



## Mary Martin

October 21, 2007

Mary was born January 5, 1932 in Jewell, Iowa, the daughter of Jens C. and Sylvia L. Bentson Christensen. She was a 1949 graduate of Jewell High School

On May 20, 1950, she was united in marriage to D. Dwayne Martin at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Dwayne preceded her in death on May 5, 1998.

Mary worked in banking in Garwin and Marshalltown before becoming employed with the Tama County Extension Service, retiring from there in 1996, after 15 years of service. She also farmed with her husband in Garwin. Mary had been a member of Garwin Modern Homemakers Club and Farm Bureau Mothers Choir, as well as a Red Hat Ladies breakfast group.

Mary is survived by her four daughters, Mary L. (Daryl) Meisner of Rifle, CO, Donna L. (John) Walker of Dubuque, IA, Peggy L. (Thomas) Holdiman of Janesville, IA and Diana K. (Michael) Robach of Garwin, IA; eight grandchildren, Jason (Sarah) Meisner, Janeal (Matthew) Weisbord, Eric (Laurie) Miller, Nathan (Laura) Miller, Ben and Anna Holdiman, Brook (Nathan) Holven and Jenna Rohach; five great grandchildren, Andrew and Morgan Meisner, Ayden, Conner, and Tierney Miller; and her sister, Carol (Babe) Carstens of Portland, OR.

Mary died Sunday, October 21, 2007 at her home of cancer, surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dwyane; one

brother, Stanley Christensen; and two sisters, Marjorie Teig and Janet LaFratte.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Peggy, her sisters, and all of Mary Ann's family,  
I was very sorry to hear about your mother's death. It was beautiful she was surrounded by her family when she went. I will always remember her as a vibrant woman; strong, full of laughter and smiles.  
I know she must have been comforted by her loving family that grew around her.

Love, Theresa Haywood

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October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Mary Ann Martin: I am very sorry for your loss. I had the fortune to meet your mother at Peggy and Tom's home, and I knew instantly she was a lovely woman. Of course there was no doubt as she raised a great family. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Donna, John and family. We are very sorry to hear of your mother/mother-in-law. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family. We are sure that God is looking over all of you.

Sincerely,  
Dave&Elaine

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October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

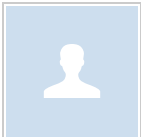


“ *Dear Mary, Donna, Peggy and Diana*  
*I have so many fond memories of your folks and you four girls. You had special parents and they raised four very special girls. I will always hold you in my thoughts. I will never forget going to your house and what fun it was. I saw your mom about a year ago at Taco John's in Marshalltown and had a short visit with her. I wish I could have visited with her longer. She always had a smile and treated everyone well. I wish so very much that I could come to the funeral tomorrow and get to see all of you again. I am married to a farmer and we are so very busy combining corn. With all the wet weather we are behind. The last two days I have been thinking of all of you while*  
*I have been in the tractor. My heart goes out to you. I know it is not easy to lose a mom. Your mom was too young and I wish you could have had her longer. I have been praying for all of you and ask that God will wrap His arms around you and surround you with His love.*

*With My Love,  
Phyllis Sargent Settle*

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October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Mary Ann Martin Family -*

*We are sorry for your loss. May the God of All Comfort be with each of you during this sad and difficult time. Sending strength, comfort and encouragement your way and knowing that Great-Aunt Mary Ann is no longer in pain, in a beautiful place, in the arms of Great-Uncle Dwayne and watching over each and every one of you.*

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