



Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier

November 4, 1956 - February 13, 2026

NORFOLK – Funeral services for Marion “Mari” R. Ortmeier, 69, of Norfolk will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Interment will follow at the St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery. Rev. Paul Hirsch will be officiating the services. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Mari passed away on Friday, February 13, 2026 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Mari was born on November 4, 1956, in Burke, SD to Wayne and Virginia (Schonebaum) Ahlers. She was raised on a farm near Naper, NE. After she graduated high school, she moved to Norfolk and began working at Dale Electronics. She also worked at Mister Roberts, a men's clothing store & cleaned houses. She met the love of her life, Ed Ortmeier, in college. He proposed in April of 1975 and they later married in May of 1976. She started working at Norfolk Daily News in 1975 as a typist & advertising assistant and for the census bureau in Pierce County. After her first son was born, they moved to Hadar in 1978. While pregnant with her second son, she quit to be a stay-at-home mom. They moved to El Paso, TX in 1982 where she started up “Mari’s Home Daycare” and provided childcare for 15 years. During that time, they added two daughters to their family and she was a top ten Avon sales lady. The family moved back to Nebraska in 1990 to a farm outside Norfolk.

She continued in-home daycare and eventually went back to work at the Norfolk Daily News, where she retired in 2017 as an ad executive.

She was passionate about volunteer work within the church, taught many kids in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, was a committee member of Go Red for Women, and president of the ladies auxiliary at Nebraska Lutheran. Mari loved life on the farm, raising sheep, donkeys and various animals throughout her life. She was a passionate gardener, an avid reader, and enjoyed sewing and drawing, always drawing up designs for home projects. Music was one of her greatest joys whether she was singing in choir or attending concerts she loved. She enjoyed traveling; the mountains and the beach were among her favorite places. She was an amazing host to family and friends at their farmhouse; she also enjoyed a good game of cards that usually went late into the night. She was the heart of the family—a loving mother, a proud grandmother, and a constant source of encouragement, comfort, and positivity to all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Ed Ortmeier of almost 50 years, 4 Children: Nick (Sarah) Ortmeier of Rochester, MN; Greg (Anne) Ortmeier of Houston, TX; Annie (Craig) Ecabert of Omaha; NE, Suzi (Mike) Haugly of Watertown, SD. Mother Virginia Ahlers of O'Neill, NE. Siblings: Steve (Patti) Ahlers of Bettendorf, IA; Rich (Jana) Ahlers of Chappell Hill, TX; Dan (Tara) Ahlers of Naper, NE; Carol (Randy) Roth of Conroe, TX; Lisa (Casey) Reiman of Butte, NE. In-Laws: Karen (Jerry) Hoven of Aberdeen, SD; Linda (Doug) Fields and Evie (Rob) Howe of Sioux Falls, SD; Richard (Mary) Ortmeier of Peyton, CO; Bette (Raul) Chavez of El Paso, TX; Chuck (Mary) Ortmeier of Wentworth, SD; and Donna (Jerad) Prather of Crooks, SD. Twelve grandchildren: Landon, Cody, and Harper Ortmeier, Micah, Silas, and Autumn Ortmeier, Cora, Millie, and Eliza Ecabert, and Ben and Jack Haugly, and one due in June. Numerous nieces & nephews.

Mari is preceded in death by her father Wayne Ahlers, in laws Barney & Millie Ortmeier, Tony Heim and nephew Cody Heim.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery - Norfolk

1200 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church - Norfolk
1100 Georgia Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1654
<http://www.stpls.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church - Norfolk
1100 Georgia Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1654
<http://www.stpls.com/>

Tribute Wall

CK

“ *Crystal kimbrough purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.*



Crystal kimbrough - February 20 at 11:54 AM

RS

“ *Rick and Kelly Stava purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.*



Rick and Kelly Stava - February 19 at 04:49 PM

GT

“ *Great Plains Lutheran Boys BB Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.*



Great Plains Lutheran Boys BB Team - February 19 at 03:35 PM

GT

“ *Great Plains Lutheran Boys BB Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.*

Great Plains Lutheran Boys BB Team - February 19 at 03:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

February 19 at 12:28 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 19 at 12:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 19 at 12:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

February 19 at 12:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 19 at 10:04 AM

AC

“ Ed and Family, I was saddened and surprised to see that Marion passed away. She lived in the adjoining room (we shared a bathroom) in the dorm at Northeast College in 1974-75. She was a great person. I remember going to your wedding in Naper. May she rest in peace. Audrey Beckmann Carlow

Audrey Beckmann Carlow - February 18 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ The Ecabert Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



The Ecabert Family - February 18 at 01:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 18 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

February 18 at 01:33 PM

YF

“ Your SCADA Support Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

Your SCADA Support Family - February 18 at 01:04 PM

YF

“ Your SCADA Support Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



Your SCADA Support Family - February 18 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ The Schiltz family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



The Schiltz family - February 18 at 07:19 AM

RF

“ Ron & Barb Schonebaum & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

Ron & Barb Schonebaum & Families - February 17 at 02:59 PM

RF

“ Ron & Barb Schonebaum & Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



Ron & Barb Schonebaum & Families - February 17 at 02:59 PM

LR

“ Lance, Julie and Blake Roth purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



Lance, Julie and Blake Roth - February 16 at 10:11 PM

TT

“ The WIC Team purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



The WIC Team - February 16 at 08:45 PM

DN

“ May God's peace and comfort be with all of the families.

Dave and Barb Neumann - February 16 at 05:59 PM

FF

“ From the Frederick Family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



From the Frederick Family. - February 16 at 03:22 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 16 at 10:19 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 15 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

February 15 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ Jeff& Nancy Bauer, Rachel & Jesse Huston purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



Jeff& Nancy Bauer, Rachel & Jesse Huston - February 14 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.

February 14 at 05:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Marion "Mari" R. Ortmeier.



February 14 at 05:17 PM