



## Mary Ann Bata

October 8, 1959 - June 27, 2022

Mary Ann Bata sadly passed away in her sleep on Monday, June 27th, 2022 at the age of 62 in Waverly, New York.

Mary Ann is survived by her mother and step father, Margaret Bata McCracken and Richard McCracken; her daughter, Rai-Leigh Benjamin; her grandchildren Daija Rai Foux and Jonas James Wheeler; former spouse, Steven D. Benjamin, Jr.; her half brother and sister in law, Tracey and Kate Vanderpool; her sister in law, Gloria Vanderpool; her nieces Janae (Curtis) Hicks, Stacey (Lee) Vanderpool, and Mia (Jeff) Root; her nephew Caleb (fiance Kelsey Novak) Vanderpool; her uncle and aunt Billy and Laura Benjamin; her uncle and aunt Jack and Sandy Vanderpool and several cousins. She is predeceased by her half brother, Pete Vanderpool; her father, James Bata; her grandmother Mary Wood; her uncle Robert and aunt Janet Benjamin; her aunts, Anne and Cleone; and her best friend Denise Bouse.

Mary Ann was born on October 8th, 1959 in Ashley, North Dakota to her mother, father and 2 half brothers. She graduated from Towanda Area High School in 1977 and was a member of the swim team. She went on to attend Mansfield University where she studied early childhood development. She was married in May of 1982, became a mother in May of 1983 and later opened a daycare in Monroeton, Pa where she cared for many children. She went on to work for Serve Inc., helping handi-capable members of the

community. She was also employed by Mills Pride.

Mary Ann enjoyed being with her grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as “Mimi”. She was talented in art, with many creative skills. She had a passion for antiques and searching for treasures at flea markets and thrift stores. She had a smile that could light up a room and a laugh you could never forget. Her style was admired by many. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family and all who knew her.

A private burial will be held at the Bradford County Memorial Park where she will be laid to rest near her father. A Memorial Gathering for friends and family will be held in the fall; details yet to be announced. In lue of flowers, please send donations in her honor to Child Hunger Outreach Partners (C.H.O.P.) at 2 Elizabeth Street, in Towanda, PA 18848.

# Cemetery Details

## **Bradford County Memorial Park**

20452 Route 6  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rai-Leigh Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Mary Bata* ”



Rai-Leigh Benjamin - October 06, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Mary Ann Bata* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Mary Ann Bata* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mary Ann Bata* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Mary Ann Bata* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Mary Ann Bata* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

BR

“ Margaret and families of MaryAnn. I am so sorry for your loss. I've always had a good time around Maryann and she was friends on Facebook. God love her and I hope you ve got good memories to help you thru this time of sorrow. Love to all. Your friend Bernita. RIP MaryAnn

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**bernita rice** - July 01, 2022 at 04:16 PM

LE

“ My deepest condolences to all of Maryann's family. May she rest in eternal peace.

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**Lynn Elliott** - July 01, 2022 at 02:25 PM

MB

“ thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss

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**marleta bailey** - July 01, 2022 at 09:58 AM

RS

“ Margaret, I am sorry to read that your daughter passed and am sending you my sincere sympathy. Although my mother has been gone 26 years, i still remember how kind and caring you were. Trust you are well and can enjoy each day. Ruth Squires

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**Ruth Squires** - July 01, 2022 at 07:02 AM