



## Mary E. Graber

January 7, 1947 - August 11, 2020

Mineral Point / Madison – Mary Elizabeth Graber, age 73, of Madison, formerly of Mineral Point, died on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at University Hospital in Madison surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on January 7, 1947 in Dodgeville, a daughter of the late Homer L. and Elaine E. (Unterholzner) Graber.

Mary Graber loved her children, grandchildren, Wisconsin sports, the Beach Boys, baking, knitting, and any family gathering.

Mary was the daughter of Homer and Elaine Graber, and grew up on the family farm in Mineral Point, WI with siblings Doug, Martha, and Virginia. A fourth sibling, Karl, died at birth. She attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated with honors from Mineral Point High School.

Growing up on the farm, she learned about hard work and raising cattle. Mary showed multiple Grand Champion steers at the Wisconsin State Fair and Southern Junior Livestock Expo, in addition to showmanship titles.

Mary had five children and seven grandchildren for whom she had a steadfast dedication. Quiet, strong and reserved, Mary literally blanketed her children, grandchildren, and anyone and everyone with her knitted afghans. She also blanketed them with love, support, humor and sweets. She baked everyone's

favorite treat each holiday.

Mary was preceded in death by her daughter Kristine Stenulson, parents Homer and Elaine Graber, her brother Karl, sister Virginia O'Neill (Charles), her niece Diane, and her nephew Daniel. She is survived by her children Jan Martin (Bryan), Michelle Perri (Jeremy), Carolyn Timmerman (Tony), Jon Cox (Jeni), her grandchildren Kris and Abby Martin, Tanner, Lilly and Tyson Timmerman, Riley Cox, and Christian Perri, her brother Doug Graber (Judy), sister Martha Graber, nephews Brock, Garrett, and Brian, and niece Nicole.

Mary loved learning about the history of the West. Not that she needed additional excuses to travel to Durango to visit her son's family, but an added bonus was that Jon works on the historic Durango and Silverton Railroad. Mary often commented on how she would have like to have lived in that time, and felt called to the mountains.

Mary truly enjoyed joking around with her family. Anytime she was on the receiving end of a joke, her laughing retort was "that's fine, you'll be sorry when I'm gone." She was right. Her family and friends loved her. She will be missed dearly.

A special Thank You must be extended to the doctors, nurses, and medical staff at UW Hospital for their loving care of Mary.

A public visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020 at the GORGEN FUNERAL HOME in Mineral Point.

A Private Family service will be held.

Due to Wisconsin's public health mandate, masks are to be worn during the duration of your visit inside of the funeral home and that you practice proper

social distancing guidelines.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen Funeral Home  
310 Ridge Street  
Mineral Point, WI 53565  
(608) 987-3421  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Graber*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.*



August 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.*



August 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *I worked with Mary at the Dodgeville Walmart, she always had smile that lite up the room, she talked about her family with a big smile on her face. Go packers was her motto on game day. She will be missed by us all! Thank you for coming into our lives Mary!*



**Tabitha Steele** - August 14, 2020 at 12:11 AM

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“ Mary was such a wonderful friend and coworker. While working with her in Stoughton we would talk often of her family and how proud she was of her children and grandchildren. She talked fondly of her vacations and adventures out west. Her kindness and sincerity will never be forgotten.

Terra Hanson - August 13, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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I loved working with Mary . She hired me (back) at Walmart . Great personality . We would often talk about the certain sports that were going on at the time. She was a great asset to our store . She will be missed .

Bonnie Stenjem - August 13, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.



August 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.



August 13, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.



August 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary E. Graber.



August 13, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Growing up Mary was my second mom. In our younger days, Jan & I may have caused her a little grief, but she still loved us. She was a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Julie Speth - August 13, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ I worked with Mary at the Dodgeville Walmart. We missed her dearly when she left. She was always the life of the party. She always spoke with love and pride about her family. We shared an equal love and dedication for the Packers! Many great conversations and memories! My deepest sympathy to the whole family. She will be missed.



Joann Coogan - August 13, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Mary E. Graber*.



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August 13, 2020 at 12:08 AM



“ *Mary Friedrichs* lit a candle in memory of *Mary E. Graber*



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**Mary Friedrichs** - August 12, 2020 at 08:25 PM