



## Mary Rinkel

September 1, 1941 - January 15, 2013

The Memorial Mass for Mary Rinkel will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Fathers Donald Wagner and Kurtis Gunwall as celebrants. Friends may call on Thursday, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00-8:00 p.m., with a rosary at 6:00 and Parish Prayers at 7:00, and at the church on Friday one hour prior to the Mass. Mary passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Perham Hospital in Perham, at the age of 71.

Mary was born September 1, 1941 in Perham, Minn to Frank and Mildred (Mullen) Scully. She was raised on a farm outside of Dent and graduated from Perham High School. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from St. Gabriel's in Little Falls. She worked as an RN in various hospitals before becoming an educator, and developed and helped grow the nursing program at Wadena Technical College. It was a great joy when a former student came up to her and thanked her for the experience she provided.

She met and soon married Vern Rinkel July 13, 1963. They lived in Duluth, Iowa, Omaha, and Hawaii before settling in Wadena, MN to raise their family.

Mary had a lifelong love of learning and encouraged that in her children. She believed firmly in our responsibility to help each other and improve our world. She was a diverse artist who had a love of creativity in all forms. This was

most obvious in her focus on creating memorable family events from her elaborate birthday cakes to the theme parties and family Christmas traditions.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Vern, her infant brother Raymond, and parents.

Mary is survived by her siblings Dorothy (Tom) Noud, Jim (Anita) Scully, Larry (Marcy) Scully, and Teresa (Bruce Uttermark) Scully; children Jeffrey (Sharyl) Rinkel, Michaela (Cindy Klein) Rinkel, John (Kelly) Rinkel and Andrea (Mike) Jessen; grandchildren Jennifer, Patrick (Alana), Jessica, Kallia, Jarred, and Ethan; and great-granddaughter Callia.

Burial will be in the spring of 2013 in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN



# Tribute Wall



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



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dear Andrea, your mom was a great & strong woman. I remember her as always being kind and generous. Her wit and wisdom will always be in my memory. I am sorry beyond words.*

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**Mark Chirhart** - February 16, 2014 at 01:21 AM



“ *Dear Andrea and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mary. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Remember the memories can never be taken away!! Take care of each other and support each other. LOVE is the acceptance of ALL that is, has been, will BE and will NOT be!!! Love to all of you.*

*Kim Howard-Brasel and family*

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**Kimberly Howard-Brasel** - January 22, 2013 at 03:06 PM



“ *Kimberly Howard-Brasel lit a candle in memory of Mary Rinkel*



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**Kimberly Howard-Brasel** - January 22, 2013 at 03:00 PM



“ *Dear Andrea and family - I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's death. I remember her being a sweet woman. God bless you all in your time of grief.*

*-Carla Suchoski Good (chloe4293@yahoo.com)*

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**Carla Good** - January 19, 2013 at 02:08 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Rinkel.*



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January 18, 2013 at 07:09 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing. Jeff and I will not be able to make it back for the service. Our prayers are with you. Denise (Mullen) and Jeff Bullinger*

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**Denise Bullinger** - January 17, 2013 at 07:38 PM

KM

“ Kelly Pittas, Motorola lit a candle in memory of Mary Rinkel



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**Kelly Pittas, Motorola** - January 17, 2013 at 02:59 PM

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“ A note to the Rinkel family:

*Anita and I regret we cannot attend the Memorial Mass or visitation. We were unable to obtain transportation connections that were suitable to us to get us out of the Phoenix area and to Wadena in time for the services. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and will keep Mary and the whole family in our prayers.*

*Jim & Anita*

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**Jim and Anita Scully (brother)** - January 17, 2013 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother.  
Take care



*Jill Stevens-Becker*

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**Jill Stevens-Becker** - January 16, 2013 at 06:01 PM

MR

“ I loved Mary Rinkel. Pure and simple, loved her. She embodied all those qualities I wish I had and all the good things I ever learned about teaching, I learned from her. The last time we had lunch in Perham, I told her I had gotten this far in life only because of her. My love for teaching, my passion for education, and my pursuit of my own education came from her support and encouragement. She saw more in me than I ever did. And, she shared that with me. May God bless our memory of Mary and I will always thank God for her presence in my life. My sympathies to each of you.

Mary Rousslang - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

Thank you for the beautiful tribute to Mary. Mary loved you also and I felt I knew you through her. Dorothy (Mary's sister)

Dorothy Noud - January 17, 2013 at 07:45 AM

AM

What a beautiful tribute to Mary.

Anne Mullen - January 17, 2013 at 09:15 AM

BL

My sympathy to Mary's family. Not only was she a good teacher, but also a good mentor. I have the utmost respect for her. I had the honor of being one of her students and she left a lasting impression on me. Many times she came into my thoughts in my daily life and my nursing.  
Bonnie Lustila

Bonnie Jo Lustila - January 17, 2013 at 04:56 PM