



Mary Beth Lindahl

March 20, 1931 - April 12, 2020

Mary Beth Lindahl Roovaart, 89, of Oskaloosa was at home when she peacefully passed from this life on Sunday, April 12, 2020. She was born March 20, 1931, in Sidney, Nebraska, the daughter of Walter Ivan and Marie Cynthia Marshall Robinson. At a young age Mary moved with her family from Nebraska to Evanston, Illinois. She graduated from Evanston Township High School. Mary attended one year of college at Kendall College in Evanston. On August 25, 1950, she was united in marriage to Reed Lindahl in Evanston. To this union three children were born, Sherri, Kevin, and Kimberly. Following their marriage, Reed entered the United States Military and served in the Korean War. While Reed was away serving our country, Mary worked various jobs to help support her family. Upon Reed's return Mary focused on caring for her family and home. The family welcomed many foster children and in-home daycare children into their home over the years. In 1977, the family moved to Oskaloosa and Mary worked in the kitchen at Vennard College in University Park. She enjoyed interacting with the students and providing for them. She retired from there in the mid 1980's. On March 28, 2011, Reed died, however Mary stayed in their home in Oskaloosa. On June 29, 2013, Mary was united in marriage to Lyle Roovaart at the Friends Church in New Sharon. With this marriage, Mary welcomed Lyle's children and grandchildren into her family. She was a member of the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa. When her children were young and involved in Girl Scouts and Awana, she served as a leader in those organizations. She enjoyed reading, crafts, baking, and gardening. She enjoyed decorating and redecorating her home. It was not uncommon for a piece of furniture to be moved several times before she found where it "belonged".

Her family includes her husband Lyle of Oskaloosa; three children, Sherri (Howard) Ledford of Winterville, Georgia, Kevin (Barb) Lindahl of Poplar Grove, Illinois, and Kimberly (Jim) Anderson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Reed Lindahl; Mary was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Robinson and Richard Robinson; and a sister, Donna Summers.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 22, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Reverends Jim Anderson and Howard Ledford officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Cemetery. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. The funeral ceremony and the graveside service will be live streamed at the funeral home's YouTube Channel for those wishing to support the family from a distance. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation with a rolling limit of 10 in the building at any given time and will be held at the funeral chapel Friday from 1 until service time at 2:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Vennard College Alumni Association.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street
Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Events

MAY **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:30PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel
114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

MAY **Funeral Service** 02:30PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel - May 21 at 09:28 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Your memory is...' was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Lindahl.



May 16 at 09:44 AM



“ We are sorry to hear of Mary Beth's death. We loved her as our sister in law and enjoyed many good times with her and Reed and the family. The last few years we enjoyed a few meals with her and her most recent husband Lyle who cared for her with much love and kindness. Their family was always special to us as we felt close to them. Sherry was Tom's first Niece and remembers holding her when she was just a few days old. Mary loved her dogs and cared for each one with special attention. Our visits were always met with good meals and kindness. She will be missed. We know she is now in a special place in heaven.
Love, Tom and Lee Ann

Thomas J Lindahl - April 20 at 02:38 PM



“ Our sympathies to all the Lindahl family, but especially to Sherri, Kevin, and Kim. Mary (always "Mrs. Lindahl" to me) was such a sweet lady! My first memories go back to the Blackhawk Elementary School in the mid-1960's, where Schaumburg Covenant Church was meeting before they had a building of their own. I remember meetings in both our family homes in those early church days, as our folks were all charter members, laying the ground work. Mary's church ministry was often serving in the kitchen or with the babies! I also remember her as a leader in AWANA and saying my memory verses to her. Both she

and Reed were good and treasured friends of my parents. Now three of them have finished their race on this earth and are happily with the Lord! But they leave a legacy for us to follow, and they will be remembered in our hearts! Praying the memories will bring great comfort to you in the days, months, and years ahead!

With Love,
Marolyn (Levander) Henrickson

Marolyn Henrickson - April 18 at 01:38 PM