

Mary Ann Indra



Mary Ann Indra was born August 15, 1951 at Arnold NE to Orville and Catherine (Kirwan) Indra. Her family moved to O'Neill; where her father was employed by the U.S. Department of Soil Conservation and her mother was the County Extension Agent for Holt County.

Mary Ann grew up in small town USA enjoying the friendships of Ann, Anna, Mike and Peggy, the Gonderingers, Janouseks, Peacocks and Schmidts, and the neighborhood get-togethers. She was active in 4-H and recruited her Father to help her with her projects. Mary Ann said growing up her Birthday meant going to Mass and then spending the day with her Mom at the Holt County Fair.

She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1969. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baret, Lake Forest Ill. in 1973. She taught Elementary Special Education in Stanton from 1973 to 1976.

She received her Master's Degree from the University of Arizona at Tucson in 1977. She moved to Grand Island, working as an Education & Visual Consultant for Central Nebraska Support Service Program.

Mary Ann worked with the students with visual problems. She expected and encouraged her students to achieve to their full potential. She enjoyed working with them to learn living skills, which would help them when they finished school. She was always on the lookout for that special toy or article that would help the student. She enjoyed providing cooking and home living experiences for them. Mary Ann did braille and would spend much of her "free time" transcribing lessons and stories for future use.

Mary Ann did work with students at the Wood River Rural High. She was known for caring for her students and having time to greet them and say "Hi".

She enjoyed cooking (trying one of her Mom's new recipes), traveling (she had just renewed her passport to be prepared for the next interesting trip), trips to Lincoln on Saturday with parents and friends to cheer on Nebraska football, and the fine arts.

She was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, a Eucharist Minister at St. Leo's, Servants of the Fathers Love, Curcillo, Stephen Ministry, the G.I. Lion's Club and recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award, active member of G.I. Concert Association and its Patron of Music Program.

Mary Ann died on February 17, 2001. She was survived by her parents and many friends and students, who loved Mary Ann's Irish wit and her caring & nurturing spirit.