



Mary B. Waters

July 28, 1934 - March 21, 2018

Mary B. Waters, 83, of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Accura Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

Per Mary's wishes, she has donated her body to science to the University of Iowa. No formal services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Mary was born on July 28, 1934 to William and Ethelyn (Martens) Waters in Wessington, SD. She graduated from Wessington High School in 1960 and went on to graduate from Business College. She moved to Spirit Lake and was self-employed as a Nanny.

Mary enjoyed cleaning her house and reading.

She is survived by her brother Lowell Waters of Wessington, SD; many nieces and nephews; special friends Tammie V., Dick Morris and Darolyn Packebush. She was preceded in death by her parents, 4 brothers Glen, Alan, Dale and Del Waters.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ We moved to Spirit Lake in 1975 and lived there until 1999. Mary was a wise and spirit-filled friend. We had many deep conversations regarding our Christian faith. Mary had a quick wit. She had many whom she enjoyed teasing including my husband and his feelings were mutual. We had a surprise 50th birthday party for her; she had many friends!! She liked dogs, other people's. Her written correspondence was almost always typed-how hard that must have been. She signed her name on her cards with Mary and/or H2O(typed). On my 50th birthday, my mom was very ill. I came home from the Omaha hospital, feeling sad and discouraged. Due to "Divine Intervention", the birthday letter from Mary hadn't arrived as she'd planned but was waiting for me when I got home and was just what I needed. I still have that letter. The last times I visited Mary at Hilltop Nursing Home on our visits to Spirit Lake, she was so ready to meet her Lord and Savior. I am so thankful she was my friend.

Carol Bears - March 31, 2018 at 01:07 AM

EW

“ I am so thankful that my mother was Mary's friend, took me to see her, and that she was my friend as well. I have shed quite a few tears today remembering Mary's impact on my life and others. Her message was simple but powerful, and her light undeniable. I am thankful that we went to see her over the recent years, and that my children got to meet her as well. I am going to talk with them tonight about her life and how many people she touched with her genuine, Christ-centered spirit. I will never forget that regardless of the adversity in her life, she would always give you a big smile and find a way to make you laugh.

I know she is now free of her physical limitations and that she is dancing in heaven today.

Eric Wittrock

Eric Wittrock - March 27, 2018 at 10:40 AM

LL

“ *Linda Luchtel lit a candle in memory of Mary B. Waters*



Linda Luchtel - March 23, 2018 at 01:25 PM

TE

“ *I'll always have a Great Love for Mary. Enjoyed doing her hair for many years and she enjoyed the visits with my children. Alot of fun joking around with her!! Love U Mary...Fly High Angel!!! Tammi.*

Tammi Von Ehwegen - March 22, 2018 at 04:37 PM

DS

“ I can remember it like it was yesterday.

I had just turned 3 years old when we moved to Spirit Lake.

Mom walked in to the living room of our new home where I was standing and said to me: “This is Mary and she’s going to live here and take care of you when I’m at the Bakery working.”

And around the corner, here comes Mary.

She has a strange looking expression on her face, one I had never seen before. She struggled to walk towards me as her arms and legs didn’t move even close to how they were supposed to.

It scared me to death and I ran behind the big chair to hide.

But after that initial shock, in about no time at all, I learned something very important:

When you meet someone for the first time, give them the benefit of the doubt before you develop any impression of ‘who’ the person is; as outward appearances don’t mean much at all, it’s what’s on the inside that matters.

From that point forward we developed a bond that never was broken.

Her mind was sharp as a tack and she very highly intelligent, witty and hilarious to visit with. Mary left a positive mark on everyone she came in contact with – if they took the time to get to know her.

I have many fond memories of Mary growing up from that point, and although I’ve only seen her a handful of times the past 25 years, she made a profound impact on my life and I’m glad to call her my friend.

And the entire time I knew Mary, never once did she ever complain about being born with a serious a physical disability.

Many people on this planet could learn from Mary that life isn't about what you don't have, it's about working with what your given and making the best of it each, and every day.

May Mary rest in peace.

*Darin Short (of the Spirit Lake Bakery Short's)
Garland, TX*

...picture attached of Mary and my mom, Donna, on August 22, 2016.



Darin Short - March 22, 2018 at 08:55 AM

GB

Thank for the beautiful words of comfort. It brought ears to my eyes. We know she is safe with Jesus. Gerald and Joyce

Gerald and Joyce Behrens - March 22, 2018 at 12:41 PM

PJ

Mary lived in an apartment right next to the original Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake and I would see and talk to her in Church. A kinder, more alive soul you could not meet. Heaven will rejoice.

Pam Jordan - March 22, 2018 at 01:39 PM