



Mary Lou Doe

December 10, 1929 - February 24, 2021

Born to Carl and Naomi Reffior on December 10, 1929 in their Lincoln County Nebraska farmhouse. Mary Lou Doe was the oldest of 4 girls. Her sisters are Betty Reffior, Delores Schneider and Opal Mullenkamp. Mary lived through the great depression on her family farm in Nebraska. She recalls snakes in the chicken coop as her least favorite part of living on a farm. Her childhood was a happy one attending a one room schoolhouse with her sisters. Mary later went away to work as a nurses aid in a hospital nursery in Grant Nebraska. Mary met her future husband Robert Doe when he was dating her roommate. She often joked that she stole him away. They were married on November 27, 1953 at First Baptist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They had five children together, a deceased baby boy, Deborah Doe, Daniel Doe, Deanna Grimm and Dawn Colarusso.

Mary had a love of travel and always wanted to see new places. They would drive all over the United States with their children camping, even experiencing a tornado tent camping in Iowa, singing church hymns with their children the entire time. Mary enjoyed the cypress gardens in Florida, visiting Washington D.C., New York and the Worlds Fair to name a few. Mary had to visit every zoo she saw, no matter the weather.

Mary was an avid quilter, embroidering right up until her death. She tried instilling her love of sewing into her children and grandchildren. She was also a voracious reader and passed that love on to her family. Mary also loved gardening and was always growing something. Her children used to steal vegetables, rinsing them in the hose before munching away.

Mary was very involved in the Evangelical Free church. When her health declined, and she was no longer able to attend church in person she was happy to have church friends visit her at home.

Mary's generous heart had her volunteering her entire life. Anything she could do to help missionaries or the church she was happy to do. She cut bandages and stamps for missionaries for years, sitting around her kitchen table with friends.

Mary was also extremely hospitable. There were constantly people invited over for dinner. She hosted family gatherings and rejoiced in all the little children playing.

Mary was a loving grandmother to her eight grandchildren. She took them to the zoo, Estes Park and on picnics on the Poudre as often as she could. She enjoyed having her

grandchildren over where she tried to teach them to sew and filled them with ice cream. Mary had to keep scissors handy to cut the girls embroidery attempts from their clothes. She watched her grandchildren during the summer where they made a ritual of watching Matlock and Price is Right together each morning. Mary had 13 great grandchildren and she spoiled them all with ice cream as often as she could.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Naomi Reffior, her husband Robert Doe, her infant son, her sister Betty Reffior, her son in law William Colarusso and her grandon in law Justin Skrettingland.

Mary is survived by her children Deborah Doe, Daniel Doe, Deanna Grimm and Dawn Colarusso, 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren as well as her sisters Delores Schneider and Opal Mullenkamp.

Cemetery

Events

Cheyenne Memorial Gardens **MAR**

4701 Christenson Rd.
Cheyenne, WY, 82009

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Service

10:00AM

Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes
1900 East 19th Street, Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Wiederspahn - Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes - March 01, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Debbie, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. You have been

an extraordinary daughter to have given of yourself to care for
your parents, moving from Commerce City to help.

Your mother is now with her heavenly FATHER and I pray that
GOD will comfort you and give you peace at this most sorrowful
time. Please keep in touch and if I can help in any way , even
just to talk, please let me know.

God bless you,

your Commerce City friend

Rosalie

Rosalie Montano - March 07, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Debrah: from deep in my heart im sorry for your loss. I pray that peace comes to ease your grief. When my aunt passed her nurses gave her daughters a nice poem written by Charlotte Anselmo called Hugs From Heaven. "When you feel a gental breeze caress you when you sigh It's a hug from Heaven, from a loved one way up high. If a soft and tender raindrop lands upon your nose They've added a small kiss as a fragile as a rose. If a song you hear fills you with feelings of sweet love It's a hug from Heaven, from someone up above. If you awaken in the morning to a bluebird's chirping song It's music sent from Heaven to cheer you all day long. If little tiny snowflakes land upon your face It's a hug from Heaven, trimmed with Angel lace. So keep the joy in your heart if you're lonely my dear friend Hugs that are sent from Heaven, a broken heart will mend." Let me know if you need help with anything. Love your walmart lunch buddy, Terri

Terri Hamilton, co-worker at walmart - March 02, 2021 at 03:21 AM



“ Aunt Mary was always kind and ready with a smile. She was also a great cook. Many fond childhood memories being at her and Uncle Bob's house.

Carl Schneider - March 01, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ I wish we could be there. Praying for God's peace for you all. Love you, Uncle Paul and Aunt Delores

Delores - February 28, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Love, Lori and Gary Shenefelt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Lou Doe.



Love, Lori and Gary Shenefelt - February 27, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ The McConnell Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Doe.



The McConnell Family - February 25, 2021 at 06:45 PM