



Mary Arends

May 26, 1932 - July 26, 2020

Mary June Arends, 88, went home to be with her savior on July 26, 2020 after a short stay at the Madrid Home in Madrid, Iowa.

Mary was born to William (Bill) and Ida Stone on May 26, 1932 in Story County. She attended Cameron Country School as a child and graduated from Gilbert High School in 1949. She married Merlin Arends on March 15, 1951. Mary and Merlin had 4 children in which Mary served her family with love and faithfulness. She was a hard worker and in addition to raising her children, would often help with field work and chores. Mary worked at Iowa State University for 25 years and was well respected by those she worked alongside.

Mary enjoyed traveling with family and serving in their church, Calvary Baptist in Webster City, Iowa. During Mary and Merlin's years at Calvary Baptist, they helped with the youth group, vacation bible school, and AWANA. Mary trusted Jesus as her personal savior as a young girl and the reflection of Jesus was seen in her sweet spirit.

Mary faithfully loved and cared for her husband, Merlin, until he went home to be with the Lord in 1999. She moved from the family farm in January of 2018 to Huxley, Iowa.

Mary is survived by her son, Bill (Harriet) of Huxley, Iowa; her daughter, Linda (Randy) Davis of North Liberty, Iowa. Grandchildren: Will (Dawn) Arends, Jeremy (Kamber) Arends, Felicia Davis, Tonya Davis, Greg Mostrom, Ben Mostrom; 10 great-grandchildren and 2 nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin Arends; her parents, Bill and Ida Stone; her sister, Marjorie Dahl; her daughter, Sheila Sue Arends; her daughter, Sandra Riggs; her grandson, David Robertson.

Funeral services will be held at Slater Baptist Church, 601 Story St., Slater, Iowa on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM with a brief visitation before the service at from 1-2:00

PM. Graveside services will be held at Lawn Hill Cemetery in Stanhope, Iowa. Memorials may be given to the Baptist Children's Home and condolences may be shared at <http://www.optfuneral.com> or [facebook.com/optfuneral](https://www.facebook.com/optfuneral).

Cemetery

Lawn Hill Cemetery

Stanhope, IA,

Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Slater Baptist Church
601 Story Street, Slater, IA, US

AUG **Funeral** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I had been thinking about Mary a lot lately. I worked with her at Iowa State in the 90's. Tried to keep in touch with Christmas cards. She was a wonderful women. I am so glad I had the chance to know her. Rest is peace Mary. I know you are smiling in Heaven.

Angie Ashley - October 22, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ Mary was a gentle soul. She listened so well and looked you in the eye with a twinkle! She loved her family so much,! She was content in all her circumstances. It is a joy to picture her enjoying her Heavenly home. She loved her Savior.

Sandi Nihart - July 30, 2020 at 07:23 AM



“ Mary June was a SWEET LADY!! She ALWAYS had a SMILE! This is a Good Picture of her! We were neighbors for many years on the farm! Even after we moved to AR we kept in touch at Christmas time! Mary June loved and enjoyed her family and grandchildren! She was a Wonderful Christian Lady!
Lois Carlson

Lois Carlson - July 30, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Bonnie and I have such wonderful memories of the many years we spent with Mary when she attended Calvary Baptist Church, and the times she drove to town for our Women's Missionary Fellowship. We also enjoyed the many meals we spent together after church on Sundays. What precious times of fellowship. How good to know she is with the Savior she served for many years. Bonnie and Sharon Abbas

Sharon Abbas - July 29, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Mary was the kind of person who liked everyone. At least that is how it felt when you were with her. She had the time and patience to listen to you talk and would remember what you said later. She was a sweet and gentle spirit.

Karen Boersma - July 29, 2020 at 06:34 PM