



## Delores "Dee" May

February 9, 1928 - March 22, 2015

Delores June May passed away peacefully on March 22, 2015.

Dee was born in Estherville, Iowa, on February 9, 1928, proud daughter of Otto and Ruby Schaper. She has two sisters, Lois Lenox of Estherville and Jo Arthur of Greenville. Dee had many cherished memories of a very happy childhood, with many cousins, who were like siblings to her, and she enjoyed reminiscing and sharing their stories. After high school, she worked at Christianson Clothing Store in Estherville and the Emmet County Auditor's Office, until she was married.

On March 21, 1947, in the Estherville Presbyterian Church, she married the love of her life, William C. May. After their Chicago honeymoon, they moved to the May family farm, five miles east of Spirit Lake. This would be their only address, which, was affectionately known as "May's Motel" to all their friends and family who visited frequently! To the marriage they both cherished, three children were born and raised happily in a home abundant with love, chores, and fun family adventures. Dee loved being a homemaker, and in 1969, started working at Dickinson County Mutual Insurance office, which she continued for 19 years. She also worked at the Dickinson County Courthouse and both offices enjoyed her scrumptious cakes and cookies! Dee and Bill were active members of the United Methodist Church of Spirit Lake since 1952. Her spiritual gifts were consummated every day as wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker, hostess, Sunday school teacher, circle and 4-H leader and so much more....

Dee will be dearly missed by her children: John H. May (wife Nancy), Barbara J. May (grand dog, Bella), Kenneth E. May (wife Bonnie): four grandchildren, Brenda (Randy) Lubenow, Dawn (Shawn) Wiederhoeft, William May, Lindzee May and 6 great-grandchildren, Bailey and Kori Schwichtenberg, Ethan & Emily Lubenow and Cooper and Amelia Wiederhoeft. Virtually, all cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintance thought of the house at the farm as their home, also, they were ALWAYS welcomed there, with or without reservations!

Preceding her in death were her parents; the apple of her eye, her husband Bill, all her brother-in laws; one sister-in-law; and one grandson, Nathan Jon May.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Tuesday, from 4:00p.m. until 6:00p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Delores "Dee" May*

Donna may - April 29, 2015 at 09:05 AM

NE

“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the loss of your loved one. In the scriptures Job 14:14,15 and John 5:28, God promises that he will resurrect our loved ones in the near future .I hope that Jehovah , the God of comfort grant you peace. If you have any questions visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)*

nessa - March 30, 2015 at 12:55 PM

TF

“ *Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom was a special lady!!*

The Butcher & Christoffer families - March 29, 2015 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ *I will always remember visiting the farm as a young girl and riding the ponies. It was a big deal to us but I always thought the pony was trying to bite me. We had a lot of fun there as kids and even as adults we loved visiting with our May cousins. Dee was always so cheerful and smiling and we will ALWAYS remember that.*

Marlene Walthart - March 25, 2015 at 03:30 PM

SW

“ John, Barb, Ken and families--Dee would be in tears at the touching tribute you honored her with. What great friends our families have been throughout the years. Wonderful memories! May's Motel was a place of friends, food and laughter! Dee was the best of hostesses! The fourth just arrived in heaven to play pinochle!

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**Shannan Powell Wilson** - March 25, 2015 at 03:28 PM

BH

“ Barb & Family. My thoughts and prayers go with you for the healing of the loss of your mother. Great memories will keep you and hold you through the coming years. Bless you all.

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**Barb Haagenson** - March 25, 2015 at 06:59 AM

DK

“ Delores "Dee" May

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**Dena Knapp** - March 24, 2015 at 09:10 PM

TD

“ I will always remember the summer Dee and Bill took me in and treated me as one of their own kids, when I worked in Spirit Lake. So many fun memories at "May's Motel".  
Love and Sympathy to you all,  
Ted Dempsie

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**Ted Dempsie** - March 24, 2015 at 08:50 PM

KB

“ Delores "Dee" May

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**Karen Bomgaars** - March 24, 2015 at 06:31 PM

NM

“ great picture of your mom and a very nice tribute to her. She will be missed.

Nancy Moddrell - March 24, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ Delores "Dee" May

March 23, 2015 at 10:07 PM



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DM

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Donna may - March 23, 2015 at 10:06 PM

LT

“ Barbara & Family~I am so sorry for your loss. I loved the video, it is a beautiful tribute to your mom. Barbara, you have gone above and beyond in the care of your mother and that says a lot about the kind of person you are. It was a privilege to be a small part of Dee's life. May she RIP...

Laura Truslow - March 23, 2015 at 09:06 PM

CS

“ *Delores "Dee" May*

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**Chad Schuchert** - March 23, 2015 at 07:31 PM

MT

“ *Delores "Dee" May*

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**Mary Tomlinson** - March 23, 2015 at 04:27 PM

NR

“ *John, Barb, and Ken: Thoughts and prayers to you and your families during this difficult time. I will miss seeing your mom in the halls at Hilltop. I enjoyed the time she worked for me at the auditor's office as I could always count on her pleasant attitude no matter how crazy the day. Thinking of you all.*

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**Nancy Reiman** - March 23, 2015 at 04:13 PM

DS

“ *Barb, I am thinking about you so much and remembering what a warm, kind, sweet lady your mom was. I will never ever forget the morning your mom and I sat next to your dad's bedside and sang his favorite hymns to him!! You have been blessed with amazing parents! Your loss is huge!*

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**Deenie Schuchert** - March 23, 2015 at 10:21 AM

DA

“ *Delores "Dee" May*

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**David & Sharon Andresen** - March 22, 2015 at 06:23 PM