



Mary "Mare" K. Schmidt

December 10, 1954 - October 28, 2017

Cedar Falls – Mary “Mare” K. Schmidt, age 62, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Western Home Communities Martin Center.

She was born December 10, 1954, the daughter of Edwin and Genevieve (Nordskog) Madsen in Des Moines. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School, class of 1973. She earned a BA from UNI in both German and Elementary Education. On March 17, 1984, Mary married Randy Schmidt in Cedar Falls. Mary owned and operated Art Store and More for over 20 years, retiring in 2015.

Survived by: her husband; her brother, David (Sandy) Madsen of Brentwood, TN; two nieces, Laura (Aleks) Kivilaan of Smyrna, TN, and Amy (Steve) Ross of Johns Creek, GA
Preceded in death by: her parents.

Funeral services will be 11am Friday, November 3, at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Thursday, November 2 at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, and also one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Cedar Falls Historical Society or Community Main Street Cedar Falls.

Online guestbook at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Mare was passionate about Cedar Falls and served on the Cedar Falls city council as well as a board member of Rotary, Community Main Street, United Way, Cedar Falls Historical Society, Friends of the Hearst, Cedar Falls Senior Activity Center, and Cornbelt Volleyball Association.

Cemetery

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

NOV **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church
902 Main Street, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

NOV **Burial** 12:00PM

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Fairview Cemetery
12th and Division Streets, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

Comments



“ I'm not sure how to begin remembering Mare (who will always be "Mary" to me). We grew up in each others' back yards, played with the same neighborhood kids, and grew into high school and college together. We shared epic sessions of "playing Barbies" - Mare always had the newest doll. I think I remember the Madsen kitchen better than my parents' kitchen; Mare and I spent many nights there in high school making popcorn, drinking Pepsi (from glass bottles), and on one memorable night, throwing a cat out the window to see if he would land on his feet -which he did. Once we created our own lyrics to the tune of the Beatles' "Yesterday"; our song began "Yesterday...a big worm crawled out in front of me..." Of course the punchline was that "he's not half the worm he used to be." For those who remember when cruising up and down University Avenue was how we passed Friday nights - know that Mary was a consummate driver for those occasions.

I remember her coming to my house when I was in C.F. for Christmas, and we met Randy, and how much fun her wedding was - on a very snowy St. Patrick's day - and how wonderful it was to see them start a life together.

Mare had beauty, wit, intelligence, and a supreme sense of fun. She was always her own unique self, and gave much of that self to those she loved and the C.F. community. Rest in peace, my friend.

Jeanine

Jeanine Jewell - November 03, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ Mare was my daughters traveling team volleyball coach. She was a great coach and had a good relationship with the parents of the girls. I did business with her at the Art Store and More- she was the best art framer in the area! We would always reminisce about the volleyball days when I was in the store. My deepest sympathy to Randy and her family.

Penny and Roman Frackiewicz

penny frackiewicz - November 03, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ Randy and Family,
We are sorry to hear of Mare's passing. Please accept our sincerest sympathy.
Max & gail Gassman, Ames, IA

Max Gassman - November 01, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you, Randy. Mare was a genuine spirit and a passionate woman. We were all blessed to have crossed paths with her.

Shannon & Colleen Graham - October 31, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Randy,
I always admired Mare for her ambition, her unique personality, her love for life, vb kids, and the community. I'll never forget her encouraging the girls to play their best and calling Dave "Dave-Bob" with that mischievous grin as she did it--every single time. A classic act friend and leader, she will be missed. All our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Dave, Bev, and Sarah

The Waits - October 31, 2017 at 01:01 AM



“ Randy and Family-
Mare was a great help to the College Hill Arts Festival when she was in the art store on the Hill. Then she continued her dedication to promoting the arts in Cedar Falls from the Art Store and More and through her engagement with Artapalooza. We could always count on Mare to appreciate and support the arts in our community. She was a pleasure to work with, witty, humorous, and creative. She will be missed.
-Vaughn and Judy Griffith

Vaughn-Judy Griffith - October 30, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ Randy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mare's passing. I will always remember her sense of humor and loyalty to her friends and players. I will say a prayer for you and your family. Please accept my sincerest sympathy.
Kristi (Tabor) Wyatt

Kristi Wyatt - October 30, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ Mary was one of the most dedicated cheerleaders for our city and was passionate about being involved in the future for Cedar Falls. While serving on the City Council she was a team member and always voted for the well being of the citizens. She was well informed about the issues that came before her on the council and always had a smile on her face.

Tom Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - October 29, 2017 at 07:57 PM