



Mary Virginia Houska

August 31, 1933 - March 28, 2021

Mary Virginia Houska passed away peacefully at home surrounded by members of her family on March 28, 2021 of dementia related causes at age 87.

Mary was born in Mitchell, S.D. on August 31, 1933 to Lloyd and Margaret Meade and raised in Plankinton, SD. She graduated from Plankinton High School in 1951 and obtained a teaching degree from Dakota Wesleyan University. She taught at Flynn's School in Eureka Township. She married Dean Houska in 1952 and gave birth to her first of four children in 1956. Mary became a Teacher's Aide at Plankinton School as she raised her boys until working at J.C. Penney in Mitchell, S.D. for 20 years before she retired to Cathedral City, CA.

Mary was a dedicated wife and mother. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with her four boys. Mary had a vivacious personality and loved to laugh. She was a dedicated, faithful member of St. Johns Catholic Church for 71 years. Ephesians 4:32 "And be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving one another just as God also forgave you in Christ".

Survivors are Kevin (Jacque) and their children Dustin (Jan Sanders), Ernie (Michelle), their children Victoria, Alekzander, Maximilian and Athena, Kevyn and Lauryn. Kent (Connie Amelang), son Stephen (Anastasia Sanford), sons Bently and Kayson. Kurt (Melissa DaSilva), son Bryce, (Katelyn) and son Layton. Kim and his sons, Trevor and Austin along with many nieces and nephews. Sisters-in-law Arlene Houska, Wanita Bosworth, Crystal Houska.

Brothers-in-law, Morris Johnson, Bruce Bosworth, Joe Bauman

Preceding in death was her husband Dean, daughter in law Grace, her parents Lloyd and Margaret Meade, Sisters Alice (Guy) Mathis, Geraldine (Glenn) Johnson, Mildred (Arvid) Scott, brothers Howard (Marie) Meade and Robert (Darlene) Meade. Brothers-in-law Bob, Larry, Merlin, Clark and Sisters-in-law Leatrice, Phyllis and Joan.

Mary was blessed to have home hospice care given in her last days by her four sons, daughter-in-law Jacque, nieces Deb and Glenda.

Donations can be made in Mary's name at Alzfon.org or Stroke.org

Burial and service will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Virginia Houska*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your mom's death. I will always remember her as a young woman with young kids! Moms are so important in our lives that it is hard to let them go, so hold on to those memories. My sympathies.*

Jane Page - April 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM



Well said Jane. Kevin

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to your family. My parents appreciated their time with Mary. She was always so caring and kind.*

Blair Cazer - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM



They shared many memories!

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:22 PM



Thank you Steven. She spoke fondly of you!

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:23 PM

SB

“ I sure enjoyed my friendship with Mary. She was always a joy to work with.I sent a small donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory today.Steve Bucher

Steven Bucher - April 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I feel so blessed to have had Mary in my life these past few years. She had a beautiful soul and her smile was infectious. I loved her laugh, it always brought a smile to the faces of those around her. She was so proud of her four sons and just talking about them would bring tears of happiness to her eyes. She was always so thankful for the smallest kindness received and was a gentle soul who brought joy to those around her. I feel truly blessed to have had her in my life before she went home. Until we meet again I will forever carry precious memories of the time we shared.

Connie Amelang - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

Very sweet Connie. Thank you for all you did and most importantly, your love and friendship!

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:24 PM

JL

“ My sincerest sympathy at the passing of Mary.I have many fond memories of working with her at JCPenney. Mary was fun to be around and had a wonderful laugh. She was so proud of all of her sons.

Jeanne Lorenz - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

Thank you Jeanne. She enjoyed her time there with you all!

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:23 PM

LS

“ I enjoyed working with Mary at JCPenney. She loved her family, had a passion for sweets and her laugh was infectious! She was a great person and friend. My sympathy to her family.

Lori Solberg - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

Thank you Lori

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:24 PM

GL

“ Aunt Mary was a beautiful person inside and out. She was a wonderful aunt and was always there for her loved ones. I loved her so much and will miss her everyday. I'm thankful that she is in a better place and at peace. ❤️

Glenda Loutsch - March 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

What love she had for all 5 of you! From the beginning to the very end. That's special! Thank you!

Kevin Houska - August 09, 2023 at 11:26 PM