



## Mary Lou Jurgensen

March 19, 1931 - April 23, 2015

Mary Lou Jurgensen, age 84, of Albia, died April 23, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

She was born March 19, 1931 in Ft. Dodge, Iowa to Robert and Mildred (Ryan) Wesley. She attended school in Barnum, Iowa and Graduated in 1948. She was united in marriage to Richard Jurgensen on May 30, 1950 in Barnum, IA. To this union four sons were born, John, Dan, Ted, and Matt.

Mary was a licensed cosmetologist and she enjoyed art. She was an avid member of the Sweet Adelines for over 40 years. She loved singing with her "Aloes" quartet, oil painting, and flower gardening among her many other hobbies. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

Mary is survived by her husband, Richard of Albia; four sons, John (Judy) Jurgensen of Bolivar, MO, Dan (Kris) Jurgensen of Liberty, MO, Ted (Janet) Jurgensen of Osceola, IA, and Matt (Kristi) Jurgensen of Liberty, MO; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Jean Kroneberger of Iowa City, IA; two brothers, Dennis (Sharon) Wesley of Deep Water, MO, and Jim (Alice) Wesley of Kearney, MO; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mildred; a sister, Joyce; a brother, John; and a grandson, Patrick Jurgensen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Mary's family present from 4- 8:00 p.m. A 4:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary society and a wake service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

An open memorial has been established in Mary's family's name.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Jurgensen*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Mary Lou Jurgensen*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Mary and i shared interests in painting. she had many skills, and shared them so freely.*

**Rowena Hardinger - Cedar Ffalls, IA - friend** - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have referred to Mary as "Mrs. Watkins" of Albia. She was such a delight to work with and was always interested in helping those who wished to purchase her products. Our meetings will never be quite the same without Mary's fun stories and positive attitude. I can hear you singing now with my mother in the Heavenly Choir! Thanks for letting me into your life, Mary. My prayers will be with Dick and the family.*

**Carol Messer - Mt. Pleasant, IA - Friend** - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. Mary and I had worked together at the Albia Newspapers when we lived in Albia and we remained friends. She was such a friendly and loving person. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Dick , and your family.*

**Sandra Cain - Shell Rock, IA - Friend** - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Mary volunteered with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. We truly appreciate all the time our volunteers give.*

*Kay Parch  
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center  
Headquarters, Davenport, IA*

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**Kay Parch - Davenport, IA - Mississippi Valley Reg. Blood Ct - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

KT

“ *U were such a wonderful friend to my mom....brightened her day so much! and such a helpful person when she needed a ride to the hospital or anything! She enjoyed ur lovely singing and we all wish we could paint like u...a true artist! A caring lady with many talents. We will miss u Mary! Our thoughts & prayers are with u and ur family.*

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**Karen Deimerly - College Station, TX - daughter of friend, wilma temple - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

RC

“ *Mary was a volunteer with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center for the past several years. She volunteered at the blood drives that were held in the Albia area. I will miss her as well as the donors she helped and the blood center staff.*

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**Rene Kromray - Ottumwa, IA - Friend & volunteer coordinator - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ Mary is a fantastic fun loving woman that will always have a special place in my heart. She first became a wonderful neighbor that took us in like family. I will never forget the great times we've shared. She was an amazing friend, neighbor, wife, mother, and grandmother. I wish the family peace and love. She will live forever in our hearts.

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**Angela Borella - Dahlonaga, GA - friend** - April 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Mary and I have been singing buddies for 20+ years. She came into the Hardware store where I worked one day and slapped some music on the counter and said" I hear you can sing. Sing this song for me That's it! Come to practice on Monday night at the Luthern church." She left and my boss and I wondered what was that? Well, I went and many fun practices and performances followed. I'll miss this dear lady who dearly loved barbershop music. We loved many of the same things, like flowers and art, but mostly music and concerts were our favorite things. Some day I think we'll sing harmony together again in Heaven. I can hardly wait. Your Mother and wife was a real special lady.

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**Roberta Farrington - Lovilia, IA - Friend** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Jurgensen Family,  
Sorry to hear about Mary's passing. I served with her on the Centerville Concert Association Board. She was a lover of the arts. I love Barbershop harmony like she did and we always were able to enjoy listening and talking about music. She is singing with the angels now. Bless all of you.  
Bill Thom

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**Bill Thom - Centerville, IA** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Merlin and Vicki Morris - New virginia, IA - friends - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ Richard and Family,  
We are very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Please Richard let us know if you need anything from us.

Albia Fire Dept - Albia, IA - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ She was a kind soul who I knew for many years. She sang with my grandmother Gloria Sample in barbershop, which I often also participated. She always had a smile, kind words, and usually an interesting story to tell. She will be missed by many, myself included. God bless you Mary, know you are still loved and will forever be missed!

Gabrielle Thorne - Oskaloosa , IA - Friend - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Each one of you were special to Mary. I know this because I used to sit with her at church many times at 10:30 Mass on Sundays, and she would share stories about you all. I will miss her dearly, but I am so honored to have known her. She was such a great friend who gave the best hugs, and her smile could light up a room. RIP, My Friend!

Sharon Keegel - Eddyville, IA - Friend - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Oh what an awesome lady Mary was!!! She was my neighbor for several years when my girls were little!! They would walk over to her house and visit!! She always found time to visit with them even if she was on her way out to go somewhere. Just can't say enough about what a caring and awesome lady she was. She will be greatly missed!!!

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**Valerie Selby Small - Albia, IA - neighbor at one time** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Mary is and exceptional woman. She always had a smile and a laugh to warm my heart when living across the street from her, Dick and the boys. She will be missed by many. My prayers are with all of the this wonderful family.

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**Ron Capaldo - Des Moines, IA - old neighbor and friend** - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM