



MARY BELLE "BUNNY" DIMANNO

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LIZELLA –

Mary Belle “Bunny” Mathis DiManno, 76, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at her home. Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry. Visitation will be from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m. At the family’s request and to honor Mary, we ask that everyone wear pink to the service. Interment will be on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Lowndes County. Contributions may be made in memory of Bunny to Liberty Faith Bible Church, P. O. Box 40, Norwood, Missouri 65717.

Mary Belle was born on December 5, 1948, in Valdosta, Georgia, the oldest of six children. A 1967 graduate of Perry High School, she subsequently attended Atlanta School of Art and Design where she earned a degree in Interior Design. And thus, her design career began. Mary Belle accepted a position with Douglas-Heaton Interiors and lived in Charleston, South Carolina, for many years while working in residential and commercial décor. During that period of her life, Mary was an energetic, single mom working three jobs. She occasionally took time for herself and enjoyed taking dance lessons at Arthur Murray’s Dance Studio where she met the love of her life, John. The couple soon married, and her position soon became Homemaker Extraordinaire. She spent many hours each day working to create a loving and encouraging environment for her family, with, of course, the perfect interior décor. While John’s job moved him around the country, “Bunny,” as she was known by most, was always excited to put her special touches on each new home, enjoyed freshening and nurturing their gardens and landscapes, and was delighted to cook in any kitchen. She was a very special lady who spread happiness everywhere she went. She loved people, wanted to know their hearts, was everyone’s biggest cheerleader, and was loved by so many. Bunny was soft-spoken, and when she finally said something, people knew that it was going to be valuable to the conversation. Like a surgeon, she knew how to get to the root of any problem. Her love for the Lord radiated. Bunny also earned an Associate’s Degree



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from Christ of the Nation Institute and was a member of Liberty Faith Bible Church in Norwood, Missouri.

Bunny was preceded in death by her father, Harvey Griffin Mathis; and a brother-in-law, John Eldridge.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Bunny are her "beloved," as she called him, faithful and devoted husband of forty-three years, John DiManno of Lizella; her mother, Melba Mathis of Perry; her children, Barry Chandler, Jr. of Newnan, and Blakeley Mayes of Dallas, Texas; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; her siblings, Ann Eldridge of Valdosta, Charles Mathis (Dawn) of Abilene, Texas, Jenice Mathis of Perry, Linda Ellis (Andy) of Monticello, Florida, and Billy Mathis (Sandra) of Jeffersonville; her sister-in-law, Teresa Brooks (Chuck) of Lawrenceville; her brother-in-law, Richard Panarelli of Massachusetts; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Events

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Visitation

- Tuesday**, January 28, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069
- Please wear something pink if possible.



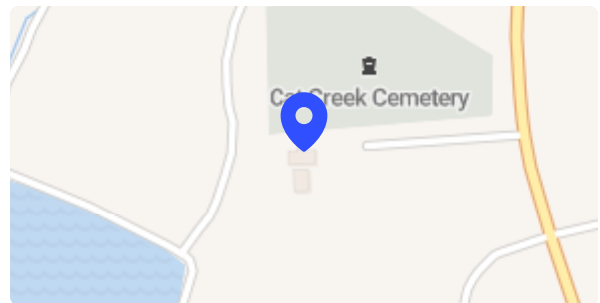
Funeral

- Tuesday**, January 28, 2025
- 2:00 PM ET
- Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069
- Please wear something pink if possible.



Graveside Service

- Wednesday**, January 29, 2025
- 2:00 PM ET
- Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery**
4919 Cat Creek Road, Valdosta GA 31605
- Please wear something pink if possible.






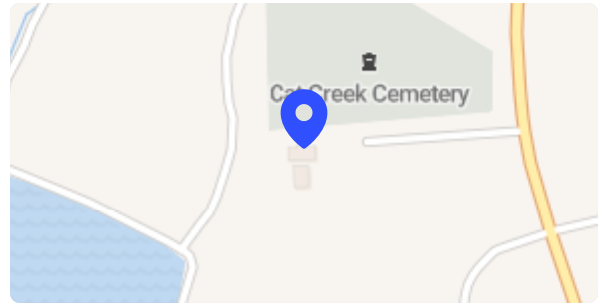
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Cemetery Details

 **Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery**
4919 Cat Creek Road, Valdosta GA 31605





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SE

Sandra Ernest posted:

It was such a a blessing to know Bunny from living waters Bible study on Tuesdays and the times she brought John with her. She lit up the room with her beautiful Spirit and lovely smile. Condolences to the family for this tremendous loss.

March 7 at 9:38 AM

EM

Elizabeth Mclean posted:

Bunny will be missed. She added do much to the Living Waters Fellowship Women's Bible Study. We loved her dearly. We were so blessed to know her and grow spiritually with her. Elizabeth McLean

March 5 at 7:40 AM

MS

Massimo And Simonetta posted:

We don't have enough words to express what Bunny meant to us. She was a friend, a sister, our family away from family. God gave us the privilege of knowing her and John 33 years ago, and we have always been blessed by her ever ready and contagious smile, her sweetness and her sincere affection. She was a gentle touch from heaven for us and for so many more. A precious memory of our dearest Bunny will remain in our hearts until the day we will meet again in heaven, where she is already rejoicing in the presence of Jesus, whom she loved so much. We love you John ❤️

February 22 at 10:32 AM

GM

Ginger Minnis March 1 at 12:24 PM

We met John and Bunny at church decades ago. What an on fire couple for Jesus! John and Bunny were nice friends to Don and myself. I especially liked the way Bunny was so talented decorating. She was a sweet person who loved the Lord. Don and I are sorry for your loss John. We have missed you and Bunny's friendship since you moved away.

JD

John Dimanno April 9 at 6:56 PM
Simmona!!!

JD

John Dimanno April 9 at 6:55 PM

I love you Max and Simmons! Hope to see you again this side of Glory!



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TE

Tessa posted:

I only had the pleasure of meeting Bunny last year, but I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. She was truly one of the sweetest people I've met in years. The love between her and John was something truly inspiring. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Hoping for comfort to those who loved her.

February 19 at 8:38 AM

CW

Corrie Wilson posted:

I met Bunny about 4 years ago at camp meeting. She had the special gift of making each person she met feel like they were the most important person alive. It didn't take long before we were texting back and forth like we'd known each other all our lives. We discovered we had very similar taste and both liked to keep our hands busy with crafts. Whenever we shared projects she was so encouraging and would give me new ideas. More than that she was always there if I needed someone to talk to who would understand and give me godly advice. I loved her very much and miss her but I praise God she's Home in heaven now waiting for us to join her! I could just hear her say, "I can't wait til y'all get here! You'll just love it!"

February 6 at 8:54 AM

SM

Susan Marquard posted:

Bunny was so kind. I knew that her love and friendship were sincere. She was a caring friend to my daughters and I. She will be missed by those of us whose lives she touched.

February 6 at 8:44 AM

AW

Addie Wilson posted:

Bunny was such a blessing to me and my sisters! She was such a godly lady and always had the joy of the Lord about her! Bunny truly cared about pp! She also gave me some very wise advice that I will always remember. I'm so thankful the Lord brought this sweet lady into my life! I'm so thankful I will see her in heaven some day! ~Addie Wilson

February 5 at 7:37 PM



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Tim Berends posted:

Bunny and her husband John have been a real blessing to this 79 year old. I hand out Gospel tracts here in Vegas and around the world with my Pilot friend Mike. Bunny would really like you all to read "This Was Your Life." You can read it free and in 5 minutes by going to www.Chick.com. Bunny, John, Mike and I all want to see you later!

February 2 at 6:09 AM



Mark Swann posted:

John - Jean and I were very surprised to hear of Bunny's passing and express our sincere sympathy to you and your family. I remember when we met you and Bunny for the first time at the Mid GA Radio Assoc June Field Day quite a few years ago. You and your family are in our prayers. Mark/AE1MS and Jean AE1JS

January 31 at 6:26 PM



John Dimanno April 9 at 6:59 PM

Thank you Mark for the kind words! Blessings to you and Miss Jean! Prov 17:17



John Langelier posted:

John sorry for the loss of your wife, my thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Your Friend, Jack

January 31 at 11:12 AM



John Dimanno April 9 at 6:59 PM

Thank you Jack! Blessings to you dear friend!



David, Marsha, Joshua, Jeremy Tillman sent a Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket to the DiMANNO family.



January 29 at 10:44 AM



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David, Marsha, Joshua, Jeremy Tillman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of MARY BELLE.



