



Mary L. Ferguson

June 8, 1933 - December 28, 2015

NORFOLK — A celebration of life for Mary L. Ferguson, 82, Norfolk, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

She died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. The daughter of Roy and Dorothy (Brunner) Johnson was born June 8, 1933, in Williston, N.D. Mary's family moved to Norfolk in 1941, where she lived and raised her family. She attended Norfolk Catholic High School.

On Sept. 21, 1958, at Columbus, she married Charles Ferguson. She was known to patrons and friends as "Mary Sunshine" from the Sunshine Grocery Store owned by her father. Mary was a gardener extraordinaire, a plant collector specializing in iris, daylilies and hostas. She sold plants to help support her "plant habit" but she gave far more away. There are many gardeners who can point to a plant in their garden and say it was from Mary. She knew true charity and took every opportunity to help those in need. She served as mentor and often tutor to both children and adults.

She was a member of Toast Ministries, Credit Women, Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce, Elkhorn Valley Iris Society, Day Lily Society and Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners.

Sweet Mary will be missed by her spouse and family, friends and cats.

Survivors include her spouse, Charles Ferguson of Norfolk; children Barbara and spouse Herb Glaser of Blacksburg, Va., Pamela Blake and Rich Gross of Grass Valley, Calif., David and spouse Mardell Ferguson of Norfolk, Steven

and spouse Cindy Lindner of Lincoln, Debra and spouse Dan Widders of Lincoln; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, David Johnson of Norfolk; sisters Sharon and spouse Mike Hobart of Sioux City, Jeanne and husband Richard Hoback of Avoca; a sister-in-law, Sally Johnson of Houston, Texas; and many nieces; nephews, friends who she treated like family, and her devoted and loving caregivers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Dorothy, and a brother, Richard Johnson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary L. Ferguson*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *My first job was with Sunshine Grocery (1966 - 1968) and Mary was my first boss. She was an exceptionally giving and gracious lady, and a success at everything she did.*

John Lamm

John Lamm - January 02, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sympathy to Charles and family for the loss of Mary. We did not know Mary very well but I (peggy Nelson) went to school with Charlie. Blessings to all. Peggy and Dale Voigt!*

Peggy Voigt - December 31, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sympathy to the Ferguson and Johnson families. Learned to know Mary Sunshine at the store in mid 1960's. Found her again a few years ago and started sewing quilts for her. It was a joy for both of us. She was always thrilled to see another quilt made from her endless supply of fabric - some that still had sales slips dated 1985.*

Dale Pinnt - December 30, 2015 at 07:25 PM

BS

“ *Mary was the best of Sunshine Grocery when I worked there (1968-1969). Her daughters carry on her tradition of friendliness and grace.*

Barry Scheinost, classmate of Barb

Barry Scheinost - December 30, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary L. Ferguson.*



December 30, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary L. Ferguson.*



December 30, 2015 at 08:25 AM

BH

“ I wish to extend my deep sympathy to all the family. Mary was a friend who was a life teacher for me, a garage sale buddy, encourager in my gardening skills, always welcoming me into her life. I will miss her. I treasure the times the family shared her with me especially these last few days. Thank you. You have taken excellent care of your mom during a difficult time. Well done! Blessings now and always. Peace to Mary's memory. You have been left quite a legacy.

bev. henkel

Bev. Henkel - December 28, 2015 at 11:29 PM

EL

“ *Elissa Steeves & Andrea Langsdon purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary L. Ferguson.*



Elissa Steeves & Andrea Langsdon - December 28, 2015 at 06:58 PM