



Mary Davenport

May 30, 1935 - February 3, 2018

Mary Davenport, 83, of Okoboji passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at her home in Okoboji.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, June 8, 2018 in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Mary Josephine Chastka was born May 30, 1935 in Tyndall, SD to Anton Chastka and Emma Marie Pletka.

Mary graduated from Tyndall High School and went to Mt. Marty College in Yankton, SD. When she was a junior in college she entered the Benedictine Order of Sisters, one year as a novice and one year as a postulant, taking her vows in 1957. She graduated from Mt. Marty College and entered Notre Dame University in Indiana graduating with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. While serving in the Benedictine Order she taught music, worked in the Accounting / Business Office, and acted as a recruiter for Mt. Marty College.

She left the Benedictine Order on June 18, 1974 and was united in marriage to Ray Davenport on June 26, 1974 in St. Louis, MO. Ray preceded her in death on August 31, 2008.

During her married life she lived in Yankton, SD and worked with her husband Ray in the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Religious Program. They later relocated to Sioux Falls, SD and worked for the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese Religious Education Department and eventually for the Department for Funding and Diocesan Appeal. They then moved to Des Moines, IA where they worked for the Diocese of Des Moines Development Program.

Upon retiring, they moved to the Spirit Lake, IA area where they became avid followers of the "Dave Majors and the Minors" band enjoying many evenings with the band and friends.

After Ray passed on, she worked in the community as a Home Health Care provider for several companies, meals on wheels, doing friendship calls, responding to Red Cross Blood Donor calls, ect. until she retired in 2017.

Mary's hobbies were listening to music, reading library books and watching selected T.V. programs.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Ray Davenport, her parents, her brothers, Ralph Chastka and Anthony Chastka. Survivors include her sister's-in-law, Beth Chastka (Balimore, MD); and Estrella "Till" Davenport Tehrenbacher (St. Louis, MO); numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by good friends Ken Sly of Platte, SD; Sr. Teccla Holzbauer, Sacred Heart Covent, Yankton, SD; Brigid Flannagan, Lee's Summit, MO; Chuck and Joyce Edwards and family of Sioux Falls, SD; and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's name and sent to Iowa Public Television or to the Catholic Bishop Northern Alaska, at 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lake View Gardens Cemetery
Spirit Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

MS

“ So very sorry I did not hear of her going Home to Heaven until just now as I was out of the area.

She was one of the most genuine persons I had the Blessing to meet and come to know.

Marilyn Strickland



Marilyn Strickland - February 27, 2018 at 05:35 PM

GC

“ So many 'Mary Memories'. We met at the Inn sharing our passion for the music of Dave Major and the Minors. My Joe, and Ray and Mary Jo shared many meals together in our homes and eating out also. Mary and I have shared letters and calls long distance as well as ice cream at Goodies when I visited in the summer. I will miss this dear friend. God has a special place for her in heaven now.

Gay Coombs

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Gay Coombs - February 12, 2018 at 01:05 PM

JA

“ Mary was a wonderful neighbor when I lived in Okoboji. She was always looking out for others, and taking care of our condo area. I remember Mary wearing her bright orange sweatshirt as she walk our area, cleaning up the environment. RIP Mary 🙏

Janet Hazen and Ted Van Bruggen

Janet - February 07, 2018 at 07:47 AM

DA

“ Don & I always had a great relationship with Mary. Yes,like many of U have mentioned she will be greatly missed come summer keeping it spotless. Bless her (Mr Wonderful) as she called him for keeping in touch & had a special relationship . I sure will miss her 2 wkly phone calls & caring heart for many .Restful peace Mary!

Don & Norma Andresen - February 06, 2018 at 09:05 PM

PA

“ Peggy Adams lit a candle in memory of Mary Davenport



Peggy Adams - February 06, 2018 at 03:06 PM

PA

Going to miss Mary very much. Talks at the mailbox, that silly giggle and twinkle in her eyes. She also had a sly sense of humor. She always offered advice on which flowers for me to plant every spring and asked about my Christmas lights. It's not going to be the same without seeing her walking and picking up in the neighborhood. Rest in Peace Mary;

Peggy Adams - February 06, 2018 at 03:13 PM

JJ

“ I remember Mary as a very caring respite provider during my wife Harriet's journey May she rest in peace

james johannsen - February 06, 2018 at 01:25 PM

RA

“ Mary was one of the first board members of our organization she dedicated many hours to helping us make our vision a reality. We all shared many laughs and joy when things finally took off it made all the hours of hard work seem small. Fly high with the angels dear sweet Mary your work on earth is done.

Respite Angels - February 06, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ Mary was such a sweet gal. Always helping others, cleaning up after others. Just a caring person. Will miss running into you and catching up with you. Rest In Peace



Deb Wilcox - February 05, 2018 at 10:29 PM

DW

“ Mary was such a sweet person and dedicated to improving the area in which we live here at Trailview. She was tireless in keeping the area clean and always was ready with a smile and wave of her hand. I will miss seeing her either walking or driving by my patio. Rest in peace sweet Mary.
Doris Welle

Doris Welle - February 05, 2018 at 07:11 PM

KS

“ *What a kind and gentle soul I will miss her long chats on the phone, her views on the world and that silly giggle when something made her laugh. I don't think she ever really understood how special she was all the things she volunteered for, the people she called and checked on, the love she had for her church, the care she provided for her husband Ray, the list just goes on. I am sure her smile was huge when He came to take her home.*

Kelly Schultz - February 05, 2018 at 05:46 PM

HC

Rest in peace Mary. Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care - February 06, 2018 at 08:12 PM

MR

“ *Mary was such a wonderful person. Always walking around the neighborhood picking up trash, trying to keep the landscape clean. Her friendly smile will be missed....RIP Mary, you are already missed.*



Mike and Roxane - February 05, 2018 at 01:09 PM