

## The Dash by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?



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# MARY ANN LACHENMEIER

JANUARY 20, 1948 — APRIL 28, 2025

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Mary Ann Lachenmeier, 77, Mandan passed away Monday, April 28, 2025 at Miller Pointe Mandan. Mary was born January 20, 1948 in Bismarck ND. She is one of six siblings born to John and Esther Marzolf. She made her home and life in Mandan ND. She started her working career at Liberty Heights, then moved on to Seven Seas Hotel of Mandan. Before retiring she worked for 20+ years at Prospera, A Good Samaritan Society care facility.

Mary enjoyed going to hockey games, playing cards, collecting gnomes, dancing, watching Hallmark movies, and spending time with her family. Upon entering Miller Pointe care facility she enjoyed crafts, bingo, and spending time visiting with new friends and staff.

Mary is survived by her son Richard (Brenda) Lachenmeier, Mandan ND; Sonya (Tom) Kopp, Mandan ND; Kimberly (Darryl) Kopp, Mandan ND; and Deanna (Aaron) Rittenbach, Bismarck ND; her brothers Roy Marzolf, Mandan ND, Athneal (Darlene) Marzolf, Martinez GA; and one sister Roxanne Tanner, Clearwater, FL; seven grandchildren (Amanda, Brandi, Ethan, Zachary, Courtney, Garrett, and Tavis) and two great grandchildren (Chloe and Maci). Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Esther Marzolf; one brother, Donald Marzolf; and one sister Darlene (Dolly) Jensen.

The family would like to thank all the residents and staff at Miller Pointe care center for their care and friendship during Mary's stay there.

## Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 6, 2025; 10:30 AM  
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

## Officiant

Pastor Bob Schmidt

Chaplain at Miller Pointe—Good Samaritan Society

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Prelude

Music

“How Great Thou Art”

Opening Prayer

Opening Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

John 16:22

Music

“Amazing Grace”

Obituary

Message

Music

“Golden Stairs”

Closing Scripture

Psalm 23

Closing Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Postlude

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## Honorary Urn Bearers

Ethan Kopp    Zachary Kopp    Amanda Kalvoda    Brandi Anhorn  
Courtney Gierman    Garrett Kopp    Tavis Rittenbach

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## Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery  
Mandan, ND

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*The family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge,  
111 11th Ave NE, following the burial service.*