



Mary E. Hathaway

July 18, 1935 - September 15, 2021

Barneveld – Mary Esther (Matteson) Hathaway, 86 of Barneveld, Wisconsin passed away September 15, 2021. Mary was born on July 18, 1935 in Frankfort, Michigan to Adam and Esther (Johnson) Matteson.

As a young girl Mary enjoyed dancing at her father's dance studio. She got her first horse when she was 12 and that is when her love for animals began. Mary was raised in Michigan until her family relocated to Wisconsin her senior year of High School.

Mary met Robert Hathaway in Madison, Wisconsin and married him on January 1, 1954 and spent the next 14 years raising her children in the Madison area. In 1968 Mary fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning a horse farm. Robert and Mary purchased a home in Arena, Wisconsin and she began raising horses. She started with two horses and within a few years had twenty-one horses and she got her first German Shepherd dog. She enjoyed showing horses and living in the country.

Mary worked at CUNA Mutual Group until she moved to Arena at which time she worked as the School Secretary at the Arena Elementary for many years. She returned to CUNA Mutual Group in 1979 and worked there until she retired in May of 1993. Robert and Mary enjoyed many years of retirement together, enjoying their horses, their family, playing cards, fantasy football,

traveling, and she was an avid reader. She had over 900 books on her tablet and still went to the library to get books. She always encouraged the grandchildren and great grandchildren to read and often bought them books as gifts.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 67 years Robert Hathaway. Her children Ann (Greg) Burreson and Larry (Rhonda) Hathaway. Her grandchildren Josh (Alycia) Hathaway and Lee Hathaway both of Barneveld, Ben (Michele) Burreson of Barneveld, and Nick Burreson (Yenny Mariano) of Dodgeville. Her great grandchildren Evan, Kylee, Blake, Elliot, and Emma Jo Hathaway and Nick Jr and Griffin Burreson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Adam and Esther Matteson, her in-laws Lloyd Hathaway and Elizabeth Bruder, and her brothers Bruce and Steve Matteson and a brother in law Eugene Hathaway.

A Celebration of Mary's Life is planned at the BARNEVELD LEGION HALL on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 1:00 to 4:00.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Barneveld American Legion
102 Wood Street
Barneveld, WI 53507

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Hathaway*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary E. Hathaway.*



October 06, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Your Lending UW Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary E. Hathaway.*



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“ A joy to have worked with Mary @ CunaMutual. Sympathies to her family & fur family.



Mary Thompson - September 22, 2021 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Mary was always so nice and full of life. I can remember many Thanksgiving dinners together with the whole family and riding in the pasture at the farm in Arena. I remember going to the theater in Sun Prairie with my son Jason and who should we meet outside the theater after the movie but Bob and Mary enjoying an afternoon show . It was so much fun to have known her and enjoyed the time with her.*

Deb - September 18, 2021 at 03:45 PM