



Mary Erickson

February 2, 1943 - November 23, 2013

The memorial service for Mary Erickson of Wadena will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena with Fr. Aaron Kuhn presiding. Friends may call one hour prior to services. Mary passed away at the age of 70 years on Saturday, November 23, 2013, at her home in rural Wadena. Mary (Morris) Erickson of Wadena and formerly of Staples, passed away peacefully in her home of 44 years outside Wadena early in the morning of November 23, 2013.

Mary was born February 2, 1943, in Aldrich, MN to Wallace and Elizabeth (Spillane) Morris. She graduated from Staples High School in 1961 and married John Erickson of Wadena on January 4, 1964.

Mary joined her husband in raising and racing horses on the family farm where her diminutive stature and brave spirit made her the jockey of the team. She worked a number of years at local businesses throughout her life.

It is often said that great things come in small packages. Mary personified this with a vivacious, larger-than-life personality, a heart of gold and a healthy sense of humor that touched everyone she encountered.

Mary was a dedicated and loving wife of nearly 50 years; a patient, loving and caring mother of three and a true friend to her friends and family. In her

children she passed on a solid sense of work ethic, a love for all animals, and while no one inherited her musical singing talents she did pass on a love of music and fond memories of her singing classic songs of the late 50s and early 60s. Mary's feisty spirit lives on in the hearts and memories of her family and friends.

Mary is survived by her husband; two sons, Scott (Lyndie) of Springfield, VA and Shawn (Rachelle) of Plymouth, MN; one daughter, Sara (John Kropuenske) Erickson of Motley, MN; four grandchildren; an aunt, Lucille Zeta of Wadena; one sister, Carol (Kirk) Herman of Fridley, MN; three sisters-in-law, Jill (Bill) Schafer of Perham, MN, Jodi (Mark) Miksche, and Jeri (Donnie) Scheller of Wadena; nieces, nephews, cousins; and her favorite cat Gracie.

She is preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law; one brother, Douglas Morris; and a half-sister, Barbara Thompson.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Erickson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Mary Seidl Reed lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Mary Seidl Reed - December 03, 2013 at 09:28 AM

SE

Thank you Mary

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:52 AM

JH

“ *Scott, Shawn and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother was always so upbeat, positive and a joy to talk to. Very few people shine the way she could.*



Jay Hutson - December 02, 2013 at 11:14 AM

SE

Thanks Jay.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:53 AM

DJ

“ *John and family,*

I was very sorry to hear of Mary's passing and extend my heartfelt condolences. I worked with Mary at S & L and enjoyed our time in that retail environment prior to my leaving for the lumber business. May your good memories sustain you in your time of grief.

*Doug Johnson (Wadena Class of '60)
Winona, MN*

Doug Johnson - November 28, 2013 at 08:30 PM

SE

Thank you Doug.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:53 AM

MH

“ *John, Scott, Shawn and Sara,*

I just found out tonight that Mary passed away. My sympathy to you all. I did not know Mary very well but when ever we did meet on the street or in a store, we always had a few minutes to visit. I ask God to help you all in accepting this trial that you are going through at this time. Scott and Sara, I think of you ever so often for you were a part of my life while you were in high school. John and I were class mates so we do see one another ever so often around Wadena. I will be thinking of you all in thoughts and prayers. May Mary rest in Peace.

Marge Mohs-Harrison.

Marge Harrison - November 27, 2013 at 10:18 PM

SE

Thank you Marge.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:54 AM

CD

“ *I am so very sorry to learn of Mary's passing. I hadn't seen her for what seems like many years, as each of our lives took different paths, but I have such vivid memories of Mary in two respects: She was a gifted rider and I envied her that ability; I was so so, but she was talented; and I know she loved her horses and pets as much as I do mine. She was a loving and wonderful child care provider for our daughter Debora (Anderson, now) when she was just a toddler, during the two years I was teaching in Wadena. She provided fun, love, and deep caring for Deb, and for that I will be eternally grateful. Scott was a year older than Deb, and they had one another for companionship, and challenges, too, for Mary! My sympathy to each member of Mary's family; you must have so many wonderful memories of your wife, mother, grandmother, sister, etc. The photo tribute was great to see. I know she will continue to look down and care for each of you from above.*



Coralie DeWald - November 26, 2013 at 01:41 PM

SE

Thank you Coralie.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:55 AM

JR

“ *Jerry Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Jerry Robinson - November 26, 2013 at 12:54 PM

SE

Thanks Jerry.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:56 AM

JD

“ *Jerry And Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Jerry and Janice Denny - November 26, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SE

Thank you Jerry and Janice.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mary was an absolutely Wonderful Person! She always had a smile on her face and her laugh was very contagious! She will be missed dearly. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family and her extended Nite Owl (all original) family. I know she was treated as not just a co-worker but just like family!*



*Love & Prayers,
Jody Grossinger*

Jody Dalaska Grossinger - November 26, 2013 at 11:16 AM

SE

Thank you Jody.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:57 AM

RY

“ *Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Rick & Linda Youngbauer - November 26, 2013 at 10:16 AM

SE

Thank you Rick and Linda.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:57 AM

CH

“ Carol Hirschey-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson



Carol Hirschey-Greer - November 26, 2013 at 09:45 AM

CH

Oh, what wonderful memories of Mary I have! She was a real sweetheart and just a beautiful classmate. I remember when she met John--it was love at first sight. All of the dances we went to, in fact we were at the Detroit Lakes Ballroom, waiting for the arrival of The Big Bopper when they announced that he and the other 2 were killed in a plane accident. John and family, I am so sorry for your loss and know that Mary is already with the Angels in Heaven.

Carol Hirschey-Greer - November 26, 2013 at 10:07 AM

SE

Thank you Carol.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:58 AM

SE

Thank you for the sweet memories Carol.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:01 AM

RO

“ RoxAnn lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson



RoxAnn - November 26, 2013 at 09:31 AM

SE

Thanks RoxAnn.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:58 AM

LT

“ *Larry Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Larry Thorn - November 26, 2013 at 09:16 AM

SE

Thanks Larry.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:59 AM

MF

“ *Marie And Mike Fraune lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Marie and Mike Fraune - November 26, 2013 at 08:24 AM

SE

Thank you Marie and Mike.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:59 AM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - November 26, 2013 at 06:52 AM

SE

Thank you Myron and Karen.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 08:59 AM

LB

“ *Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



lorie baron - November 25, 2013 at 06:31 PM

SE

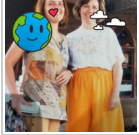
Thanks Lorie.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:00 AM

LB

“ *Dear Sara, I am so sorry to hear the loss of your mother, she sure was one of a kind. Peace and my deepest sympathy. hugs Lorie*

lorie baron - November 25, 2013 at 06:30 PM



“ *I'm a former high school classmate of Mary. I'm sorry for your loss. I pray that God will be with you in your sorrow.*
Judy (Voss) Gustafson

Judy Gustafson - November 25, 2013 at 06:09 PM

SE

Thank you Judy.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ *Great times. I remember we went to the cities and bought identical white spikes for prom one year, dont think either of us walked too great. You had the prettiest smile. My heart goes out to your family. Sharon Morrison Horner*



Sharon M. Horner - November 25, 2013 at 04:45 PM

SE

Thank you for sharing your memories Sharon.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:01 AM

MA

“ *Sara and family,*

My heart goes out to you and your family. Mary was a beautiful person inside and out. God bless!

Melanie Anderson-Froslic and family

Melanie Anderson-Froslic - November 25, 2013 at 03:24 PM

SE

Thank you Melanie.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:02 AM

PH

“ *Peggy Wynn Haman lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Peggy Wynn Haman - November 25, 2013 at 03:07 PM

SE

Thanks Peggy.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:02 AM

LW

“ *Lois Walters purchased the Magnolia Ann Tree for the family of Mary Erickson.*



Lois Walters - November 25, 2013 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Mary Erickson*



Jim Stoneman - November 25, 2013 at 05:33 AM

AB

Our condolences to you, John, and your family for your loss.

anita beringer - November 25, 2013 at 08:11 AM

SE

Thank you Stoney. Thank you Anita.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:03 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear about Mary. What can I say other then she was a good friend and I'll miss that friendship. John, Scott, Sara, you have my heart felt condolences!!!*

Jim Stoneman - November 25, 2013 at 05:33 AM

SE

Thanks Stoney. It was nice seeing you.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:04 AM

DA

“ *The laughs Mary and I shared made our hard work at the Elks Club over 30 years ago seem like play. I will always remember her with fondness. Hugs to all her family~
Di Schiller Anderson*



Di Anderson - November 24, 2013 at 03:19 PM

SE

Thank you Di....she loved working with you.

Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:04 AM