



Ida Mary Bilodeau

October 16, 1932 - January 12, 2023

Ida Mary Barto Bilodeau, age 90, died peacefully on January 12, 2023, surrounded by family, covered in prayer and expressions of love. Ida was the devoted wife of the late Denis "Dan" Emile Bilodeau, sharing almost 50 years of marriage until his death in 2005. Born on October 16, 1932, in Greenwich, CT, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Caruso) Barto and grew up in the Chickahominy section of Greenwich.

Ida attended Greenwich Public Schools and earned her degree from Teachers College of Connecticut. She returned to Greenwich where she taught at Hamilton Avenue School. IDAN, as they were known, were wed on April 16, 1955. They resided in Fort Wayne, IN, where Dan attended college and Ida taught.

IDAN then moved to San Diego, CA where their family continued to grow. In 1962, they settled in Phoenixville, PA in the close-knit Wilbourne Acres neighborhood. Raising a family of five children became Ida's number one job and passion. In addition to being a stay-at-home mom, Ida was active outside the home, assuming leadership positions in school volunteer groups, the Girl Scouts, religious groups, community women's organizations, and more. Her lifelong love of music eventually led her to Sweet Adelines.

Ida was a charter and lifelong member of the Valley Forge Chorus, a 50+

member of Sweet Adelines International, an International Showmanship Judge, a faculty member of the International Education Symposium, and coach for quartets and choruses. She treasured the deep, enduring friendships as much as she loved performing music with her sisters in harmony.

After a long hiatus, Ida resumed her teaching career. She taught sixth grade at Barkley Elementary school, then at Phoenixville Area Middle School. Ida set high standards, always going above and beyond as a teacher. She loved "her kids" and they loved "Mrs. B" in return.

Over the years, Ida traveled extensively both domestically and internationally, and with the friends IDAN made together and Ida individually, they had people to visit practically everywhere they went. The welcome mat was ALWAYS open at the Bilodeau home, where visitors would find delicious food (the BEST), laughter, and love.

In later years, Ida served as a Eucharistic Minister for St. Basil the Great parish. Ida faithfully attended daily mass, which was a source of strength and joy.

Ida enjoyed traveling, reading, cooking, baking, and hosting gatherings, both large and small. She loved telling stories and being the life of the party. Ida was happiest when she had her family surrounding her, whether it was hanging out in the pool, or the annual pre-Christmas sleepover with the grandkids, or Christmas Eve with mounds of calamari, shrimp, and pasta.

Ida is survived by her five children, sixteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren: Mark (Michelle) Bilodeau, Nadine (Russ) Gustafson, Renée Harrington, Camille (Ed) Nemanic, Monique (Daryl) Hedegard, and former son-in-law Greg Harrington; Her grandchildren Myriah (Tim) Reiter, Madysen

Bilodeau, Maxx (Asia) Bilodeau; Micah Gustafson, Ailene (Carl) Shotsberger, Deni Elise Gustafson, Roy Gustafson; Kyle (Ali) Bilodeau, Patrick Harrington, Sam Harrington; Cara Lee (Phil) Caddy, Anthony (Megan) Nemanic, Daniel (Jenna) Nemanic; Alysia (Andrew) Bellis, Meghan Hedegard, Danielle (Michael Reynolds) Hedegard; and her great-grandchildren Garrett Reiter; Samuel and Eilah Shotsberger; Kali Bilodeau; Audrey, Ryan, Luke, and Dylan Caddy; Alden, Brycen, and Deacon Bellis; Julian DiMaio; Paisley and Beckett Reynolds. She is also survived by a sister, Carol Pellegrino of East Greenwich, CT, a sister-in-law, Pauline Dufour of North Fort Meyers, FL, and many nieces, nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at Campbell-Ennis-Kotzbach Funeral Home on Main St., Phoenixville from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Thursday January 19.

A funeral mass of the Rite of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Friday January 20 at St. Basil the Great Church in Kimberton, PA. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Basil the Great, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton, PA 19442.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.
610 Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Mass

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great Parish
2330 Kimberton Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ida Mary Bilodeau*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - January 17, 2023 at 08:47 AM

RR

Thank you so much for the beautiful video of Ida with her family. What a joyful group of people! So glad to be able to meet Dan Nemanic's family this way: Ida looks like a wonderful person, sorry I missed her, but so glad you introduced us this kind and comprehensive way.

Congratulations on a heartwarming introduction to your family. Very Sincerely,

*Ruth E. Ruggiero
G'ma &Gma in Law To
Jenna RuggieroNemanic & Dan Nemanic
Wed.Jan. 18, 2023*

RuthE. Ruggiero - January 18, 2023 at 08:41 AM

MB

Thank you for the lovely thoughts.

Mark Bilodeau - February 02, 2023 at 07:11 AM

CN

Thank you so much, Ruth. Your words mean so much. We are so grateful that our son, Dan, has married into such a wonderful family. Much love from Camille & Ed Nemanic (Dan's parents)

Camille Nemanic - February 06, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



January 19, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *When she came to visit Florida. We would go to The Sweet Adelines rehearsal. It was great watching her give some advice. Everyone loved her* 💕💕

Pauline Bilodeau Dufour - January 19, 2023 at 07:24 PM



Aunt Pauline, Mom loved you so dearly. And she treasured all the special time she had spending time with you (and Uncle Joe) in Florida all these years.

