

Julie Ann Hesler Buchmann

May 14, 1943 (Rockford, IL)

July 12, 2017 Rockford, IL

With her family at her side, **Julie Ann Hesler Buchmann**, 74, passed away peacefully, July 12, 2017, in her home. Born May 14, 1943, to John F. & Ruth E. (Keegan) Hesler, Rockford, she married Frank J. Buchmann on June 19, 1965 at Rockford's Cathedral of St. Peter.



Julie was an active member of the St. Peter parish, serving as Secretary of the St. Anne Society for many years. She was the Parish 2008 Catholic Woman of the Year. Julie also shared her beautiful voice with the Parish Choir and Rockford Choral Union's annual presentation of the Handel's Messiah. Julie was President of the Y's Senior Women's Club and a member of the Rockford University Club. She volunteered at and supported Northern Illinois Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and was a member of their Stars of Light Theatre Troupe.

The lifelong Rockford resident graduated with West High School's Class of 1961, earned a 1969 Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Illinois University and a 1988 Master's in Education from National Louis University. Julie worked as a Rockford Public Schools Special Education teacher from 1969 until retirement.

She will be remembered for her great spirit and contagious humor. Survivors include Husband of 52 years, Frank; Children, John B. (Brenda Gustafson) Buchmann of Rockford and Katherine E. (Jason) Buchmann Tillmann of Tucson, AZ; Sisters, Margret (Richard) Hesler Hynes and Jane Hesler both of Rockford; Sisters-in-law, Kathie (Skip) Mattison and Marie (David) Mattison; Brother-in-law, Tom Buchmann; several cousins, nieces, nephews; and special neighbors, and the Furst family. She is preceded in death by her Parents; dear friend, Mary Petersen and Marilynn Ginestra, Cousin Anne; and, of course, her beloved golden doodle, Harry Caray.



The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Vincent Racanelli and his staff for all their care and support.

The Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 22nd at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 1243 N. Church Street. The family will receive guests Friday, July 21st from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary recited at 6:45 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 3910 North. Rockton Ave., Rockford, and from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass on Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Peter. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made in her name to either the Stars of Light c/o NAMI Northern Illinois PO Box 6971, Rockford, 61125 or St. Anne Society, c/o Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford, 61103.

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