



## Mary Buckingham

April 15, 1929 - April 21, 2017

Mary Irene Buckingham, 88, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, April 21, 2017 at her home in Okoboji.

Mary was born on April 15, 1929 to Herman and Irene (Barnett) Elsenbast in Estherville. She graduated from Graettinger High School in 1947. She furthered her education and graduated from Stevens College. She was united in marriage to George Buckingham. To this union 4 children were born.

Mary dedicated her time to raising her four children. When time allowed, she worked outside the home in various jobs relating to retail and banking. She enjoyed dedicating her time to being an AA Counselor. Mary was a member St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She was proud of her accomplishment of being a Life Masters Bridge Player. In her free time Mary enjoyed playing bridge with her numerous friends and acquaintances. She cherished her time with family and the companionship of her cat Sophie.

Left to cherish her loving memory is her daughters Susan (Keith) Kellen of Milford; Nancy (Jeff) Hawn of Spirit Lake and Julia Davis of Spirit Lake; son David Buckingham and significant other Christine Fox of Lake Park; grandchildren Tyler and Clay Hawn and Holly Davis; numerous nephews,

nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Catherine Barlow.

A memorial mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Brian Hughes officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to service time at the church. A private family burial of her cremains will take place in the St. Jacobs Cemetery in Graettinger, IA. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of Arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Nancy, Susan, David & families: I echo what others have said about losing both your exceptional parents in such a short time. I certainly was enriched getting to know your father when I ran Meals on Wheels, and I hope both their memories bless you in the years ahead. Love and kindness goes out to you, and should you need anything, give me a call. Best regards, Amy Peterson

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**Amy Peterson** - May 04, 2017 at 04:44 PM

GG

“ Greg Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



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**Greg Gamble** - April 29, 2017 at 07:18 PM

GG

*Dave and family: I am so sorry for your loss!*

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**Greg Gamble** - April 29, 2017 at 07:19 PM

MF

“ Maggie Fliss lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



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**Maggie Fliss** - April 28, 2017 at 05:22 PM

AS

“ *Andrea And Jeff Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



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**Andrea and Jeff Schwarck** - April 27, 2017 at 07:49 PM

KK

“ *Kent & Jo Kastrup lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



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**Kent & Jo Kastrup** - April 26, 2017 at 05:09 PM

GL

“ *We extend our Sympathy and Prayers. It is so hard to have to go through one parent but both in such a short time. God's blessings and peace are hope to the Buckingham families!*

*Pastor Martin and Partners of Grace Lutheran Church*

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**Grace Lutheran** - April 26, 2017 at 09:49 AM

DT

“ *Davenport Forestry Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Buckingham.*



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**Davenport Forestry Team** - April 26, 2017 at 09:34 AM

JN

“ Nancy, we were so saddened to hear of your mom's passing. She was a great lady and great friend to John's mom. We loved visiting with her and staying at her house a couple of times when the whole Newton family was in Spirit Lake. Prayers for you and your family during this very sad time. Love, John and Darla

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**John and Darla Newton** - April 26, 2017 at 08:43 AM

SD

“ David and family so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Thoughts and prayers to you and your families.

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**Sally C. DeLoss** - April 25, 2017 at 07:38 AM

ML

“ Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



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**Mary Eddy Linton** - April 24, 2017 at 05:32 PM

RM

“ Our sympathy for your loss.

*Al and Reba Dodds Munson*



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**Reba Munson** - April 24, 2017 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ *I'm sorry about your Mom. My sympathy to your family.*

*Dayle Broocks*

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**Dayle Broocks** - April 24, 2017 at 01:56 PM



HS

“ *Mary and I played a lot of bridge together in a four-some. She was a good player and a lot of fun. We had an ongoing (friendly) argument about whom was the best crooner--Frank Sinatra or Michael Buble (her choice.) She will be missed. God bless you, Mary.*

*Helen Sturgeon*

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**Helen Sturgeon** - April 24, 2017 at 01:54 PM



PT

“ *My prayers are with all of you.*  
*Paula Krogman Tietz*

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**Paula Krogman Tietz** - April 24, 2017 at 08:43 AM



SJ

“ Mary and I played a lot of bridge together and thru that, we became great friends. We also shared our loyalty to the Iowa Hawkeyes. I will miss her but so glad we meet 14 years ago. Rest In Peace Mary.

ShaRon Judson

sharon juson - April 24, 2017 at 08:00 AM

NR

“ Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



Nancy Rees - April 24, 2017 at 07:32 AM

TW

“ Thoughts and prayers with all.....



Tom and Stacy Wells - April 23, 2017 at 06:39 PM

TD

“ Tammy & Paul Delaney lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



Tammy & Paul Delaney - April 23, 2017 at 06:29 PM

CF

“ Colleen Frederick lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



Colleen Frederick - April 23, 2017 at 05:26 PM

RN

“ My deepest sympathies Nancy and David.. prayers for your family.



Rhonda Nelson - April 22, 2017 at 09:25 PM

LJ

“ Larry/Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



Larry/Mary Ann Jansen - April 22, 2017 at 08:24 PM

LH

“ Lois And Fred Hawn lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham



Lois and Fred Hawn - April 22, 2017 at 08:14 PM

GG

“ *Dave and family: So sorry to hear of your mother's passing.*

**Greg Gamble** - April 22, 2017 at 07:22 PM

JM

“ *Janice And Doc Mahoney lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**Janice and Doc Mahoney** - April 22, 2017 at 04:24 PM

JM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Susan and Keith and with all your family.*

**Janice and Doc Mahoney** - April 22, 2017 at 04:25 PM

JF

“ *Jolene & Shawn Fechter lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**Jolene & Shawn Fechter** - April 22, 2017 at 01:33 PM

LB

“ *Linda Butcher-Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**Linda Butcher-Christoffer** - April 22, 2017 at 11:16 AM

LB

*Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers...Jeff and Linda Christoffer*

**Linda Butcher-Christoffer** - April 22, 2017 at 11:17 AM

JH

“ *John & Jan Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**John & Jan Huntsinger** - April 22, 2017 at 09:41 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**Nancy Rees** - April 22, 2017 at 07:07 AM



“ *Matthew Hawn lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



**Matthew Hawn** - April 21, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ *Denise Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



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**Denise Gilmore** - April 21, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *T J And Maxine Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Mary Buckingham*



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**T J and Maxine Huntsinger** - April 21, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Mary was a sweet soul-my sympathies to her family.*



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**Laura Hanna** - April 21, 2017 at 04:05 PM