January 29 at 10:44 AM



Zip Peterson posted:

From the men and women of the USAF 41st Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston, Air Force Base we send our deepest condolences on Bunny's passing. Having Bunny as a part of our family while John flew with us was a wonderful joy with her friendliness and willingness to jump in and help the newer spouses feel welcome in a strange land. Bunny's wit was a welcoming anticipation at all gatherings. We miss her dearly. Zip Peterson, 41st Airlift Squadron Alumni Association President.

January 29 at 7:19 AM

JO Johndimanno January 31 at 11:03 AM
Thank you Zip!



Barbara Mcmanus posted:

John, our deepest condolences go out to you and your family. May God embrace you with his loving care as you face the difficult times ahead adjusting to the loss of your dearest Bunny. She will always be with you, just a memory away. She may be gone but you will join her in her permanent heavenly home when God calls for you. We love you and pray for Gods comfort and peace for you, Autumn and all of the family. Randy & Barbara McManus

January 28 at 8:48 AM

JO Johndimanno January 31 at 11:04 AM
Thank you Barbara!



Anonymous sent a Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the DiMANNO family.



January 28 at 8:22 AM



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TF

The Simoni Family sent a Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the DiMANNO family.

January 27 at 3:44 PM



TF

The Simoni Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of MARY BELLE.

January 27 at 3:44 PM



LC

Liberty Faith Church sent a Healing Tears - All Pink to the DiMANNO family.

January 27 at 2:28 PM



LC

Liberty Faith Church planted a Memorial Tree in honor of MARY BELLE.

January 27 at 2:28 PM



PF

Peter Panarelli And Family sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the DiMANNO family.

January 27 at 9:06 AM



RC

Ron & Shirley Cason sent a Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement to the DiMANNO family.

January 27 at 7:35 AM





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Joyce Avera Treadwell lit a candle in honor of MARY BELLE.

Bunny and I were classmates at PHS. She was such an inspiration to be around. Her smile was always so warming. My condolences go to John and all of her family. Bunny will be missed by so many. This was a shock to me and many others and it took me a while to believe she will be gone.



January 27 at 4:59 AM



Construction Ready Team sent a Healing Tears - All Pink to the DiMANNO family.



January 27 at 3:10 AM



Construction Ready Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of MARY BELLE.



January 27 at 3:10 AM



Joanne Luongo posted:

From our very first meeting, Bunny welcomed me like we had been close friends forever. She had a soft and gentle voice that made me want to listen to her every word. Bunny had such humility and grace you could tell right away how giving she was and how devoted she was to her family, her husband John and her God. A woman who always had a kind word to say about everyone. On one occasion John and Bunny came to visit our home in Boston to reunite with his extended family. Bunny, even though she was a guest.... She gave us her best! She bright her amazing decorating and cooking skills. It was a family gathering if about 30! Bunny never left my side. She was so helpful and I was so grateful. Bunny made it an amazing & memorable day! One we will always remember. Even though we did not see each other that often, she was one wonderful person who I will never forget. Rest in peace sweet Mary Belle and enjoy Paradise. ❤️👤

January 26 at 7:52 PM



John Dimanno April 9 at 7:01 PM

I love you Joanne!



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Anonymous sent a Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the DiMANNO family.



January 26 at 4:12 PM



Tony Burgess posted:

What a wonderful and sweet lady. Bunny was an encouragement to everyone she met. When I'd call John to catch up I would hear her join the conversation in the background if she was close by; saying hello, then she'd get the phone and speak so kindly, exhorting and encouraging, giving learned advice without even trying. She will be missed. I'm reminded what a family member told me after my Dad passed recently, as painful as the separation is now we realize "we've talked about Heaven our whole life and we can't just feel the hurt when someone we love goes there". There's a great reunion just around the corner for those who love the Lord like Bunny does! She's just able to love our Savior in person. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

January 26 at 3:43 PM



John Dimanno April 9 at 7:03 PM

Thank you for the kind words Tony! It was great seeing Susan there! Prov 17:17



Joanne, Malena & Vanessa Luongo sent a Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the DiMANNO family.



January 26 at 3:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the DiMANNO family.



January 26 at 2:41 PM



Darrell Kq4sup posted:

So very sorry for your loss John, but excited for the amazing memories you have of this remarkable woman.

January 26 at 9:40 AM



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Gene Simmons posted:

I'll cherish the times I was able to visit with John and Bunny. I'm at a loss for words to comfort John and other family members. Just so sad.

January 26 at 7:13 AM



John Dimanno April 9 at 7:04 PM

We love you sir Gene!



