



Mary Hansine Fixsen

February 27, 1941 - February 9, 2022

Mary H. Fixsen of Edina, MN, 80, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Gerald (Jerry) W. Fixsen and is survived by their daughters, Kari (Robert) Molhoek and Keena Derrick, both of Edina, and grandchildren, William, Henry, Daniel, Andrew, and Liv; her former husband, Paul R. Holmberg, their daughter, Kirsten Cameron of Montana, and grandchildren, John, Elizabeth, and George. She also is survived by her sisters, Ardis Searles, Helen Rix, and Brenda (Patrick) Kava, and brothers, Donald Overgaard and Paul Overgaard. Mary was born in Fergus Falls, MN on February 27, 1941, to Mabel and Archie Overgaard and grew up on the family farm in Dalton, MN. She had fond memories of her time on the farm, especially of her pet lamb, which she infamously snuck into her room one night. Mary was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Dalton, MN, graduated from West Center School of Agriculture in Morris, MN, and then went on to take some college classes. Mary's gifts were a combination of caring, creativity, and fun, which all manifested in her career and personal passions. She ran a home-based arts and crafts business and events with Make It Macrame and Unique Boutique, and she enjoyed a successful career in residential property management, working for Shelter Corporation, where she was recognized multiple times as manager of the year. Mary's kind spirit made her a welcomed volunteer whether as a greeter at several churches she attended or leading the unofficial welcome team at

York Gardens. Many of the residents' family members at York Gardens recognized Mary for helping their loved ones transition into assisted living. She was passionate about being outdoors, loved nature, and created and tended to landscaping and gardens that would make professionals jealous. When she wasn't outdoors, Mary often could be found cooking and baking; her Norwegian meatballs and sun buckles were family favorites. She also had a lifelong passion for architecture and a special interest in Frank Lloyd Wright's work. Mary was fond of adventure and enjoyed taking airplane trips with Jerry as the pilot. (Well, most of the time she enjoyed them!) Most of all, Mary loved her family, spending time with her grandchildren, and Norway. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Health Partners hospice team that provided such wonderful care and in-home support over the last seven months. Interment for immediate family will be held at Fort Snelling, and a celebration of Mary's life will be held in June at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Instead of flowers, please make donations to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (<https://arb.umn.edu/>) at U of M Landscape Arboretum, PO Box 860647, Minneapolis, MN 55486-0082.

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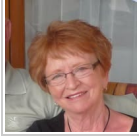
“ Kirsten, Kari&Keena, I am so very sad to learn of your Mom's passing and I know what a hole that leaves in a daughter's heart. I have sooooo many fond memories of your Mom from childhood, and later the comfort she provided me after my own Mother died, and am very thankful for the memory of the last time we spoke, last Spring I believe, when she called me out of the blue and we had a nice long chat. I look forward to the celebration of her life this summer, and send you and your families all my love. XO - Tiffany Sorensen (Dahlen)

Tiffany Sorensen - February 22, 2022 at 12:13 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! I loved your mom (and dad). I have great memories spending time with your family. Your mom always had delicious cookies and the kitchen always smelled so good. I think my favorite house was the farm in Buffalo. I still think of Barney the cow every now and then. I'm grateful that our parents were such good friends. She'll remain in my heart forever!

Danielle Spears - February 18, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ I am so sad to learn of Mary's passing. Mary and I were best friends when we were teens. We attended the first two year's of high school together at Hillcrest Academy and I spend time with her by staying overnight on the farm and taking adventures by walking in the woods and pastures and down to the lake. She had a great sense of humor and it seemed the two of us could talk about almost anything. After the 2nd year of high school we both opted to go to other schools, so we didn't get to see each other much. I played for her wedding, a well. Some years back, Mary surprised me at the Dalton Threshing Show and had a wonderful visit. We vowed to get together more often, but the miles between us were, by that time, too much for us to do as much driving. I loved her middle name "Hansine" - her grandmother who lived across the street from where I grew up. Rest in Peace, Mary! My sympathies to your family - Thanks for the memories.

*Dodie (Iolene) Melby Halvorson'
Dalton MN*

Dodie Halvorson - February 18, 2022 at 04:24 PM

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“ Dear Mary's family. I'm so sad to see of Mary's passing. She was such a kind, sweet lady. I also have plants in my yard that she gave to me. She lives on in her friends lives through her love of plants and gardening. She was blessed by her caring daughters and family. I hope to see the notice of her celebration of life. Peg Saari

peggy saari - February 18, 2022 at 02:25 PM

NC

“ Dear Mary’s family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s death. She was a fabulous neighbor and we missed her since she moved. She taught me so much about gardening and weeding! We spent many hours just chatting in the yard. Mary was a fabulous person and I am so sorry for the family’s lost. I will always think of her whenever I look at my plants in the back yard, especially the ginger she gave us!

Nancy Cossette - February 18, 2022 at 10:41 AM

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To Kari and Keena and your family, I’m very sad to hear this news. My heart goes out to each of you. She was an incredible woman. Funny, great laugh, kind, and loving. She was a mom to me growing up and very important part of my development. She was a true lady. Praying for your comfort. 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

amy seward - February 18, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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We are sad for Mary’s family and ourselves to lose her but we are happy for Mary that she is in heaven planting a garden. Brent of course knew Mary all his life as a cousin. I got to really know Mary when she and Kirsten lived with Brent’s folks for quite some time before she married Gerry. I loved her artistic talents and I still have an onion holder she made for me in macramae. One of our last good memories was when we along with Brent’s sister Mary went out to her home on the lake to see her beautiful gardens and have a delicious lunch. One always felt the Norwegian influence both in her home and her food. From the comments here and on Facebook we can see how much she was loved by so many people as well as by us. We send our deepest sympathy and love to the family and pray God will comfort you as you grieve her death. Karla and Brent Tildahl

Karla and Brent Tildahl - February 19, 2022 at 02:05 AM