Louise Mary Bender
January 28, 1934 - June 4, 2021

Louise Mary Bender, 87, of Albany, Oregon died Friday, June 4, 2021.

Born in Jordan, Oregon to Martin and Barbara Schindler, she was raised in Mt. Angel, Oregon and attended high school at Mt. Angel Academy. Later she moved to Portland, where she worked as a clerk-typist and attended college classes.

In 1954, she married the love of her life, Bernard Bender. They lived in Alaska, Arizona, and Lebanon, Oregon before settling in Albany to raise a family, and were together for the next 48 years before his death in 2002.

Her life was devoted to her husband and children and she thought of her large family as one of God's greatest blessings. Most of her life was dedicated to the caring and raising of her thirteen children and she was committed to passing on her faith and values to her children by taking an active part in their education and leading by example. She cherished her memories of family gatherings and always kept in touch with relatives that had moved away by phone or letter.

A devout Catholic, Louise's life centered around her church and family. She was involved in many activities in the St. Mary's Parish: an active Eucharistic Minister, visiting the sick and imprisoned, volunteering at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, leading rosary service, and much more. Her christian faith, loving heart and strong compassion for others inspired her to care for many people in their times of need.

When she wasn't caring for others, Louise enjoyed gardening, singing, investing, and running her own business. She owned the Wicker Room and managed the Albany Trade Fair for many years. Her lifelong love of music began early on and led to singing performances at various events, including the Lebanon Strawberry Festival. She enjoyed traveling and hosting countless holiday, birthday and family events where she lit up the room with her affectionate smile and innate sense of joy.

She was known for her generous spirit, deep faith in God, fierce work ethic and dedication to improving the well-being of others, whom she worked and cared for tirelessly out of the kindness of her heart.

She is survived by her children, Mary, Barbara, Michael, Paul, Richard, Linda, Brenda, Patrick, Janet, Julie, Joseph, Katherine, and Ted; her brother Richard Schindler and sisters Cecilia Green and Anne Robinette; 38 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her beloved husband Bernard, sisters Veneta West and Jean Freres, brother Donald Schindler, her son in-law Rex Pinard, and grandchildren Nathaniel, Dallas, Benjamin and Desiree.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church in Albany.

Remembrances can be shared at www.aasum-dufour.com.

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In Loving Memory

Louise Mary Bender

January 28, 1934 ~ June 4, 2021

"You will always be a part of me...in my laughing and loving, my dreaming and doing. I'm better because of your love."

In Loving Memory of

Louise Mary Bender

Age 87

BORN
January 28, 1934
Jordan, Oregon

ENTERED INTO REST
June 4, 2021
Albany, Oregon

RECITATION OF ROSARY
Friday, June 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Albany, Oregon

FUNERAL MASS
Friday, June 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Albany, Oregon

CELEBRANT
Father Edwin Sanchez

CANTOR
Elizabeth Lake

ACCOMPANIST
Nushia Lake

PALLBEARERS
Noah Bender, Ted Bender, Joe Bender
Pat Bender, Richard Bender, Mike Bender

GRAVESIDE SERVICE
Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum
Albany, Oregon