



Mary Ellen Petersen

January 6, 1933 - February 1, 2020

Mary E. (Gerhart) Petersen, daughter of Harold L. (Buzz) and Dorothy (Hallgren) Gerhart was born January 6, 1933 in Newman Grove Nebraska. She graduated from Newman Grove high school in 1950 and graduated with distinction from the University of Nebraska with a B.S. in Secondary Education in 1954. She taught in Stanton, Nebraska, and worked for the Des Moines Register and Tribute and Minneapolis Honeywell.

On March 31, 1957, she and Carl "Pete" Petersen were married. They lived in Roseville and New Brighton, MN and in Sacramento, CA then moved to Fridley, MN in 1965. Their children, Dori and Eric, grew up in their Fridley home where Mary lived until July 2018; Mary moved to TowerLight in August 2018. Mary and Carl joined St. Philips Lutheran Church in 1967 where Mary taught Sunday School and Bible School.

Mary loved her cousins, nieces and nephews, and her many friends including those from several bridge clubs, P.E.O., Rose Vista apartments, St. Philips Church, Newman Grove, Alpha Chi Omega, Balsam Lake, her Fridley neighborhood and most recently at TowerLight.

Mary passed away on February 1, 2020 at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by beloved husband Carl "Pete" Petersen in 2001 and brother H.L. "Bud" Gerhart in 2018. She is dearly missed by daughter Dorothy "Dori"

Petersen and granddaughters Mara and Kayla of Minneapolis; son Eric (Jayne) and granddaughter Taylor of Peosta, Iowa; and many relatives and friends (and her “grand-dog” Maizey).

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00pm Friday, March 13 at St. Philips Lutheran Church (6180 Highway 65, Fridley). Visitation one hour prior to service; please join us for dessert and coffee following service. Memorials to St. Philips Lutheran Church, Newman Grove Community Foundation, or donor’s choice.

“If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you.” - Robert Test

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip's Lutheran Church
6180 NE Highway 65
Fridley, MN 55432

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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