn  
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January 01, 2007 at 09:17 PM