



Mary Lynn Godbold Bills

April 30, 1940 - October 30, 2025

Mary Lynn Godbold Bills died on October 30, 2025. Born on April 30, 1940, in Rembert, South Carolina, she was the daughter of Ed and Louise Godbold. Her birth took place in a very modest, four-room frame home, the intended retirement home for her Grandfather Godbold, a highly respected but impoverished Methodist minister. From her birth to her final days on earth, Mary Lynn was a survivor, a fighter, a fierce advocate of those in her family and her circle whom she held dear.

She grew up on a farm with her parents, her sister Doris, her brother Stanly, and the nurturing environments of McLeod Chapel Methodist Church and Hillcrest School. An accomplished pianist, she gave a private recital when still a teenager. After she graduated from high school, she married Daniel Joseph Bills, then a young airman from Kansas, and together they built a 65-year long marriage and partnership, characterized by many happy years in church and music, as well as dealing with the often-difficult challenges that sometimes made their lives less than easy. They were blessed with two children, their daughter, Melissa Lynn Bills, followed by their son, Robert Todd Bills. Mary Lynn held several secretarial positions, taught piano lessons, and served as church organist before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker after Todd's birth. Imitating her mother, she became a fantastic cook, skilled seamstress, and extraordinary interior decorator. She attended church, read, played bridge, traveled in the US, but her dominant characteristic was her

complete devotion to her parents, her husband, her siblings, and her children. She would slay dragons for them when needed, but she always clung stubbornly to her own opinions even when differing from theirs.

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dan, her sister Doris, she is survived by her brother Stanly Godbold (Jeannie) of Starkville, Mississippi, her daughter Melissa Thomas (Gary) of Lexington, South Carolina, and her son Todd Bills (Fiona) of Atlanta, Georgia. Surviving grandchildren include Rachel Rainbolt (John) of Tallahassee, Florida, Danielle Lundgren (Zachary) of Alexandria, Virginia, Alina Mencias (Juan) of Atlanta, Georgia, Ethan Bills of Austin, Texas, and RJ Bills of Atlanta, Georgia. Of the numerous nieces and nephews, the few who got to know her well became special recipients of her love and largesse. Also surviving, Carla Palmer became her devoted friend and caregiver during her last year on earth.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Noon from the Posey Funeral Chapel. The family will receive guests one hour prior to the service.

At a later date, her and her late husband Dan will be privately interred in the family cemetery plot at Marion, South Carolina.

Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the love and support received during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills



Posey Funeral Directors - November 07, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills



Posey Funeral Directors - November 07, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KD

A beautiful tribute.

Kran Dugar - November 08, 2025 at 08:17 AM

KD

“ Brother and sister, inseparable as kids. Rest in peace, Aunt Mary Lynn.



Kran Dugar - November 08, 2025 at 08:05 AM

KD

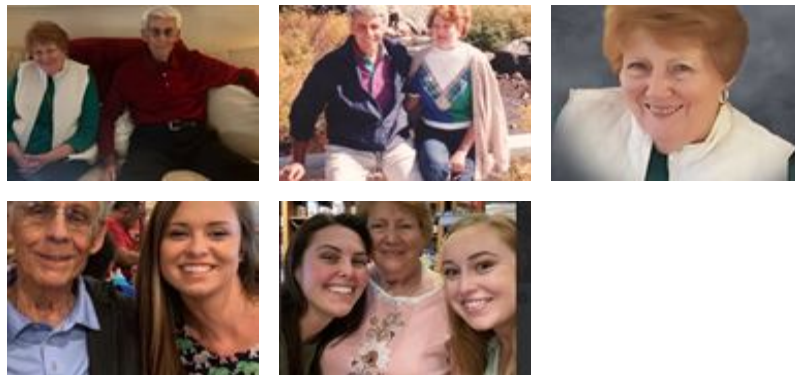
“ 4th of July dinners with you and Uncle Dan were always fun family time. Pictured here are two such occasions -- 2018 and 2023. Thanks for the memories, Aunt Mary Lynn. ❤️



Kran Dugar - November 08, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - November 07, 2025 at 08:56 AM

KD

“ *Kran Dugar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.*



Kran Dugar - November 06, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JF

“ *James family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.*



James family - November 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM

JF

“ *James family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.*

James family - November 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM

VC

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Bills a few years ago professionally, and we became fast friends. She was truly a compassionate and genuine person. I will miss our heartfelt conversations and laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.*

Vicky Curry - November 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

KD



Kran Dugar - November 08, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.



November 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ You Projects East Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.

You Projects East Family - November 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ I liked Mary Lynn and Dan a lot. Once, we three rode in my boat from the North Augusta landing to the lock and dam and back. Rest in peace ole friend 🙏

Thomas Holland - November 02, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Godbold Bills.



November 02, 2025 at 10:50 AM

JH

“ My life is better for having known Ms. Bills. She was more than Todd's mom. She was so welcoming to me and his other high school buddies. She welcomed me, fed me, included me in the family spades game, and just gave me a second home. It did not end after high school. I know she loved me and I love her. May she be with Dan and her parents at peace with the Lord. - Joel Higgins

Joel Higgins - November 02, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LJ

“ I had the pleasure of making your mother beautiful every week doing her hair i didn't have to work hard because she was a beautiful soul . Those eyes my granddaughters always said every week is that beautiful lady coming this week. We spent hours talking about our family and friends together. When I wasn't doing hair anymore we still talked on the phone often. I loved your mom she could make me laugh at the end of a tough week. Your dad and mom were special to me . I will miss her smile most of all . My prayers go out to all of you because I know how much you all meant to her . But I know she is healed and with your dad and her father in heaven. I am so thankful I had the pleasure to know her. Love Leslie Johnston

Leslie Johnston - November 01, 2025 at 11:23 PM