



## Mavis Audree Jepsen

July 4, 1937 - May 7, 2023

Mavis (Heide) Jepsen of Woodbury, MN passed away peacefully in her sleep with family by her side on Sunday, May 7, 2023. A memorial service will be held at Washburn-McReavy, Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431, on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 2:00pm with a reception to follow. A gathering of family and friends will begin at 1:00pm. The service will also be livestreamed on the Washburn-McReavy.com website. A private burial will be held in Bowbells, ND at a later date.

Mavis was born on July 4, 1937, in Crosby, ND. She was the daughter of Martin and Ann (Stromstad) Heide. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was raised on a farm near Alkabo, ND along with her five siblings.

She attended a rural school, and graduated from Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, ND in 1955. That fall, she enrolled at Minot State College where she received her B.S. in Elementary Education in 1963. She would teach a year or two to make some money so she could continue to reach her goal of graduating with her B.S. It took her eight years, but she never gave up, going to summer school and evening classes to reach her goal faster.

On July 7th, 1963, she married Lyle Jepsen, a farmer from Coteau, ND. They moved onto their newly built farmstead where they raised their five children. They all enjoyed working together on their farm. She especially enjoyed the sporting events their children were involved in including grade school, high school, college, and beyond. She was very involved in their church, serving

two terms on the church council, and teaching Sunday school and confirmation classes. Faith, family, and friends were important to her. She and her husband along with their children and grandchildren enjoyed many fun trips to Hawaii, Florida, Chicago, Denver, and Mexico. Trips to Medora, ND and Roseville, MN were frequent for the family to go while the kids were growing up. In 1982, she and her parents and two siblings enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Norway.

She and her husband spent several winters in Palm Desert, CA before Lyle's death in 2004. She then moved to Kenmare, ND for three years before moving to Cottage Grove, MN to make her home with her son, Ken, and his family for five years, then to Stonecrest in Woodbury, MN where she lived ten years.

Writing was something she enjoyed doing, which included a book of stories she wrote and illustrated for her grandchildren. She enjoyed teaching, which included rural Divide County, Williston, ND, Glendive, MT, plus substitute teaching in Bowbells, ND for 10 years.

Survivors include daughter Julene (Eric) Leshner; sons Nate (Lenell) Jepsen, Les Jepsen, Ron Jepsen and Ken (Lisa) Jepsen; six delightful grandchildren Steve (Amber) Leshner, Josh Leshner, Will Jepsen, Lauren Jepsen; step-grandson Ryan Swartwout, step-granddaughter Taylor Swartwout; brother Dwight (Nancy) Heide; sisters Marilyn Waller and Gracia (Paul) Jensen; sisters-in-law Pam Carlson and Violet Jepsen; and many nieces, nephews, and friends including special friends Darla Kjelstrom, Evelyn (Tootsie) Heide, and John Waller.

Preceding her in death were her husband Lyle; parents Martin and Ann Heide; father-in-law and mother-in-law Carl, Sr. and Mathilda Jepsen; brothers Phil Heide and Dan Heide; brothers-in-law Elwood Jepsen and Carl Jepsen, Jr; sister-in-law Michelle Heide; and nephew Bruce Heide.

Memorial contributions may be made to Metigoshe Ministries at 165 Lake Loop Rd, Bottineau, ND, 58318 or at [MetigosheMinistries.com](http://MetigosheMinistries.com).

[www.Washburn-Mcreavy.com](http://www.Washburn-Mcreavy.com)

Werness Bros. Chapel 952-884-8145

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel  
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
(952) 884-8145  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Mavis Audree Jepsen in memory of Mavis Audree Jepsen



Washburn-McReavy - May 08, 2023 at 12:54 PM

MA

“ Dearest Jepsen family, we will miss Mavis who was always so kind, thoughtful and loving. When we last visited her in November 2022, we were amazed at how clear and coherent she was, asking about the well being of others and always interested in what was happening in our lives. May her memory always live on in each of you and in your families. With love, Kyle and Madeleine

Madeleine - May 11, 2023 at 04:07 PM

AC

“ Jepsen and Heide family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom,  
Grandma, and Sister. She will be dearly  
missed,  
Adam and Steph Clarke



Adam Clarke - May 11, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mavis Audree Jepsen.*



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May 10, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Mavis was famous for her crocheted dishtowels that could go over a cabinet knob or around a handle. During a visit, I spent hours with her learning the design and coveting her scissors. It became a joke between us that she was going to will them to me. Several months ago, she gave them to me. I will always treasure them.*

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**Hiedi Waller** - May 10, 2023 at 10:52 PM



*I know exactly the last dishtowel she made for us. It's in the family home in North Dakota - and it will be honored in her memory.*

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**Nancy Bruns** - May 11, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mavis Audree Jepsen.*



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May 10, 2023 at 06:40 PM

MS

“ Mavis was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. I always enjoyed talking with her at family gatherings. I looked forward to her handwritten holiday cards and birthday phone calls. She truly will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Mike Smith - May 09, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mavis Audree Jepsen.



May 09, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mavis Audree Jepsen.



May 08, 2023 at 10:40 PM

LJ

“ Les Jepsen lit a candle in memory of Mavis Audree Jepsen



Les Jepsen - May 08, 2023 at 04:34 PM

NB

*Dear Family,*

*Mavis welcomed me into her family with open arms and heart. She and I enjoyed a special correspondence, and I loved receiving her handmade cards. I will cherish them. She was a loving "big sister" to both Dwight and me. We will be with you for the webcast on Thursday, since we can't be there in person. With all our love and prayers,  
Nancy and Dwight*

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**Nancy Bruns** - May 08, 2023 at 07:17 PM