



## Mary Ann Cornelius

December 27, 1939 - May 4, 2020

JANESVILLE – Mary Ann Cornelius, 80, of Janesville died Monday, May 4, 2020 at her home.

She was born December 27, 1939 in Grundy County, Iowa, daughter of Frank and Marie (Gelder) Cornelius.

She earned her CNA certificate from Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo and worked as a nursing assistant in area nursing homes and hospitals. She was employed for ten years with the Washington State Veterans Home, retiring in August 2011, after 40 years of CNA work.

Survived by: five sons: Bob (Cindy) Bentley of Janesville, Rod (Kim) Bentley of Dewey, Oklahoma, Roger (Suzie) Bentley of Thornton, CO, Dana (Emma) McFarlane of Swisher, and Jason (Cara) McFarlane of St. Augustine, FL; twelve grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two brothers, Marlyn (Sue) Cornelius of Cedar Falls and Larry Cornelius of Janesville; and four sisters, Arleen (Jim) Burkhardt of Cedar Falls, Ardis Matson of Janesville, Darlys (Jerry) Dietrick of New Hartford, and Frankie Knight of Cedar Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: two daughters, Marilyn Webber, and one in infancy; a son-in-law, Dennis Webber; a granddaughter, Amanda Bentley; and a brother,

Arnold Cornelius.

Family Directed Memorial Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 3rd at Antique Acres, with inurnment in Hillside Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Family Directed Memorial Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Antique Acres  
7610 Waverly Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Cornelius.* ”



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July 01, 2020 at 07:03 PM

“ *What I will remember about my Moms besides everything.. There are so many things, I was always amazed at how good a cook she was and always made terrific chocolate Chip Cookies, She could really make anything from scratch it seemed. I remember her funny faces when we would tease her about something. I loved to listen to her tell me stuff about the family, where they used to live and how, Things about the way they grew up and the hard times along with the good times. I remember her taking us Roller Skating at the RollerDome and thinking how cool was it that I was skating in the same place my Mom and Dad and Aunts and Uncles went too. I remember one time fishing for crappies on Birch lake and Mom hooked into a nice fish, she fought it and fought it, and eventually got it into the boat and it was a really nice Walleye, i want to say in the 6 to 8 pound range but I would always tell her my walleye was bigger.. even though I was not sure it really was. She just let me have the braggin rights.*

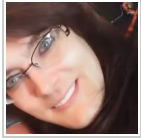
*I remember when i was in 2nd grade Mom told me I would have to ride the bus out to Omas on wed because she had to go somewhere. Well i only heard Wed not (Next week wed) so come Wed I got on the bus I knew would go by Omas since my friend Kurt Luering rode it and he just lived down the hwy from Omas. So when the bus got close I told the driver i needed out here at My omas. He was not sure but he let me out and up the drive I went. Knocked on the door and Oma answered and said Wheres your Mom? I said She had to go some place and I rode the Bus to your house.. She was quite shocked as It was suppose to be the following week.. Lucky Oma was home! Mom was not to Happy with me.*

*Once when we lived in Hawaii, Mom came to visit us, Hanah or second oldest was about 4 at the time I think, and Mom was trying to help her tie her shoe, and Hanah Looked at her all serious and said."I Can do it myself OLD WOMAN!" My Mom cracked up laughing and she always talked about that story with Hanah. She had lots of adventures and stories with all the grand kids.*

*I have so many great memories of my Mom. I cannot express them all. I know I will Miss her more then I ever let on, it has been very hard. We Really miss and Love you Mom! Say hello to Missy, Oma,*

*Arnie, and all the rest! Love Dana & Emma Elle, Haley, Hanah and Nat (And her family Robert Aubrei and Bella)*

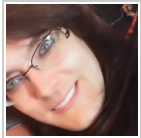
**Dana McFarlane** - May 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *FROM THE HEART OF DIANE BELL-COCHRAN REST IN PEACE MY DEAR FRIEND I'LL MISS YOU DEARLY*



**Ray Jane** - May 08, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *REST IN PEACE MY DEAR FRIEND I'LL MISS YOU*



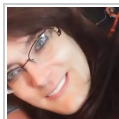
**Ray Jane** - May 08, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ *For mary we will miss u*

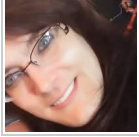


**shyanne** - May 08, 2020 at 12:40 PM



*We ALL will*

**Ray Jane** - May 08, 2020 at 12:53 PM

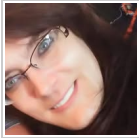


“ *Ray Jane lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Cornelius*



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**Ray Jane** - May 08, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *My family will miss you so much Mary, you were such a wonderful person ALWAYS helping my mother, Diane when you were neighbors in Janesville, making sure she got to her appts, shopping, and whatever else you could do to lend a helping hand, you will NEVER be forgotten in our HEART, you were ALWAYS a blessing and an Angel in disguise, I'm so very grateful to have known you and you will be missed dearly. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to your famliy.*

*Tammy Wordes and family,  
Diane and Lonnie Cochran*

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**Ray Jane** - May 08, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ I remember the smell of lipstick in Moms purse and how her car was always so clean and smelled like 10 air fresheners. lol How great of a cook she was. She made awesome homemade noodles, really everything just good old school from scratch farm cookin. She used to volunteer at the AMVETS cooking dinners for 100,s of vets when I was a kid. I remember how generous she was even when she didn't have alot. I would get home from school and she would be gone to work already but there would be a little candy bar or a dollar on my pillow so I could go play a few games of Pac Man. She always tried to send something home with me when I visited her, dolls for the girls, something she knitted, food, always something. I remember Mom always being a really hard worker, and how much she cared about the people she took care of. I remember being young and Mom taking me to the beach even though it was the last place she wanted to be just to make me happy. There is so much I could say but Mostly, I remember how much she loved me and loved her family even when she wasn't there. Mom my heart is crushed, I love and miss you so much already but I am glad your not suffering anymore. I know your in a better place now and I will see you again one day.  
I love you Mom with all my Heart Rest in Peace  
Jason

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**jason mcfarlane** - May 08, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Mary and I were friends for many years, and then I was fortunate enough to be neighbors with her in Janesville for 6 years. She was a very special lady, and I'll sure miss her. Rest in peace, dear lady.

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**Barbara Overmann** - May 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

AB

“ I barely remember her. I was young when she and Bob split up, plus we were living in Texas by then and didn't get to see that side of the family very much. I do remember thinking how cool I thought she was, and how she was always nice to me. Rest well Aunt Mary. Ann Bartts (Gary McFarlane's daughter), Slidell, Texas.

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**Ann Bartts** - May 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM