



Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen

October 20, 1945 - January 6, 2021

Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen, 75, of Milford passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. A rolling visitation will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A procession will then take place to First Lutheran Church in Milford where a funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the church. There will be a burial held at a later date in the in the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Mary was born on October 20, 1945 in Sioux City, IA to Hilburn Charles and Mary Lou (Lacey) Steffe, Jr. She graduated from Hinton High School in Hinton, IA. She was united in marriage to Russell Dean Arms on June 17, 1964 in Merville, IA. To this union three daughters were born, Rebecca Jean, Amy Renee and Jennifer Joann. Mary spent her younger years on the family farm raising their daughters. She was later united in marriage to Harold Vugteveen on August 25, 1990 at First Lutheran Church in Milford, IA. Later in life, Mary worked at Style Craft, Wal-Mart in the Jewelry department, and Polaris.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Milford. In her free time, Mary enjoyed gardening, growing vegetables and flowers. She especially loved to tend to her rose bushes. She enjoyed chaperoning her girl's science club trips. She also enjoyed reading, listening to music, traveling with Harold and

animals, especially Siamese cats. More than anything, she enjoyed the time she got to spend with her grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Harold of Milford; daughters Rebecca Jean (Russell Scott) Leckband of Milford; Amy Renee (Rick Allen) Osler of Milford; and Jennifer Joann (Jonathan Bennard) Siemers of Spirit Lake; step children Kevin Dean (Heather) Vugteveen of Spirit Lake; Timothy Dean Vugteveen of Tonasket, WA; son-in-law Kevin (Deb) Nibbelink of Sioux Center, IA; ten grandchildren, Andy (Megan) Dyhrkopp, Gracen Arms, Gavin Siemers, Ethan Osler, Evan Osler, Cory (Sarah) Nibbelink, Lucas Vugteveen, Jaden (Rubin) Laurie, Kyler Vugteveen and Garret Vugteveen; four great grandchildren; brother Robert Steffe of Sioux City and her sister Barbara Taylor of Sioux City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, very special stepdaughter Valerie Mae Nibbelink, and her brother-in-law Ronald Taylor, Sr.
In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Mary's name and given to the Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Service

JAN 9. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1525 Three Cross Road
Milford, IA 51351
(712) 338-4514

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.* ”

Dayle Broocks

Dayle Broocks - January 10, 2021 at 12:51 AM



MU

“ *Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen* ”

Marlys Unrau - January 08, 2021 at 09:22 PM



LW

“ *Linda Webber lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen* ”

Linda Webber - January 08, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen.* ”

January 08, 2021 at 08:31 AM



LM

“ Lorelei Mulder lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Lorelei Mulder - January 08, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen.



January 07, 2021 at 07:33 PM

LM

“ Les and Marilyn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen.



Les and Marilyn - January 07, 2021 at 05:04 PM

BW

“ Bev And Vern Wittler lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Bev and Vern Wittler - January 07, 2021 at 04:47 PM

CE

“ Our family has so many wonderful memories of Little Sioux Sunday School and Bible School and school activities, sharing wonderful time with Tooty and you girls! She has her beautiful crown now!
Prayers...Love.....and Hugs to you all!
The Eichmans, Connollys and Knudtsons



Cheri Eichman - January 07, 2021 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Beverly Sill - January 07, 2021 at 02:29 PM

MS

“ Prayers for Tooty's family & loved ones. Hold onto your Faith...Heaven is real..
we will see our Loved Ones again.
God bless each of you.

Marilyn Strickland - January 07, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BC

“ Harold,
Bill and I are in AZ and were saddened to read of your loss of such a loved one. We send our condolences, prayers and love to you.

Bill and Judy CARMICHAEL - January 07, 2021 at 01:21 PM

KF

“ Our family is sorry to hear of Tooty's passing. May she rest in peace after her long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Our prayers are with her family.

Sincerely,

Joyce Steffe, Linda Steffe, Steve Steffe and Kathy Fox



Kathleen Fox - January 07, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ I am blessed to have known Mary :)



N - January 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen.



January 07, 2021 at 11:08 AM

DK

“ Our hearts took pause at thinking of Harold saying earthly good-byes to Mary. Our trips through the hallways brought smiles from both of you, Harold. As our parents were residents at Accura, we grew to thinking of you as family, offering waves, greetings, and encouraging words. Our hearts will now send blessings to you for memories that will bring you peace. May God hug dear Mary for us all.

Diana Doocy Koppen - January 06, 2021 at 10:45 PM

JG

“ Janine Gapinski lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Janine Gapinski - January 06, 2021 at 08:18 PM

BW

“ Bev Wittler lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Bev Wittler - January 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM

 Kathy Grienke

“ Kathy Grienke lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen



Kathy Grienke - January 06, 2021 at 05:43 PM



So sorry for you loss! Cherish the many memories! Prayers for all of you!!

Kathy Grienke - January 06, 2021 at 05:44 PM

JL

“ *John Lev lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen*



john lev - January 06, 2021 at 04:29 PM

HE

“ *So sorry Harold to hear of your wife's passing. You were such a great caregiver and husband to her. God Bless. Terry and Mary Heidebrink*

Heidebrink - January 06, 2021 at 04:28 PM

MU

“ *Mick And Bonnie Umscheid lit a candle in memory of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen*



Mick and Bonnie Umscheid - January 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary "Tooty" Vugteveen.*



January 06, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Praying for peace and comfort as you celebrate her life on earth and heavenly homecoming. Harold you were such a wonderful caregiver for Mary and such a loving partner on her journey. Praying for you in the days ahead.*

Respite Angels - January 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM