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Mary Leona Orvis, a devoted nurse, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and devoted follower of Jesus, passed away on August 20, 2025, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, surrounded by her loving family. She was 89 years old.

Born to pioneer missionaries Reverend Ralph and Gertrude Hult in Springfield, Missouri, Mary spent her early years in Missouri before moving to Nebraska and later Bolivia, where her mother Gertrude served at an orphanage. . Mary's love for others was instilled in her from a young age, and she went on to pursue a distinguished career in nursing.

Mary attended Luther Academy in Wahoo, Nebraska, and later earned her nursing certificate from Swedish Nursing School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Augustana College in Rockford, Illinois. Mary dedicated over four decades to nursing, working in various capacities, including geriatric and psychiatric nursing at Golden Valley Hospital and Park Crest Care Center.

Mary Hult married LeRoy Orvis on December 11th, 1964 in Minneapolis. The couple raised their 4 children in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Mary is survived by her brother Gus (Maria) and her brother David's wife Carol; her children, Elizabeth (Daniel) Wilson, John Orvis, James (Christina) Orvis and Rebekah (Lee) Dodge; grandchildren, Audra, Christopher (Audrey),

Karine (Noah) , Rachel, Violet, Tiarra, LJ, Sam, and Elijah; great granddaughter Eunice Wilson as well as her loving extended family, including her sons and daughter-in-laws and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 11:00 am at Calvary Church in Roseville, Minnesota. A reception and celebration of life will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be used towards funeral expenses or given to KTIS radio.

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Danny Wilson

1750 E 131st

Kansas City Mo 64146

Electronic donations:

Cashapp: \$jdannywil

Venmo: @Daniel-Wilson-261

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Church
2120 Lexington Avenue North
Roseville, MN 55113

Tribute Wall

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“Margaret and I remember many scrabble games together. Sometimes the rules got kind of bent because that's how "Aunt Mary always played with Aunt Veda". Who would ever argue about that? All of Ingrid side of the family loved Aunt Mary's gentle kindness and persistent generosity, giving away whatever she had - whether it was brownies or photos or Bible verses!

Katrine Stewart - September 10, 2025 at 11:38 PM

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“ Hi all,

Mary Orvis (Grampa Dave's Sister) story of her life. Since Mary was his closest sister, they shared things. They went to many of the early schools. Mom & Dad were in Mary & LeRoys wedding. I remember Leroy told dad to tough up behind the wheel of a car. And Dad was not so tentative after that or ever. Mary was also a crazy driver, but a happy one. She would be looking every which way to point at and to show, Will & I the sights of Minnesota & Wisconsin and just chatting away. The car always went on course, but I wasn't always sure. This was when she drove Will & I up to a reunion in Door County Wisconsin Lind Reunion and that is how this story came about. Also Mary, was always kind when we visited and shared a memory or fact about her life that she thought we could understand or appreciate. In this way she was like my dad, because he did the same thing with visitors. Mary liked pictures I sent in the mail. And had whatever one you just sent on her, would be on her refrigerator, when you came to visit, so I know she appreciated it. Sometimes she would remind me to do things that old folks appreciate, that I forgot to do, like more phone calls. She had this round about way of encouragement that was always done in an happy joyful way.

I am going to miss my Aunt Mary.

Sonia Hult Carnell - September 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM