



## Mary Elizabeth Borman

November 5, 1938 - January 18, 2017

Mary Elizabeth Sweetman Borman passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on January 18, 2017. The beautiful story of Mary's life began on November 5, 1938 in Sioux Falls, SD. After receiving her degree Summa Cum Laude from Duchesne Women's College, she married her husband of 56-years, John Borman. She devoted her energies to raising their three children in Gordon, Nebraska. In the late 70s, the Borman's moved to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mary and John shared a love for the outdoors and enjoyed adventures from bicycling trips in Europe, golfing in Scotland, to boating down the Grand Canyon. When she wasn't gardening, cooking or golfing, Mary enjoyed watching sports or reading. Hers was a life filled with love and happiness, and she radiated that to the many friends who surrounded her.

Mary possessed a deep faith and started every day with her rosary, a wedding gift from John. Her faith guided her life of community volunteerism. Mary and John's world focused on their family and they especially enjoyed hosting Christmas reunions at their winter home in the California desert.

Mary was proudest of her role as wife, mother and grandmother, and kept family traditions alive with her storytelling. Her grandchildren describe her as "really cool" – a grandmother who connected with them via texting.

Mary is survived by her beloved husband, John; her children, Rick Borman of Atlanta, Mary Ann Ellis (Greg) of Fort Collins, and Joanie Olson (Jim) of Sioux Falls; grandchildren, Scott and Allison, Joseph and Madeleine, and Sam and Emily; brothers, Dick Sweetman (Kathy); Jerry Sweetman (Mary Pat); sisters, Sophie McConnell (Malcolm); Kathy Rothenberger (Dave); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, R.S. and Evelyn Sweetman.

Mary's life will be celebrated in a Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m on Monday, January 30, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Holy Rosary will be at 7 pm on Sunday, January 29 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel.

The Borman family suggests that memorials be directed to Gabriel House at St.. Joseph Church or a charity of your choice in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 29. 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-4244  
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

## Memorial Mass

JAN 30. 9:30 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *To John and all her family,  
I was very surprised and deeply saddened when I was told of  
Mary's sudden death.*

*I am so happy to know Mary these last four years in La Quinta, CA.  
Being her manicurist when she did her " snow bird" stay in La  
Quinta was such a pleasure. All the laughs we had over many  
things we talked about, and when it came to the NCAA we talked  
college basketball like we were two men verses two women.....  
Creighton, Gonzaga, and my school New Mexico. I will always think  
of her during the NCAA tournament and pull for these teams if they  
are in the tournament.*

*Memories I will always cherish and wish all of you peace in your  
hearts and Mary's memories to keep your heart full of love.*

*Kathleen Collins*

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**Kathleen Collins** - February 04, 2017 at 08:32 PM

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“ JOHN,AND ALL OF THE BORMAN FAMILY. IT WAS A SHOCK AND I AM DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF MARY. MARY WAS SUCH A LOVING PERSON AND TREATED ALL WITH RESPECT AND LOVE. HER FAMILY WAS THE WORLD TO HER AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MARY AS A PART OF OUR LIVES. GOD CALLED A REAL JEWEL HOME AND WE CAN REST ASSURED THAT MARY WILL BE AN ASSET TO HEAVEN AS SHE WAS HERE ON EARTH. I AM PRAYING FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND LOVE AS MARY WOULD HAVE WANTED.

HERB HART

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**HERB HART** - February 02, 2017 at 06:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.



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January 28, 2017 at 11:55 PM

TF

“ *The Jeff and Nancy Johnson Family* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.



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**The Jeff and Nancy Johnson Family** - January 28, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 28, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mim, Mary Ellen, Angelika, Vonda and all Niners purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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**Mim, Mary Ellen, Angelika, Vonda and all Niners** - January 27, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 27, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 27, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 27, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. But the comfort for all of us is the good memories of a very delightful person. She is with the Lord now which is the ultimate reward for a life well lived. You will remain in my prayers through this difficult time. Brett (Sono) Gies*

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**Brett Gies** - January 27, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *"The Most Gracious Woman" on Earth and now in Heaven. I will always hold you in my heart and in my hands. I love you & miss you so much, Maria, Peace go with BH, Rick, Mary Ann, Joanie and the entire Family...especially her pride and joy, their grandchildren. Love, BH2*

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**Tina** - January 27, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *The Augustana Admission Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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**The Augustana Admission Team** - January 27, 2017 at 12:37 PM

JA

“ *John and kids,  
I am so sorry to hear this sad news. You are all in my thoughts, I will always have wonderful memories of your lovely wife and mother. She was a very special person whom always had a big smile and a positive word to share.  
Miss seeing all of you and please know your Mary was a very special person.  
Prayers and thoughts of each one of you!  
Joe Ahlbrandt*

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**Joe Ahlbrandt** - January 27, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 27, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 27, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JC

“ *She was a wonderful lady and will be missed. Our thoughts and prays are with the family. John we are in Arizonia and are so sorry that we will miss the services but, will be thinking of you and your family.*

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**Jack and Clara** - January 27, 2017 at 10:55 AM

RH

“ *John and family, we were saddened to hear of the loss of Mary. Our family ties date back to your friendship with Vern and Gert Hackbarth, the founders of our family business, Vern's Toffee. We have so much enjoyed your friendliness and loyalty over the years and Mary will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Ron and Mary Hert, our daughter Stefanie and husband Patrick O'Neill,  
The Vern's Toffee family*

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**Ron Hert** - January 27, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



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January 26, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



January 26, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Love Tom and Pina Newman purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



**Love Tom and Pina Newman** - January 26, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



January 26, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.*



January 25, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Borman.* ”



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January 24, 2017 at 08:30 PM