



Mary Beth Montplaisir

June 3, 1948 - February 12, 2024

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Mary Beth Eunice Carlson Montplaisir was born in Alexandria, Minnesota on June 3, 1948 and died on February 12, 2024. Her parents were Oscar and Agnes Carlson. Mary Beth was the second of Oscar and Agnes's three daughters. The family lived on a farm near Evansville, Minnesota.

Mary Beth graduated from Evansville High School in 1966. She later received an AA degree from Fergus Falls Community College, a bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University and a Master's degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Her career included several years as an elementary teacher and also as a special education teacher.

On October 22, 1971, Mary Beth married Bruce Montplaisir of Horace, North Dakota. They had four children: Derrick (Sarah), Jennifer Smart, Henry (Lisa) and Korey (Rose). Bruce and Mary Beth have nine grandchildren: Casey (Jason) Ferring, Mathew Smart, Lauren Smart, Kaja, Joe, Jack, Maxwell, James and Clara Montplaisir and two great grandchildren: Liam and Evert Ferring.

Mary Beth retired as a special education teacher in 2005. Mary Beth was active as a leader for the Otter Tail County 4H program located in Henning, Minnesota, a master gardener in Otter Tail County and later in Winona County. She was also a master quilter, belonged to guilds in Plainview and Winona, and spent several years making baby quilts with her sisters for all their grandchildren and great grandchildren. She brought dozens of quilts to the

county fairs over the years and had one on display at the Minnesota State Fair. Mary Beth was a very nice person and took great pride in the fact that her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are also very nice people. The world is a better place for having had her here for 75 years.

Mary Beth was pre-deceased by her parents; she is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and sisters Marcy (Wally) Cole of Fergus Falls and Millie (Tom) Penuel of Fargo.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN, with Father Jerry Schik officiating. Lunch will be provided after Mass in the Holy Cross community room. Interment will be in the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed my time knowing Mary Beth through the Winona Area Quilter's Guild, and Bruce through our time together on the Board at the Winona County Historical Society. She was a skilled quilter, always willing to help out and contribute to our projects. She and Bruce were so well matched and made were such a supportive couple. Please accept my sympathies on the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother.

Mary Nelson - February 14, 2024 at 11:34 PM

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“ My memory of Aunt Mary Beth was her graciousness and kindness. MY BEST memory was to be able to spend a summer assisting to care for her during/closing covid. I was laid off then termed. Called uncle and said, I've got this time! I have said since, BEST SUMMER of my life! Truly it was! Always will be. She cracked me up often, hilarious lady! One thing is she loved her Bruce! He calmed her when needed and loved her always. He is a Saint. While it's sad to have our MaryBeth pass, she is now at peace. And she is with or Lord Jesus Christ. Her savior. 🙏

Becky - February 12, 2024 at 10:59 PM

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I only read of Mary Beth's passing today when I was looking for the obituary of a nurse who rode in the ambulance with me and a yet unborn premature son. I do remember when the Montplaisirs came to our area to serve our school district. Bruce bought hay for his horses from us and Mary Beth came to the farm to talk quilting and flower gardening with my MIL who shared common interests. She was a lovely woman - bright, charming and kind. I hope it is not too late to offer sympathy to you Bruce and all of Mary Beth's dear ones. May Mary Beth gain kind admittance to heaven. Karen and Richard Ahrens

Karen and Richard Ahrens - June 03, 2024 at 08:59 PM