



Mary Jane Rodemeyer

May 5, 1948 - December 18, 2023

Mary Jane Rodemeyer, 75, of Hampton, passed away Monday, December 18, 2023, at Franklin General Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, with visitation held one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Mary Jane and her family.

Mary Jane Rodemeyer was born May 5, 1948, in Hampton, Iowa, daughter of Edward and Berniece (Holstad) Rodemeyer. She graduated from CAL Community School and furthered her education at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Mary Jane had a deep faith and passion for serving others. This led her to teaching preschool and kindergarten early in her career in the Council Bluff school system and later at Trinity Lutheran Care and Share Preschool. Her later career involved working with the older population caring for residents at the Franklin Prairie Apartments in her CNA position.

Mary Jane was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, as well as the Trinity Lutheran Esther Circle and Quilting Group. She was involved in several groups; Hampton Senior Center, delivering Meals on

Wheels; Franklin General Hospital Auxiliary gift shop volunteer and Orphan Grain Train collecting and delivering items to send to those in need. Volunteering as a Reading Buddy for Hampton Elementary 1st grade students was a highlight for her.

Even Mary Jane's hobbies included serving others; baking food to give, creating quilts to send overseas, or garage treasure hunting to purchase a "find" someone else might need or want. Planting and tending her flowers at home and outings with friends and family near and far brought her great joy.

Mary Jane is survived by her brother James (Sherry) Rodemeyer of Winona, Minnesota; sister Lois (Bruce) Ahrens of Solon; niece Sarah (Christopher) Matthews of Minneapolis, Minnesota; nephews Abram (Jennifer) Rodemeyer of Rochester, Minnesota, Benjamin (Melissa) Rodemeyer of Apple Valley, Minnesota, Matthew (Brittney) Ahrens of Solon, Michael (Alaina) Ahrens of New York, New York and Marcus (Erin) Ahrens of Atlanta, Georgia; along with 16 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be directed to Orphan Grain Train – Orphanage Sponsorship, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Mercy Ships and Esther Circle of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 12th Ave NE
Hampton, IA 50441

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Jane was a big part in my life because she was a friend of my great grandma Doris Knueppel. I'll miss her dearly. Rest in peace Mary Jane I know we'll see each other again up in heaven*

Marsha Knueppel - February 17, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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“*I've known Mary Jane for 33 years. I met her around the time that I was 5 years old. She was a close friend of my mothers and she always treat me like a daughter. She was so beautiful in every way. when she smiled and laughed you couldn't help but find joy in the day. Her love for God, others, my family and I, was one of the greatest things about her. She was always there. I only ever saw an open heart and open arms to everyone around her. I was so blessed to have her in my life.*

Glenda Nagunst - December 28, 2023 at 09:56 AM

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“*Sorry to hear of your loss. Mary Jane was a member of the Hamilton Hustlers 4-H club. This is how I got to know her even though we didn't live that far apart growing up. One year we gave a team demonstration about safety in the medicine cabinet. I was too young, otherwise we would have been able to go to the state fair with it. I am sure she was able to enter other projects in the state fair.*
May God be with you during this difficult time.

Geraldine Paulsen Cyr - December 25, 2023 at 10:58 PM

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“*Mary Jane was a life long friend whose family lived across the road from my parents east of Coulter. Our father’s attended one of the World’s Fair together as young men! I could NEVER have had a better friend! We kept in touch throughout the years when she lived in Council Bluffs and I lived in Des Moines! This was a stopping off place for a meal at Bonanza when she was on her way to Hampton. Our brothers were born three days apart! This world was SO VERY much a better place because of her thoughtfulness and generosity!*”

Christine Ytzen - December 21, 2023 at 07:26 PM