

## **Bobbie “Ann” St. Cyr: A Legacy of Abundant Love**

**Bobbie “Ann” Cunningham St. Cyr**, 86, a pillar of faith and the heartbeat of her community, returned to the arms of her Heavenly Father on Sunday, February 1, 2026, in Slidell, Louisiana. Ann’s life was a masterwork of devotion—a journey defined by the infinite love she poured into others.

### **A Lifetime of Devotion**

Born on August 21, 1939, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Ann was the cherished daughter of Marzelle and Lionelle Cunningham. Her life’s greatest adventure began in a high school hallway when she met Bill St. Cyr during her freshman year. That teenage spark grew into a beautiful 68-year marriage, which began on, August 17, 1957, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, four days before her 18th birthday.

From their early days at L.S.U. (and her first three children) to the winters of Manhattan, Kansas (and two more children – making it seven living on a graduate student’s stipend), and the busy years in Rockaway, New Jersey (adding children six and seven), Ann and Bill built a foundation of faith and love that could withstand any storm. In 1969, they returned to their roots in south Louisiana, settling in Slidell to complete what would become a family of twelve children—devoted to her, to their father, and to one another.

### **The “Queen of Mothers”**

Ann’s life was an embodiment of the “Regina Matrum” (Queen of Mothers) spirit. This prestigious honor, awarded by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, recognizes women who exemplify the highest ideals of Catholic motherhood and family life. For Ann, motherhood was not just a role, but a sacred calling. She didn’t just raise twelve children; she nurtured twelve souls, welcoming each new life with a love that only a mother’s heart can hold. Her passion for children knew no boundaries, extending to grandchildren and great grandchildren. And every neighborhood child found a second mother in the embrace of “Miss Ann.”

Whether in her 27-year career at **St. Margaret Mary School**—serving as a librarian, secretary, and teacher—or through her tireless work with Catholic Charities Foster Care (fostering babies) and the Crisis Pregnancy Center (taking in unwed mothers), Ann believed every child was a masterpiece of God. She was never more alive than when holding a baby, seeing in their faces the very reflection of Divine Love.

### **Sharing the Gift of Marriage**

Ann and Bill’s marriage served as a beacon for others. Through the ministries of Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, and marriage preparation classes, their love for one another touched the lives of hundreds of couples.

### **Her Final Message**

United with the voice of her Heavenly Father, Ann would have one wish for those she leaves behind:

**“All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.”**

She is survived by her husband, Bill; her twelve children: Bill III (Maryellen), Greg (Marykaye), Peggy (Brian), Stacie (Dale), Stephen (Donna), Michael Scott (Jennifer), Robert (Kristen), Maria (James), Mario, Joshua (Melanie), Shellie, and Kellie (Travis); 28 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.