



Mrs. Mary Fanning Bursley

March 30, 1919 - January 30, 2017

Mary Fanning Bursley of Alcoa, Tennessee, died Monday, January 30, 2017, in

Roswell, GA, at 6:42 p.m. She was 97 years old.

Mary was born in Washington, Indiana, on March 30, 1919, to Edward and Myrtle Fanning. She was the second of five children. On June 17, 1950, she married John Brand Bursley, a metallurgical engineer with Alcoa. They lived in Chicago, Pittsburgh, New Jersey, and moved to Alcoa in January 1960. John passed away suddenly in July 1963, but Mary remained in East Tennessee and raised her family there.

Mary was an active member of Our Lady of Fatima Church and volunteered in a number of capacities. She was an avid bridge and canasta player, talented gardener, voracious reader, and loved her adopted East Tennessee home, especially the Smokey Mountains. In her later years she was able to travel, including memorable trips to Rome and Ireland. Mary had a wide circle of loving friends and she was always ready for a drive to the mountains, a luncheon out, a shopping trip, or a canasta game. She is especially remembered for her boundless energy and optimistic outlook on life and will be greatly missed.

She is predeceased by her husband John Brand Bursley, sister Helen Kirsch, and brothers Robert Fanning and Joseph Fanning. Survivors include: Patricia and Steve Lash (daughter and son-in-law) of Roswell, GA; John and Lynn Bursley (son and daughter-in-law) of Athens, TN; John (Cristin) Lash, Mary

Katherine Lash, Allyn Bursley, Robert (Katie) Bursley, Tobey Bursley (grandchildren and spouses); Parker Lash, Owen Lash (great-grandsons). She is also survived by a sister Marjorie Alderson of Cumberland, MD, and sister-in-law Zelda Fanning of Indianapolis, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell, GA, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. Northside Chapel in Roswell, GA, is handling arrangements. The family suggests in lieu of flowers a donation in Mary's name be made to your favorite charity or to Gardens of Roswell Associates Fund to honor the wonderful staff who cared so well for Mary during her final years.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

State Hwy. 110 & Memorial Dr.
Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Fanning Bursley*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. We all look forward to a better future when death will be no more- Rev 21;4. Our prayers are with you.*

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Fanning Bursley.*



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