



Mona Matuska

March 20, 1942 - September 21, 2025

Mona Matuska, 83, of Spirit Lake passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. Friday, September 26, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, IA. A Vigil service will take place at 4:00 P.M. Thursday at the church followed by a Rosary Service at 4:30 P.M. at the church. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the church from 5-7 P.M. Burial will take place in the Good Shepherd Cemetery in Jackson, MN. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Mona was born on March 20, 1942, in Benson, MN, to Leslie and Harriet (Kolander) Wilson. She lived in Benson until the age of 8 and then moved with her family to Jackson, Minnesota. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1960, where she participated in choir and the school newspaper, and was also a cheerleader. After high school, Mona worked at M&JR Hakes, where she was employed by her future father-in-law.

Mona wed David Matuska on October 24, 1963, in Jackson, MN, at St. Wenceslas Catholic Church. Mona and Dave were blessed with five children: Mary Lynn, born in Mankato, MN; Mark, born in Olivia, MN; Mike, born in

Jackson, MN; Marshall, born in Sheldon, IA; and Matthew, also born in Sheldon, IA. Together, they raised their family in Sheldon, where she did in-home childcare and worked as an administrative assistant at Sheldon Community Hospital. Mona was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America for over 25 years, serving in multiple leadership roles throughout her tenure.

Mona had a gift for building friendships and creating joy wherever she went. She loved spending time with others and stayed active through golf and bowling leagues, where she valued both the competition and the camaraderie. She and Dave were devoted members of a bridge club that became a constant in their lives, bringing them decades of fellowship and laughter. Above all, Mona and Dave dedicated themselves to supporting their children—cheering from the sidelines at countless games, applauding proudly at concerts and plays, and encouraging every passion and talent their children pursued.

In retirement, they moved to Otter Tail County, MN, where Mona and Dave worked part-time at a golf course, and Mona also served as the activity director at a senior center. They were active members of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Dent, MN, and Sacred Heart Church in Frazee, MN, where Mona lovingly led the St. Martha's Circle. This area held a special place in their hearts, as they had spent many cherished family vacations there with their children over the years.

During the winter months, they spent time in Arizona, where Mona stayed active and engaged with her community. She cheered on the Superstition Sunrise Red softball team, of which Dave was a member, enjoyed rounds of golf, participated in water aerobics, and devoted time to volunteering by making quilted sleeping bags for the homeless. Their "parties in the park" became a beloved tradition, creating lasting memories and forging friendships

that endured for years.

In 2013, Mona and Dave moved back to Spirit Lake, IA, where they enjoyed the blessing of being closer to family and lifelong friends. They continued the cherished tradition of hosting Christmas celebrations, filling their home with joy and laughter. Mona especially treasured these gatherings, as they gave her the chance to watch her children begin raising families of their own. She found great joy in seeing her grandchildren grow, celebrating and watching their accomplishments, and welcoming great-grandchildren into the world. For Mona, these years at Spirit Lake were among the most meaningful, as they were filled with family milestones, special memories, and the simple happiness of being surrounded by those she loved most.

Mona was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Keith Wilson and his wife Sandra; and her in-laws, Robert Matuska and his wife Karren.

Mona is survived by her husband, David; daughter Mary Lynn (Troy) Lewis of Plattsmouth, NE; son Mark (Suzy) Matuska of Milford, IA; son Michael (Amy) Matuska of Zumbrota, MN; son Marshall (Shelly) Matuska of Spirit Lake, IA; and son Matthew (Kari) Matuska of George, IA. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren: Tyler (Gracie) Lewis, Spencer (girlfriend Mary Jane "MJ" Melanson) Lewis, Drake (Kaia) Matuska, Kelsi (Broc) Berge, Gabrielle (fiancé Nate Meixell) Matuska, Olivia Matuska, Jackie (Jack) Purvis, Tara Matuska, Joel Matuska, Michaela (Zach) Arneson, Macade Matuska, Matthew Matuska, and Madilyn Matuska; and 12 great-grandchildren, with two additional great-grandchildren expected to join the family soon and her brother Richard (Jane) Wilson of Arlington, TN.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake and the hospice team at Lakes Regional Healthcare for the

compassionate care they provided to Mona. Her warmth and infectious smile touched many lives, and while she will be deeply missed, her family takes comfort in knowing she is at peace in her heavenly home, reunited with loved ones and resting in the arms of her Savior.

