



Mary Veehoff

October 24, 2016

Mary Veehoff, age 85, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, October 24, 2016 at her home in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, October 28, 2016 from 5-7:30 p.m. with a rosary at 5:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary March was born in the small village of Melfort, in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan. She was the 12th of 13 children born to Fred and Katherine March. When she was a young girl, her family moved to a farm near the town of Enderby in British Columbia, Canada. Mary always thought of British Columbia as home; she loved the mountains, the fruit orchards, the salmon streams and being surrounded by family there.

As a young adult, Mary lived in Vancouver with a group of other young women who would become her lifelong friends. She studied fashion design and developed her talent for sewing. A few years later, Mary and her friends moved to San Francisco, where Mary met a U.S. Navy sailor from Iowa. Mary and Bernard Veehoff were married in June of 1956 at Old St. Mary's Church in

San Francisco. The couple lived in Sausalito, California before moving to Storm Lake in March of 1957.

Mary's early years in Storm Lake were spent establishing a home and family, and helping her husband with his locksmith supply business. When the couple's three children were in grade school, Mary decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. She completed nursing studies in 1969 and then began a 37-year career as a nurse at Buena Vista County Hospital, now known as the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center. After retiring from nursing, Mary volunteered for many years with the local hospice program and served as an election judge.

Mary was an accomplished seamstress with a strong sense of fashion, but she also loved painting (often using rocks or the sides of buildings as her canvas), reading, playing cards (her canasta group met regularly for nearly 50 years), traveling, baking breads and rolls, spending time with her children and grandchildren, and just having fun. She was a happy, welcoming person who will be missed by many.

Mary is survived by her three children, Carolyn Wolski (Mark) of St. Paul, Minnesota, Bonny Dunn (Dennis) of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, and Mike Veehoff of St. Paul, Minnesota, and by her five grandchildren: Rachael Dunn Janas and husband Matt, Sam Dunn and wife Kathryn, Louis Dunn, Gabriel Wolski and Ann Wolski. She is also survived by one sister, Pearl March of Vancouver, British Columbia, sister-in-law Helen Reis of Fonda, and brother-in-law Joe Veehoff of Springfield, Missouri, along with many beloved nieces and nephews across Canada and the United States. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard H. Veehoff.

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 28. 5:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Service

OCT 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - October 29, 2016 at 12:07 PM

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“ Met Mary for the first time in 1959. I had a room at Veehoffs'(grandparents). Thought of her as a very warm person. So now our prayers for Mary & her family. A candle has been lit in memory of Mary. Lary & Patty Gunville--Storm Lake



PATTY GUNVILLE - October 28, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mary Veehoff.



October 28, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mary Veehoff.*



October 27, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *A woman of warmth and grace, spirit and gusto. Those are the words that come from my heart when I think of beloved Mary. We are blessed to have known her. Heaven is blessed to now receive her.*

Cindy Wells - October 27, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Much love, Patti & family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mary Veehoff.*



Much love, Patti & family - October 27, 2016 at 01:06 AM



“ *Jody Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mary Veehoff*



Jody Kelly - October 26, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mary Veehoff.*



October 26, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Bill & Pam Ferguson purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Mary Veehoff.*



Bill & Pam Ferguson - October 26, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ *Wendy (Burmeister) Lemke lit a candle in memory of Mary Veehoff*



Wendy (Burmeister) Lemke - October 26, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Veehoff had such a wonderful sense of humor which her daughter Bonny shared with others. She was loved by many and memories of her when will be cherished by many. With deepest sympathy- Lori and Bob*



Lori Johnson - October 26, 2016 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Mary Veehoff*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - October 26, 2016 at 07:14 AM

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Bonny Dunn - October 25, 2016 at 06:43 PM

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Bonny Dunn - October 25, 2016 at 06:42 PM