



## Mary Rae Brubacher

February 21, 1934 - February 20, 2021

Mary Rae Burke Brubacher, 86, died at home on February 20, 2021. She was born February 21, 1934, in Menomonie, WI and later moved to St. Paul's East Side. Mary graduated from Johnson High School and Hamline University. She met and married Dick and moved to the Hopkins/Minnetonka area, where they lived together for more than 60 years.

A good friend and gracious hostess, Mary often expressed her creativity through the food she served others. She collected cookbooks, and would read each new one like a novel. She enjoyed travel, read the entire newspaper daily, and never came home empty handed from an antique store or estate sale. She and Dick adored their grandkids and enjoyed celebrating all of life's milestones with them. After her family, her greatest love was the cabin at which they spent some of their favorite time together. Mary co-wrote one cookbook, and helped with the compilation of others. She was active in PEO and several Bible studies and worked for years as a school nurse.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Richard Brubacher, brothers Gary and Joel and sister-in-law Sandy. She is survived by three daughters and their families: Ann (Alan) Dworetzky, Samuel and Alexander; Sara (Rodney) Provart, Kirsten, Britta and Colin (Rachel); and Kris (Tim) Werner, Jack (Olivia), Ingrid and Greta; brother Craig (Kay), sister-in-law Faye and extended family.

A private funeral service will be held. If desired, memorial gifts can be made to Camp Knutson, a service of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota; The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; or donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Dick and Mary Brubacher, Thank You as a family to give such a beautiful celebration of Mary’s life. It was such a comfort hear. You could feel the graciousness, the compassion, the love, and the many talents of Mary through the entire service. With loving thankfulness for being good friends and a lost cousin of Mary’s. Bev and Dick Burman

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**Bev and Dick Burman** - February 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of Mary . She left so soon after Dick's passing. Both of them were such supporters of the Niswaga Stamma--an annual June Scandinavian folk music festival. Dick would demonstrate wood carving in the children's tent, Mary helped with all things food related and they were always enthusiastic audience members, bringing enthusiastic guests to all events. Mary was such a wonderful hostess at their cabin-relaxed, positive energy AND always treats on hand. Sending condolences to the entire family. Blessings and strength to you as you journey without Mary (and Dick)

*Don and Mary Anne Bennett  
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**Mary Anne Bennett** - February 24, 2021 at 10:58 PM

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“ *The Brubacher family has been, and always will be, a top 1% family. I was always delighted to work with Mary; her nursing skills were great, and her personal interactive skills were even better. Dick was a big deal in the state of Minnesota, but you could always talk with him. And then - - - they had these three wonderful daughters. The "girls" were really smart, but just like their parents, their personal characteristics were terrific. It is sad that both of these great parents are no longer with us, but their legacy will live on for decades to come. My best thoughts are with the entire family...*

*Dale Searles, math teacher and associate principal at both Eisenhower H.S. and Hopkins High School from 1968-2003. Mobile # 612-790-1075*

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**Dale Searles** - February 24, 2021 at 01:14 PM