



## Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom

April 18, 1923 - March 30, 2021

Per her wishes, there will be no formal services.

She began coming to Okoboji when was 3 years old and spent many summers at her grandparent's cottage on Manhattan Beach. Her high school years were spent showing 5 gaited horses all over the Midwest. She also spent many rewarding hours after work for the Junior League as a volunteer teaching swimming to Polio victims.

Mari graduated from Carlton College with a BA degree. She also assisted teaching Equestrian classes for the college. After college she taught dancing in Louisville, KY and later moved to Sioux City where she met and married Bill Nystrom. She and Bill became devotees of Frank Lloyd Wright and hired one of his architects to build a home in Sioux City. The architect became the architectural consultant for House Beautiful in the 1960's, and Mari kept the magazines close by for referral. After retiring they made their home in Boca Grande, Gasparilla Island, FL. Mari was incredibly involved in the Women's Club there, working for the Island she loved. Because of Bill's illness, they moved back to Okoboji, built a home on Millers Bay and later moved to Jones Beach. Mari never gave up her love of nature, the arts, passion for Bridge and participating in the humorous side of life.

She is survived by a Cousin Shirley McGreevy. Mari was preceded in death by

her parents and husband Bill.

# Tribute Wall

EA

“ I learned late of your passing and was so taken aback. I fondly remember our talks at Jennings about your Buick and our shared appreciation. I am hoping your energy and ambition rubbed off on me so I can "pay forward" to others like your caring example. Eric Anderson

Eric Anderson - April 08, 2021 at 10:07 PM

FR

“ I'm certain Mari is up in Heaven with the angels. Having her as a friend made me a better person. She reminded me that simple kindness goes a long way. A piece of you will always be in my heart.

Frank - April 06, 2021 at 10:08 PM

BH

“ We were so happy to have met such a fun and caring person. Brian always had a fun story to share after seeing Mari. Brian and Deb Harms



Brian and Deb Harms - April 03, 2021 at 01:44 PM

JU

“ *Mari,*

*Thank you for being such a kind and dear friend, especially after Mom passed away! Dad so enjoyed your warmth, support, and understanding after what transpired after Mom's passing! I'm so glad he was able to return your artwork to you quickly, as I know that was extremely important for you to get it back.*

*We had such a good-natured chuckle when you told him you'd gotten a chair, exactly like his, delivered to you and were sitting in it as you were speaking to him! We envisioned tiny little Mari in that behemoth of a furniture piece. I had almost torn his apart looking for the make/model # to surprise you with it, and all you had to do was call the furniture store and have them look it up and have one delivered! A fellow Nancy Drew sister, indeed!*

*Rest in peace, and enjoy your reunion with Bill. Say hello to my Mom and Dad for me, too!*

*Thanks, again, for being such a concerned, attentive friend when Dad needed one the most! I know you know how much we loved you for it, especially with all you were going through, yourself.*

*Blessings and Overflowing Love,*

*Jill (Hardie) Uland*

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**Jill (Hardie) Uland** - April 01, 2021 at 09:16 PM

KS

“ *Rest In Peace Mari. I so enjoyed knowing you. And you were such a good friend to my mother these past 15 years.*

*The Beach will be lonely without you. We will all miss you. ❤️*

*Kathy Schissel*

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**Kathy Schissel** - April 01, 2021 at 06:29 PM

DK

“ *Diana Kies lit a candle in memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



**Diana Kies** - March 31, 2021 at 08:31 PM

LA

“ *Mary was a sweet and engaging friend. She was always upbeat and positive and we can all be inspired by that.*



**Laura** - March 31, 2021 at 07:32 PM

KW

“ *Kristie & Tim Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



**Kristie & Tim Wintz** - March 31, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MP

“ *Mike & Deb Paxton lit a candle in memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



**Mike & Deb paxton** - March 31, 2021 at 03:45 PM

HL

“ *Mari was a long time customer and she will be missed.*  
*Halbur Lawn Service*

Halbur Lawn Service, LLC - March 31, 2021 at 01:25 PM

HL

“ *Halbur Lawn Service, LLC lit a candle in  
memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



Halbur Lawn Service, LLC - March 31, 2021 at 01:24 PM

PC

“ *Pearson Lakes Art Center lit a candle in  
memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



Pearson Lakes Art Center - March 31, 2021 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ *Matt And Meagan Barnhart lit a candle in  
memory of Marilynne "Mari" Janet Nystrom*



Matt and Meagan Barnhart - March 31, 2021 at 10:50 AM