



Maryann Orr

November 25, 1935 - June 11, 2009

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Maryann Orr passed away unexpectedly at her residence in Bloomington on Thursday, June 11th. She was born November 25th, 1935 in Saginaw, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Fine Arts in 1957, and moved to Bloomington in 1960.

Maryann was very creative and found beauty in nature. She collected unusual rocks, shells and pieces of wood that she used in her art. Her hand woven bowls, jewelry, baskets and wall hangings are creatively and beautifully embellished with these hidden treasures. She loved to take pictures and her photography has been displayed on walls and in postcards. Maryann's most well known expertise was in her passion for quilts and fabrics. Her carefully hand pieced and quilted art works adorn many homes including those of family members. Her many forms of art have been displayed and sold in several Bloomington galleries.

Maryann is survived by her children Lynne Marie Orr of Albuquerque, NM, Michael James Orr of Bloomington, and brother James Langdon of Mobile AL. Her grandchildren are David and Tiffany who reside in Albuquerque. They will miss her frequent phone calls and are glad that Grandma was able to visit there last Christmas. Maryann was known in the community as a sweet, nature loving person; her friends and followers will miss her.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Bloomington

Quilters Guild, PO Box 812, Bloomington, IN 47402. The Guild is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to develop an appreciation of the history of quilting and quilters, and to promote a continuation of the art in our community. Members make and donate over 150 quilts a year to Bloomington Hospital, the Sherriff's department, Habitat for Humanity, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) and other agencies for the support and comfort of children, clients, and patients.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.