

# Remembrance

**Mary Ann Assmann,**  
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**Aug. 14, 1932 - Aug. 17, 2019**

**EARLING** – Mary Ann Assmann was born August 14, 1932, at home in Portsmouth. She is the daughter of Henry and Mary (Katzer) Thraen. She was baptized in the St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. In high school Mary Ann acquired the nickname Blonde. She graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in 1950. On September 6, 1954, she was united in marriage to Michael Albert Assmann at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union, nine children were born; Helen, Linda, Thomas, Susan, William, Carol, Jane, Robert, and Keith.



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Mary Ann and Michael made their home in Earling on a farm. Mary Ann had many interests including crafts, sewing, gardening, canning, quilting, and raising nine children. She was an amazing seamstress, making clothing for the entire family as well as clothes for our dolls and Barbies. The children remember many evenings reading the Bible and praying the rosary. Mary Ann's first priority in life was her relationship with her creator, God and second was her relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She spent many hours teaching her children "The Word of God." She taught her children countless prayers. Mary Ann led a Godly life and left a Godly legacy for her children and grandchildren. Mary Ann and Mike also enjoyed dancing and bowling as time allowed. In 2007, Mary Ann and Mike sold their farm and moved to Harlan where they lived. In 2016, they moved to Clarinda to be near their daughter Susan.

Preceding Mary Ann in death are her parents, Henry and Mary Thraen; and her husband Mike Assmann. Mary Ann was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. The family will cherish the memories of sitting on the front steps, whether relaxing or podding peas and/or cutting green beans! May she be at peace in God's loving care.

Left to cherish the memory of a wonderful mother and grandmother are her nine children, Helen Johnson and husband Wayne of Nevada; Linda Wilson and husband Jerry of Pickerington, OH; Thomas Assmann of Bettendorf; Susan Bond and husband Terry of Clarinda; William Assmann and wife Carol of Chevy Chase, MD; Carol Anderson and Greg Hoff of Tulsa, OK; Jane Scudder and husband Michael of Peculiar, MO; Robert Assmann and wife Ginger of Ankeny; and Keith Assmann and wife Nicole of Colorado Springs, CO; 19 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren; brother Mark Thraen and his wife Priscilla of Earling; along with many other relatives and friends.

An 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost on Monday, August 26, 2019 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Thomas Assmann, William Assmann, Robert Assmann, Keith Assmann, Michael Assmann, Nicholas Wilson, Matthew Peake, and David Furst served as casket bearers. Burial was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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