



Mary Elizabeth Mommer

October 23, 1953 - June 29, 2021

Mary Elizabeth Mommer, 67, died June 29th, 2021, surrounded by family at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN after a long battle with heart failure and sarcoidosis.

Mary was born October 23, 1953 to Floyd Fred Voss and Marvel Isabelle Thompson of Cedar Falls. She graduated from NU High School in 1972. On September 1st, 1973 she married John “Jack” Ericksen Mommer in Cedar Falls and the two enjoyed a marriage of 40 years and the birth of eight children. Together they ran a family farm in Dike, IA, served on the National Ski Patrol, and started the Oak Highlands Waterpark and Ski Hill in Waverly, IA.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Jack, infant son Ericksen John, parents, Floyd and Marvel, siblings Betty Anderson, Merlyn “Bill” Voss, Mildred “Joyce” Kruse and David Voss. She is survived by her sons, Eric Bartlett of Clive, IA; Jasen Mommer of Salida, CO; Casey Mommer of Manitoba, Canada; Peter Mommer of Boise, ID; Brett Mommer of the United States; John Mommer of Eagle Lake, FL; her daughters Erin Fernandez-Mommer of Bellevue, WA; Kristi Druvenga of Dike, IA; Shannon Mommer-Singh of Rochester, MN; twelve grandchildren, and her beloved puppy Danske.

Among other names she was known by - Mom, “Woman”, Grandma Mary, Meemee – was her monicker “Mary, Mother of All”. From an early age she wanted a big family and she had one, leaving behind a gaggle of children, all high-achieving and diverse in personality. Her love for people was so abundant that even an enormous family wasn’t enough. Her love and support spilled over to include anyone unsure of themselves, out of their element, new to a sport (e.g. waterskiing). She took so many grateful people under her wing, treated them as her own children, and encouraged them to live up to her kindness, so that her influence from today on will only grow.

Others describe Mary having a zest for life, a willingness to sacrifice for others, and a hunger to see and experience the world. This was evidenced by her and Jack loading all 10 Mommers into the family van for the annual pilgrimage to Snowbird, UT, tirelessly dragging each of their too-young-to-walk kids underneath her until the little skis pointed straight, following her and Jack like a line of little snow ducklings. Among many other things she served as Dike’s Diving Coach, Boat Driver and Ski Coach in the Waterhawks Water Ski Club, was active in Suzuki violin, Danish Sisterhood, and played bells, sang

choir and taught Sunday School at Fredsville Lutheran Church. To all who knew her she bids farewell and writes "It's been a wonderful ride!"

Services will be held Saturday, July 10 at 11am at Fredsville Lutheran Church. Family will receive friends from 4 to 7pm Friday, July 9 at the church. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Danish Sisterhood of America

Cemetery

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

Events

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

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Fredsville Lutheran Church
32756 150th Street, Cedar Falls, IA, US,
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JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I am saddened by the loss of my cousin. I only knew her as a child when they would come to visit. My fondest memory of her was her laugh. I loved hearing her laugh and I hope it carried over into adulthood. She always sent a letter and pictures to my mother at Christmas so we could all see how her life was going. She was a very unique and special lady. With love, her cousin, Pamela Thompson Ryan.

Pamela Thompson Ryan - July 18, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



July 09, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ Bud and Janet Piercy, Steve and Janice Prociw purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



Bud and Janet Piercy, Steve and Janice Prociw - July 08, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



July 08, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ We have a lot of fond memories of the Mommer family - the camping at water ski tournaments and watching their boys really improve in the jumping event. It was always a fun time - their love of family and life radiated when you were around them.

One special memory of Mary was when they went on a scuba diving trip with us. (Bud & Janet Piercy - Steve & Janice Prociw) Jack found this ugly 3-legged chair on the beach and he was going to take it home so he could 'fix it' - Mary said "oh no you're not" well, Jack won that one. We laughed till we cried at some of their antics.

Mary was a courageous fighter, her family came first and foremost - we were so blessed to have known her and call her my friend. Their faith in the Lord was evident - it is so comforting to know we will see Mary and Jack again, Our love and condolences to a very special family! Bud and Janet Piercy

Janet L Piercy - July 08, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



July 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



July 06, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ Many memories of Mary. She worked with us when we were young swimmers at her house in the pool. Mary is an amazing person and soul. Lots of memories around her kids when we were young as well. My condolences to the family from my family.

Lydia Jacobson - July 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ Oh, I cannot think of Mary without lots of fond memories, most specifically going to church with her when I visited. One memory (just ask Peter and Robin) will bring us laughs forever. At one service, the pastor make a simple "come forward" motion before communion so I hightailed it to the altar then realized I was the only one there. How embarrassing! But she motioned for me to stay there. She was calling up the people who dispensed the wafers and "wine." So I stayed but returned to my seat next to Peter and Robin, who could hardly contain themselves with laughter at me. So.....when it came time for the offering I whispered to Robin that I needed to go the bathroom.. Instead I went in the back, into the foyer, and asked if I could bring up the offering. So, at the appropriate time, the music swells, and I march down with the offering. We could not control the hysterical laughing when I returned to my seat--the rest of the congregation smiling and being so nice. "I've been coming here all my life," Peter said, "and I never got to bring up the offering." I could tell that Mary was so loved and respected by her church friends.

My other memories are of Mary sharing her kitchen with me. She really liked me and loved when I came over. She gave me run of the kitchen and let me bake to my hearts content. We enjoyed so many of the same things: cooking, shopping, cooking, shopping, cooking, shopping. If I would have lived closer we would have been a force to be reckoned with. I recall Peter requesting a chocolate mousse pie and Mary went to the store to pick up the ingredients, \$35, for one pie. Sorry Mary!

Mary and I shared a love for the Lord and for all of our children and grandchildren. She and Jack (and I have really fond memories of him) fashioned Peter into one of the greatest dads I have ever seen and a super loving husband to my daughter. Rest in peace Mary. We will all be together again one day!

Rachel Ortego - July 04, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Mommer.



July 04, 2021 at 12:56 PM