



Mary Jean Rudquist

July 3, 1936 - March 23, 2025

Mary Jean Rudquist of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, went to be with her Lord in heaven on March 23, 2025, surrounded by her children. She was 88 years old.

Born on July 3, 1936, in Willmar, Minnesota, Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Dwaine Rudquist; her parents, Wilber and Ruth Koplitz; her brother, Richard (Dorothy) Koplitz; her sister, Ruth "Sis" (Jerome) Hopperstad; and her sister-in-law, Sachiko Koplitz.

Mary is survived by her son, Rev. Rick (Sara) Rudquist; her daughters, Jacquelyn (Michael) Farell, Beckey (Steven) Sporre, Ruth Bushard, and Gayle Hukriede; 22 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; her brother, Ronald Koplitz; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends, including gracious neighbors at her Voyager Village community.

Mary cherished the outdoors-whether fishing, soaking in the sunshine, gardening, watching eagles near her home, or enjoying music. Above all, she was known for her deep love for Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. Mary had a gift for connecting with people; she never met a stranger. Her greatest desire was to share her love for Jesus by giving out small wooden crosses and praying for those God placed on her heart.

Her infectious joy, exuberance for life, and warm friendliness will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

At the funeral service, notecards will be available for anyone wishing to share a fond memory, humorous story, touching moment, or delightful anecdote about Mary. These will be treasured by her family as they celebrate her life and legacy in the days ahead.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations designated in memory of Mary Jean Rudquist to organizations dear to Mary's heart: New Life Adoptions (<https://nlfs.org/ways-to-give/>), or Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorial-page/mary-jean-rudquist-coon-rapids-minnesota/>). For those who prefer to send flowers, they will be warmly received as a tribute to Mary's love for the beauty of God's creation.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Friday, April 4, 2025, with visitation one hour prior at:
www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999
2610 - 19th Ave NE, Mpls

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Mary Jean Rudquist in memory of Mary Jean Rudquist



Washburn-McReavy - March 26, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Cascade Township Supervisors purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jean Rudquist.



Cascade Township Supervisors - March 31, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Rudquist.



March 31, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Bright Light Mary*



Ruth Bushard - March 26, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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Sweetheart Mary 💕💕

Barbara Hallblade - March 26, 2025 at 09:51 PM

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She looks so beautiful, happy and kind!! God is surely waiting with arms wide open to their home.

Vicki - March 29, 2025 at 12:23 PM