



## Mary Snorek

August 11, 1947 - April 25, 2026

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Mary A. Snorek, 78, of Bertha passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Carver Ridge Senior Living in Carver.

Memorial Service will take place Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home (141 E 1st St) in Waconia with Rev. Matthew Barry as officiant. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Interment in Nashwauk Cemetery in Nashwauk, MN at a later date.

Mary grew up on the Iron Range in northern MN. She attended Nashwauk Elementary and Nashwauk-Keewatin High School. She went on to attend Bemidji State College where she met her husband Don during music classes they attended together. They were married on June 14, 1970. They moved to Bertha, MN, shortly after their marriage to start jobs with the Bertha-Hewitt School system. They welcomed their children Susan and Michael a few short years later.

Mary was a music educator in Bertha-Hewitt for 34 years. She taught K-12

vocal music, voice lessons, swing choir, and piano lessons throughout her career and after her retirement. She was Teacher of the Year in 1987, and was inducted into the Bemidji State University Education Hall of Fame in 1996. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, even being president of the organization for many years. She was on the Minnesota State High School League Arts Committee for many years. Her love for music education and its importance has had a profound impact on many.

Her Christian faith and involvement in church was a central part of her life. It was instilled in her by her parents when she was a young child. She surrounded herself throughout her life with scripture and hymns. She emulated the teachings of Jesus Christ in her everyday life. She played the organ and piano for church services, Sunday school classes, weddings, funerals, and vacation bible school in towns and congregations too numerous to name.

After retirement in 2004, Mary found enjoyment in quilting, crocheting, knitting and creating of any kind. She spent many hours swimming at the pool and then having coffee and conversation time with her friends. You would rarely find her without her iPad full of books, 1750 titles strong. Most of which she had read multiple times. Her favorite book series were the Outlander books.

Mary will be remembered for her Christian Faith, her endless love for her family and friends, and for inspiring both young and old to "Sing like no one is listening, Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's Heaven on Earth".

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Per and Norma Weggum; sister Judith (Dean) Larson; father-in-law and mother-in-law Richard and Elaine Snorek.

Mary is survived by her loving family: husband Donald; children Susan Snorek of Chanhassen, Michael (Amber) Snorek of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren Ethan Snorek, Corbin Snorek, Colton Bladow, Connor Bladow, Patrick Snorek; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert (Sharon) Snorek of Fergus Falls; nieces and nephews Kristin (Paul) White, Karin Larson, Joanne (Mo) Story, James (Marissa) Larson, Rachael (Susan) Balthaser, Allison (Joseph) Kamen, Colin (Elissa) Snorek; other relatives and friends.

(Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home located at Waconia, MN. For more information, please visit Mary's page at <https://www.johnsonfh.com/obituary/mary-snorek>)

# Cemetery Details

## Nashwauk Cemetery

15977 County Road 58  
Nashwauk, MN 55769

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home  
141 E 1st Street  
Waconia, MN 55387

*(Not the Johnson Schuller Chapel in Wadena)*

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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*(Not the Johnson Schuller Chapel in Wadena)*

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sharon Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek*



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**Sharon Roberts** - May 19 at 03:25 PM

DM

“ *Dear Don & family of Mary,  
My sincere sympathy at your loss of Mary. She was so involved with kids in music in our district. May you find comfort in God's care and hope in the resurrection. Donna Moenck (retired WMC nurse from Henning)*

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**Donna Moenck** - May 05 at 12:41 AM

IB

“ *Mary was a good lady and friends for many years, So sorry for the family.*



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**Irene Baron** - May 04 at 10:48 AM

SM

“ *Mary and Don are two of the most caring people I have ever met.  
Condolences to Don and family.*



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**Shirley Malone** - May 04 at 08:47 AM

LM

“ *Lois Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek*



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**Lois Miller** - May 02 at 07:56 PM

KA

“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek*



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**Kim Anderson** - May 02 at 09:14 AM

CR

“ *Mary was a ray of sunshine. Always smiling and always very positive. I loved her music programs and the influence she had on kids. She was a rock star!*

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**cathy Riewer** - May 01 at 10:37 PM

JL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Snorek Family.*

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**joanne lynk** - April 30 at 02:49 PM

NS

“ Naomi Stone lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



Naomi Stone - April 30 at 11:51 AM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



Judy Erdahl - April 29 at 11:17 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



Rocky Reese - April 29 at 09:50 PM

TH

“ Sending love, hugs and prayers to all of you!  
Mary touched my life in such a positive way!  
Take gentle care of each other in the days  
ahead.....



Tammie Klawitter Hamlin - April 29 at 07:54 PM

KP

“ Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



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**Karen Priebe** - April 29 at 05:05 PM

LA

“ She made high school so much better. Kept me smiling for years teaching her craft. I will never forget her!

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**Lesla Craven Ahlers** - April 29 at 11:19 AM

LA

“ Lesa Craven Ahlers lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



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**Lesla Craven Ahlers** - April 29 at 11:17 AM

SH

“ Sheldon Hedin lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek



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**Sheldon Hedin** - April 29 at 10:26 AM

LS

“ *Lea and Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek*



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**Lea and Mike Snyder** - April 29 at 09:51 AM

KT

“ *Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Mary Snorek*



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**Karen Treangen** - April 28 at 08:43 PM

MT

“ *My beloved choir teacher !Only good memories of her! Lovely lady!! Mary Wallner Tumberg*

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**Mary Tumberg** - April 28 at 08:38 PM