



Madonna Mary Kramer

December 16, 1939 - June 21, 2025

Madonna Kramer, 85, of Milford, IA passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at her home in Milford surrounded by her family.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, IA. A Rosary service will take place at 4:00 p.m. Thursday followed by a visitation till 7:00 p.m. at the church. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Madonna Mary Kramer was born on December 16, 1939, in Algona, IA, to Milton and Viola (Schiltz) Marlow. She was raised on the family farm at Lone Rock, attending country school from kindergarten through third grade, then Lone Rock Public School from fourth through twelfth grade, graduating in 1957. She earned her degree in business from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines in 1958. Madonna was united in marriage to Bernard "Bernie" Kramer on September 12, 1959, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bancroft, IA. She was first employed as a secretary for Dekalb Seed Company in Humboldt, IA, while living in Algona. She and her husband operated Bernie's Tavern in Fenton, IA before moving to Mason City, IA, Kirksville, MO and then back to her childhood farm in Lone Rock, where they resided for 30 years. She worked as a Teacher's Aid for Exceptional

Opportunities in Burt, IA for 10 years and helped on the farm. Later they retired to Spirit Lake, IA and wintered in Alamo, TX for 24 years before moving to Milford in 2022.

Madonna had a passion for music. She played piano weekly at area nursing homes, sang in church choirs in Algona and Alamo, was an avid line dancer and enjoyed dancing at weekly live performances in their Alamo community. She also enjoyed swimming and reading. She participated in Pro-Life activities and taught religious education classes in Texas. She loved and enjoyed all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including singing, dancing and playing piano with them.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Bernie Kramer of Milford, IA; children Shelly Kramer of Spirit Lake, IA; Brenda (John) Thorn of Jackson, MN; and Todd (Jill) Kramer of Spencer, IA; seven grandchildren, Michael (Andrea) Thorn, David (Dusti) Thorn, Christine (Reed) Fischer, Thomas (Amanda) Thorn, Nicole (Joe) Jackson, Kari (Miles) Taylor, and Kelli Kramer; eleven great-grandchildren (including one expected in February) and her sister Gail (Ed) Ulrick of Payson, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Dennis Marlow in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Madonna's favorite charity. Father Jack Kurps, Sacred Heart Southern Missions, PO Box 300, Walls, Mississippi, 38680-0300.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

225th Street
Milford, IA 51351

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 26. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Visitation

JUN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Madonna Mary Kramer*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 25, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *You were always a warm and lovely person. People who knew you were blessed. You seemed to radiate the same beauty our family saw in my mother, your aunt.*

Kevin Walsh (Cousin) - June 26, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.*



June 25, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.*



June 25, 2025 at 11:20 AM

DH

“ Dale And Laura Hanna sent a virtual gift in memory of Madonna Mary Kramer



Dale and Laura Hanna - June 25, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AD

“ Anne Donovan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.



Anne Donovan - June 25, 2025 at 07:44 AM

AD

“ Anne Donovan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Madonna Mary Kramer.

Anne Donovan - June 25, 2025 at 07:44 AM

GU

“ Gail and Ed Ulrick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.



Gail and Ed Ulrick - June 24, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ *The Lowdermilk Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.*



The Lowdermilk Family - June 23, 2025 at 09:18 PM

LF

“ *Linda Oddo and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Madonna Mary Kramer.*



Linda Oddo and Family - June 22, 2025 at 05:29 PM