



Mary K. Averill

December 24, 1955 - July 1, 2014

Mary K. Averill (1955-2014)

CEDAR FALLS- Mary K. Averill, 58, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at UPH-Allen Hospital in Waterloo, of breast cancer.

She was born December 24, 1955, in Cedar Falls, daughter of James and Evelyn Tesmer Knowles. She married Paul Averill on October 11, 1975, in Cedar Falls.

She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1974 and attended Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship in West Virginia, graduating in 1975. She gave riding lessons and trained horses before attending Hawkeye Tech for Ag Business Management. She worked for Hudson Coop and then attended Hamilton Business College and University of Northern Iowa for Computer Programming. She was then Office Manager for a local commodities broker until they closed. She was past President of Friends of KUNI.

Survived by: her husband, Paul; son Jim (Maggie) Averill of New Hartford; two grandchildren, Mike and Molly; a sister, Faye (Douglas Muirhead) Knowles of Minneapolis, MN; a brother, Jack Knowles of Excelsior, WI; and her beloved dog Bob Barker.

Preceded in death by: her parents.

Memorial Services: 12:00 p.m. Saturday July 12 at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. until service time Saturday July 12 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or Friends of KUNI.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Celebration of Life

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Reception

JUL 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Paul & Family...Our deepest sympathies to you and the family. I had seen you guys for a long time but I still keep in touch with your brother Tim...periodically. You guys were always fun to hang around and party with last century! I remember when I found out Mary's mom Evelyn was my Kindergarden teacher at the old white church next to Lincoln. She minimized my trauma as I recall. Bless you guys and again so sorry for your loss. Tom Ward

Tom Ward - July 10, 2014 at 04:34 PM

MB

“ To Mary's family,

I am so saddened to read about Mary's death...it doesn't seem right to see those words. I am so sorry for you, Paul, and for you, Jim and your family. Grandmas are such special people in our lives, and I'm sure she adored the grandkids. You will have to keep sharing stories of her for them.

I sang in Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines with Mary when she was a member years ago. She was a very good baritone...that's the most challenging part. She always faced the part bravely and conquered the notes!

And she faced the challenges of illness well too. I'm sure she tried her hardest to beat the cancer.

Please know many people, including the members of the chorus, are thinking of you. I'm sorry I cannot be at her service.

*Marilynn Buxton
Waverly, Iowa*

Marilynn Buxton - July 09, 2014 at 04:37 PM

PS

“ Paul and family, I will hold many memories of Mary sing with the Cedar Harmony Chorus for many years. She truly lived her life out as full as she could and was always very caring to others. Be gentle to your hearts as we will miss her in our lives. Paula Steimel

Paula Steimel - July 08, 2014 at 12:26 PM

GH

“ Paul and family. We are so sorry to hear about Mary. She was a very special person and a good friend. I enjoyed my time with Mary while involved with the Butler County Democrats. She was always a very conscientious and politically active person. Our relationship goes back many years and it was good to reconnect with Paul and Mary when I lived in Clarksville. She will truly be missed.

George & Donna Herman

George Herman - July 03, 2014 at 08:50 AM

AG

“ Paul, Jim, and the rest of the family: We send our deepest sympathies to you all. Mary was so very special to so many people and I loved getting to know her when her great aunt lived at The Western Home when I worked there. Mary was a regular visitor and regular visitors to those much older always have a special place in my heart. Mary's parents were so lovely too. Our paths crossed many times, sharing many friends and a love of live music. The past couple years Mary has truly been even more of an inspiration to me. I will miss waving at her during my walk in the 'hood. We are better because we know her, and we hope she's rubbed off a bit on all of us.

Avis Handorf and Bob Guthart - July 01, 2014 at 05:47 PM

MH

Please accept my sincerest sympathy in your loss of Mary. I knew Mary back in the 80's through Sweet Adelines. We were in a quartet together for several years. After I quit Sweet Adelines we would occasionally run into each other at marching band competitions. I always enjoyed talking to her and catching up. Truly a genuine person.

Mary Huffman

Mary Huffman - July 06, 2014 at 10:14 PM