Camille Nemanic - February 06, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *My cousin Ida was a very special lady. I have many fond memories from childhood with her and her wonderful family, and enjoyed spending time together during our visits. My heartfelt condolences goes out to everyone who lives were enhanced by Ida.*
- Love cousin Jim Hoak

Jim Hoak - January 19, 2023 at 12:47 PM

LH

“ Love cousin Jim Hoak purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



Love cousin Jim Hoak - January 19, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 19, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 18, 2023 at 10:05 PM

LF

“ Love Pauline Bilodeau Dufour and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



Love Pauline Bilodeau Dufour and Family - January 18, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



January 18, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *I have known Mrs. B my whole life. She was always kind, funny, talented in many ways, classy, and so family oriented. Such a special lady! My condolences to the family. ❤️*

Susan Charles - January 18, 2023 at 03:53 PM



Thank you so much. From the entire Bilodeau family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *She was a great friend and teacher*

Edward Gavin - January 18, 2023 at 03:23 PM



Thank you. From the entire Bilodeau family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ I was fortunate to work along side of Ida here at the middle school. She was a wonderful teacher and person who was passionate about the students. I will keep her family in my prayers and think about all the good conversations we had during the years we worked together.

Jack Sturgeon - January 18, 2023 at 01:49 PM

MB

Thanks, Jack.
She loved teaching at the MS.

Mark Bilodeau - January 19, 2023 at 12:09 PM

CN

Thank you so much, Jack. I second Mark's comments. Teaching was one of her greatest passions, for sure. With gratitude from the entire Bilodeau family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 18, 2023 at 10:26 AM

DM

“ *What a joy to teach with Ida. She was very creative and I learned a great deal watching her work her magic with the children. Always smiling, she found a way to make Social Studies a highlight of the kids days.*

We knew each other through music, too. As a barbershopper, she came to share some thoughts with a group I sang with and made quite an impression.

Love you, Ida

Dick Morgan - January 18, 2023 at 09:34 AM

MB

*Thanks Dick,
She had many tales about your 6th grade team.*

Mark Bilodeau - January 19, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CN

Dick, you were such a blessing to Mom as a teacher and friend. She held you in the highest regard and loved teaching with you. Barkley (and PAMS) teachers had quite the strong bond!

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DL

“ *My sincere condolences to our cousins on the loss of Ida. I always enjoyed seeing her and my wife Judy loved her cousin very much. May your many memories of her comfort you during this time of great loss.*

*Love,
Dick Lester*

Dick Lester - January 18, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MB

*Thank you,
She loved Judy and your family.*

Mark Bilodeau - January 19, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CN

Thank you, Dick. I second Mark's comments. Mom especially loved the phone calls from Judy when she would catch Mom up on family life. Thank you for your kind words. Much love from ALL the Bilodeau family:

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



January 18, 2023 at 07:13 AM

CM

“ *In junior and senior high school, Camille would have me overnight...Mrs Bilodeau was always smiling and laughing... always busy, energetic and just loving it. She was someone I admired , and I felt welcomed.*

Christine McCormick - January 18, 2023 at 06:45 AM

MB

If you were a friend of her kids, your were family. Thanks for being part of the family.

Mark Bilodeau - January 19, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CN

Christine, Mom knew I had a treasured friend in you. And how about in later years when your mom became a Sweet Adeline? My mom loved finding that out! Mom loved you and Leo and always enjoyed hearing about your ever-growing family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:53 PM

CC

“ Cousins-Adele, Judy and Carolynn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



Cousins-Adele, Judy and Carolynn - January 17, 2023 at 07:34 PM

FZ

“ I had “Mrs B” at Barkley in 4th grade and again in 6th. She was one of my all time favorite teachers. May God grant her Eternal rest!

Fr Peter Zarynow - January 17, 2023 at 04:30 PM

CN

Thank you, Fr. Peter. It's wonderful to hear your comments about Mom. She LOVED teaching and all her “kids.” Thank you from the entire Bilodeau family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 17, 2023 at 03:25 PM

DM

“ Absolutely loved Mrs. Bilodeau--one of my favorite teachers. I was her student in 1982-83. I was just talking about her the other day to a friend and thought of her every so often. My condolences to all of you on your loss. She was a lovely person.

Dianne Melvin - January 17, 2023 at 02:42 PM

CN

Thank you for your kind words, Dianne. Mom LOVED teaching and her “kids” (YOU all!). I was always so proud of Mom and the impact she had on her students. Thank you on behalf of the entire Bilodeau family.

Camille Nemanic - February 07, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.



January 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Love, The grands and great-grands <3 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



Love, The grands and great-grands <3 - January 17, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ida Mary Bilodeau.*



January 17, 2023 at 09:35 AM