Cemetery Details

Good Shepherd Cemetery

311 N. Sverdrup Ave.
Jackson, MN 56143

Previous Events

Vigil Service

SEP 25. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Rosary

SEP 25. 4:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Visitation

SEP **25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mona Matuska*



Robinson Funeral Home - September 24, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TD

Our condolences to the family of a beautiful and caring lady. We have such fond memories of Arizona. Dave & family , time heals but never forgets. Tom& Anita

Tom&Anita DeZeng - September 24, 2025 at 05:51 PM

PC

My thoughts and prayers to the family. Beautiful family. Pam Lundgren Caboth, Estherville, Iowa

Pam Caboth - September 30, 2025 at 11:45 PM

FS

“ *To the Matuska family—was sorry to hear of this; worked with Mona at the Sheldon hospital & it was always a plus when she was manning “the front desk”. In addition to her welcoming smile & courteous attitude toward everyone, she was totally reliable & could be counted on in all the various situations that arose. Always ready to share a good laugh, she was fun to interact with and her opinion was valued. My sincere sympathy to her family & friends.*
Fay Schall

fay schall - September 26, 2025 at 01:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Megan,Zach,Michael,Jill,Katie,Lindsay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Megan,Zach,Michael,Jill,Katie,Lindsay - September 25, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Dolores Gronewald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Dolores Gronewald - September 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *JCC Student Council purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mona Matuska.*



JCC Student Council - September 25, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mona Matuska.

September 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 25, 2025 at 12:20 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 24, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 24, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *Your LR Family - Eric and Marcy Plautz purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Your LR Family - Eric and Marcy Plautz - September 24, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ *Love Tasha, Robert and Ava purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Love Tasha, Robert and Ava - September 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ *Love Tasha, Robert and Ava planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mona Matuska.*

Love Tasha, Robert and Ava - September 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM

SA

“ *My sympathy to the Family of Mona matuska*



Scott Arneson - September 23, 2025 at 08:53 PM

LM

“ *Mona worked many years at the Sheldon Hospital. She was always a very cheerful smiling person. Very easy to get along with. Go with God dear Mona.*

Lillian Mastbergen - September 23, 2025 at 08:52 PM

RR

I didn't know Mona but I know she was dearly loved by David as I witnessed him coming to Accura every meal time with a smile on his face, there to see her and help her. My sympathies to David and their family. Ruth and Doc Reppert. Rm 137 Accura.

Ruth Reppert - September 25, 2025 at 08:12 AM

KD

“ *Always enjoyed working with Mona at the Sheldon hospital. She had the best laugh and smile. Loved her Family dearly. We shared many sports stories of her boys and their coaching our kids in baseball in Ashton. Her smile lives in in my memories. My condolences to all her Family ❤️*

Karen DeVries - September 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 23, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 23, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Shelly Caviness Walstead lit a candle in memory of Mona Matuska*



Shelly Caviness Walstead - September 23, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BF

“ Bonnie & Andy Melville & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mona Matuska.



Bonnie & Andy Melville & family - September 23, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 23, 2025 at 12:28 PM

AM

“ Angela & Jayme Wetzstein, Tim McAthie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mona Matuska.



Angela & Jayme Wetzstein, Tim McAthie - September 23, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 23, 2025 at 11:42 AM

FF

“ From Ascentek & Reliable Plus friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mona Matuska.



From Ascentek & Reliable Plus friends - September 23, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 23, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ Jeffrey VanDer Sluis lit a candle in memory of Mona Matuska



Jeffrey VanDer Sluis - September 23, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.



September 23, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 23, 2025 at 05:53 AM



“ *Sorry to hear that Mona has passed away. I worked with her at the Sheldon Hospital for 10 years. Always enjoyed talking to her. She had great insights and many family memories to share. Always had a great smile and greeted everyone with positive vibes and greetings. A special sympathy to Shelly and Marshall. May you remember her great smile and attitude. She will be missed. Carole List*

Carole List - September 22, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *Mary, Dan and I send many, many hugs and prayers for you and family. To all the Matuskas our deepest sympathy and thoughts. May family and friends surround you all with much love and comfort at this most difficult time. Thinking of you all, Dan and Dorinda Rauscher.*

Dorinda Rauscher - September 22, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Dave, I am so sorry to hear of Mona's passing. Healing prayers for you and your family. Thinking of you. Sandie Torke*

Sandie - September 22, 2025 at 07:21 PM

SF

“ *Siemonsma family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Siemonsma family - September 22, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Matuska.*



September 22, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AB

“ *Angela B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mona Matuska.*



Angela B. - September 22, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JW

“ *Mona was always fun and loving. Super nice lady, and it couldn't have been easy trying to keep those 4 boys in line! May God's blessings and love comfort the family during this time of mourning.*

Jayson Wollmuth - September 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DH

So sorry for your families loss. Always enjoyed being around Mona, at the hospital or socially.

Deb and Dave Haugen - September 22, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JS

*Dave and Family,
So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed you guys as neighbors, watching the house while you both spent time in Arizona, and the kindness shown to us as your neighbors. Mona was a kind person and likewise kind in spirit.*

*Respectfully,
J.W. and Ruth VanDer Sluis*

Jeffrey VanDer Sluis - September 23, 2025 at 09:39 AM