



Ann S. Berch

May 12, 1940 - June 25, 2021

Ann Stubblefield Berch passed away Friday June 25, 2021 at 12:05 PM. She spent her last days surrounded by those she loved. She passed peacefully in her sleep, husband by her side, into the loving arms of our Lord.

A memorial service will be 10am Saturday, August 7, 2021 at St. John Catholic Church, Crystal Springs, MS.

Ann was born in Grenada, MS on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12, 1940 at 1:30 in the afternoon. She was the only child of Louis Hutchens Stubblefield and Ethel Pauline Gresham Stubblefield, who she lovingly called "Da" and "Buh." She was raised at their "Home Behind the Trees" on a farm in Oakland, MS. She spent most of her childhood playing with her animal friends, running in fields, helping her "Da" in his garden and making her "Buh" laugh with all her shenanigans.

She participated in 4H, Future Homemakers of America, various athletics and played the piano. She spent her summers as a lifeguard and water safety instructor. She enjoyed attending her school dances in Charleston, MS, where Elvis was a favorite and frequent performer. Ann attended Charleston High School and graduated from Batesville High School, now South Panola. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Accounting at Mississippi College. She retired as CFO of Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital in 2014.

Her greatest pride was her two sons Bruce and Louis. She said " watching them grow and learn was on of the greatest joys in life. We had such a good time!" She was their cub scout den mother and sideline cheerleader at many a soccer, baseball and football game.

Ann married Bob Berch on November 14, 1981. Together they traveled, laughed, loved, enjoyed grandchildren, great grandchildren, and fun with family and wonderful friends. They were truly best friends and attentive to one another in a way rarely seen.

She enjoyed hot tea on the porch at her family farm, watching her hummingbirds and cardinals, a challenging sudoku or crossword puzzle, rolling sixes with her bunko ladies and being covered with grand babies.

We will miss her warmth, her gentle spirit and the way she lit up our lives with her smile. She found joy in the simple, beautiful things in life. Her hugs made the stress of the world melt away and when she said "oh I love you!" you never felt more loved in your entire life. No amount of time with her would have ever been enough. While our hearts are broken that her physical body can no longer be with us, we will keep her in our memories. We will take them out and enjoy them and feel her love. We will be her keepers. We will keep her so well that her great grandchildren will know the joy and love their little lives brought to her heart.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Ethel Stubblefield and her son Louis Lightsey. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years Bob Berch of Hazlehurst MS, her son Bruce Lightsey (Susan) of Richland MS, her daughter inlaw Linda Lightsey of Ridgeland MS, her grandson Ben Lightsey (Whitney) of Brandon MS, her granddaughter Olivia Bridges (Charles) of Byram MS, her grandson Chris Lightsey (Leah) of Starkville MS, her

granddaughter Paige Randall (Greg) of Ridgeland MS, her great grandchildren Annie, Trey, Ellie, Jameson, and Evie.

Special thanks to her church family at St. Martin's Catholic Church for their love and support and all the staff at Copleah County Medical center for their above and beyond care for this precious lady.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Catholic Church
219 E. Georgetown Street
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann S. Berch*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *My condolences. to the Berch family. Ann will be missed.
Joan Chism from Pineview Dr.*



Joan Chiism - July 01, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *What a beautiful honor--the words you chose to tell what a special person Ann was. Bob, I only met her a couple of times. You and your family will miss her greatly. I offer my condolences.*

Dorothy A.Day - June 26, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Ann leaves a huge hole in our church family and with family and friends. Her sweet smile and cheerful attitude will be so deeply missed. Prayers go to Bob, Bruce and family. Praying for your comfort in the days to come. Cookie and Dan Duncan*

Cookie Duncan - June 25, 2021 at 11:21 PM