



Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler

August 25, 1936 - December 20, 2023

Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler was born on August 25, 1936 in Wolf Lake, Illinois to Louie and Christina Ballance. She grew up in Cobden, Illinois and graduated from Cobden High School in 1954. After graduation, she attended Southern Illinois University earning her associate degree in 1956.

On May 10, 1957, Mickey married the love of her life, Richard Basler, in Cobden, Illinois. They later lived in Chicago before moving to Iowa, living in Denison, Logan, Osceola, and Grinnell. Together, they raised two daughters, Kimberly Ann and Sandra Lou. Mickey was completely devoted to her husband of 36 years, who was even more devoted to her until his death.

Throughout her life, Mickey worked as a medical transcriptionist, a bank teller, and as a receptionist at a pediatric clinic. She was a member at Citylight Church and was a part of Bible Study Fellowship. Bible study was one of Mickey's favorite activities, and she made many close friends through Bible Study Fellowship. Other favorite pastimes included reading, spending time at her lake cabin, and boating. She loved to ride in the golf cart with Richard while he did what he loved, golf.

Mickey treasured time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a tiny, soft-spoken woman who was sweet, kind and always had a ready smile. Her family will remember her gracious attitude and

how sincere and appreciative she always was.

Mickey was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Basler; father, Louie Ballance; mother, Christina Ballance; mother who raised her, Kitty Ballance; brothers: Paul Ballance, Dorris Ballance, Gene Ballance, and Donald Ballance; sisters: Wilma Ballance, Patty Ballance, and Peggy Ballance. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Ron Metschke; daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Nick Nelson; grandchildren: Brooke (Jason) Kubicek, Derrick (Erin) Metschke, Alex (Rachell) Metschke, Kylee Nelson, Kassi (Matt) Foote, Max Nelson (Haley Fay), and Sam Nelson; great grandchildren: Elizabeth "Libby" Kubicek, Owen Kubicek, Eli Kubicek, Miles Kubicek, Olive Metschke, Margot Metschke, Lewis Metschke, Rylee Metschke, Nolan Metschke, Bodhi Metschke; sister, Kittie Mae Yates; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

A private family service will be held with interment in Logan, Iowa after Christmas. Memorials may be directed to Citylight Church or Bible Study Fellowship International.

Tribute Wall

MV

“ Sandy, so sorry to hear about your loss. Mickey was a blessing to everyone she met, a GREAT mother and grandmother. Take comfort in knowing that your Mom and Dad are together again and will always be with you. Your family will be in our prayers. Love you, Rod & Mic VanScoy

Michealia VanScoy - December 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

SA

Hiii!!! Thank you so so much!! It is so good to hear from you. I super appreciate you reaching out, your sweet message and your prayers!! I would love to see you!!! Call me (402) 651-5445 ❤️

sandy - January 07, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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“ The Vinci Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.

The Vinci Family - December 25, 2023 at 03:03 PM

RW

“ Rusty and Buffy Wyman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.

Rusty and Buffy Wyman - December 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*



December 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *The Fleck Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*

The Fleck Family - December 23, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*



December 23, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*



December 23, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*



December 23, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *I enjoyed every moment I ever had the pleasure of spending with aunt Mickey. From a child visiting the farm, up until our last gathering this past May in Elkhorn and all those wonderful trips to Omaha and the family reunions between. Aunt Mickey had a way of making everyone around her feel so loved. She will be missed dearly. ❤️❤️*

Buffy Davis-Wyman - December 22, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ *Mike and I were introduced to grandma Mickey at Kassi & Matt's wedding. She made sure we felt welcome as she immediately embraced us with her loving and kind manner. What a wonderful lady with such a joyful spirit!
We feel fortunate to have spent time with her.*

Teri Foote - December 22, 2023 at 02:14 PM



Mickey always had the sweetest smile on her face whenever she welcomed you into her home. She was the epitome of class and graciousness. I liked how she always made me feel welcome, I really liked her.

Lori Pitt - December 23, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann "Mickey" Basler.*



December 22, 2023 at 01:11 PM