Diane Mcswain Elliott posted:

Mary Belle and I were high school friends and had lots of fun together. She was always smiling and so very sweet. My condolences to her family. ❤️❤️

January 26 at 6:26 AM

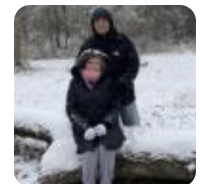


Barbara Smallwood Mullis January 26 at 11:36 AM

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I went to school with Bunny, very sweet & kind person. She will be missed. Barbara Smallwood Mullis



Barry Chandler shared a photo to the **Family** album.



January 26 at 6:15 AM



Barry Chandler posted:

A son could not have had a better mother. There could not have been a better way for her to leave this life and go to the next life....quickly, right there in the arms of her beloved and my pops. Her encouragement is the reason I believed in myself. Her encouragement is the reason I walk daily with my Lord! Mom, you will be missed by so many. Especially by those who knew you. I love you and will see you soon. Your son, Barry

January 26 at 6:03 AM



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Misdy Cumbie posted:








Mrs Bunny was a true Godly woman, Mentor and friend. She was an inspiration to me. She truly made my life better. She will truly be missed and loved by all the lives she touched. I thank God I was one of those lives. Mr John my prayers and love coming to you, Autumn and yall precious family. Love yall Moma

January 25 at 2:16 PM

JD **John Dimanno** April 9 at 7:05 PM
Thank you Missy!

DE **Delores Evans** January 26 at 6:01 AM
Sorry for your loss John. Praying God's grace and peace for you and all your family as you go through this time of earthly sorrow. A friend from Liberty Faith Church Delores Evans 
 

PR **Pauline Ryles** January 25 at 6:11 PM
Oh how do i start Mrs. Bunny I see that sweet smile as I sit here . Mr John and the rest of the family my prayers are with you Mrs. Bunny has touched so many people she was warm and Jindal she loved big and I will have to say she mad a killer Italian cream cake the best cake I ever bidden on I love yalls precious family I hope to see yall around!!!

AA **Angie Anderson** January 25 at 5:25 PM
I am DEEPLY saddened by the news of Bunny's passing!!! What an absolutely beautiful soul!!! She was one truly amazing, loving, giving, caring,, beautiful, soul!!!! If only the whole world possessed the same beautiful spirit that lived within her heart and soul!!!!..... what a different world this would be!!!! She was absolutely one of THE BEST PEOPLE to ever walk on this earth!!!! She will be greatly missed!!..... a true Earth Ange!!! But, the good news is that we can all see her and be with her again one day in Heaven!!!! May the peace of God that passes all understanding, fill your hearts and bring you comfort as you face the days ahead!!!! Sincerely, Angie Anderson       



Rachel Friend posted:

This wonderful Lady was such a blessing and encouragement to me. Loved every visit I had with her. She was such a living testimony of a godly woman. And her love for the Lord. She will be greatly missed. Your family will be in our prayers. Rachel Friend

January 25 at 1:54 PM



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SG

Sarah Breault Glidden posted:

She was always such a joy to talk with and her love of her Savior just poured out! I am looking forward to seeing her again in Heaven!

January 25 at 11:20 AM

TB

Tim Berends posted:

Bunny and her husband John have been a real blessing to me. They both have been committed Christians! I didn't realize she was the oldest of 6 kids. I was too! One thing I never should have said to my parents and my brothers and sisters at the dinner table. I was tired of all the powdered milk and said to Mom and Dad in front of my siblings "how come you had to have six kids?" My Mother responded "you know what they say? Shoot the first one." I told Mom I had never heard anybody say that but her." We'll see you soon Bunny! Bunny would like you all to read "This Was Your Lifer." You can read it by going to www.Chick.com. Praying for you John!

January 25 at 9:55 AM

TM

Tommy Mealer January 25 at 3:07 PM

So sad to hear this. I knew Bunny back when we were kids at Andrew Chapel Methodist, on Houston Lake. She was always a good friend and lots of fun. It was so great to see her at the class reunion a few years ago, and meeting John. She was a great one, and I'll always remember her.

BC

Barry Chandler January 25 at 2:49 PM

Amen Tim! This was you life by Jack Chick! Love you Tim B. , Barry



Media

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Barry Chandler shared a photo to the **Family** album.

January 26 at 6:15 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring MARY BELLE by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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