

Mary Lea Negaard, daughter of Albert and Addie (Wirt) Turbiville, was born in Camp Crook, South Dakota on August 17, 1934. She grew up in Camp Crook as the youngest of 10 children and graduated from Buffalo, South Dakota High School. It was there she met her high school sweetheart, Stanley Negaard. They were united in marriage on June 13, 1954. After Stanley graduated from Black Hills State University in 1957, they moved to Alford, Iowa and then to Rock Valley, Iowa in 1962 where she resided for the remainder of her life.

Mary worked as a dental assistant while Stanley was in college and then was the director of the Foster Grandparent Program in Rock Valley for 25 years. Her lifetime dream though was to be a mother and she devoted her life to being a mother to 5 children and over 15 adult males with disabilities who lived in her home over the years. Mary was passionate about advocating for children and the elderly and served on many volunteer boards fulfilling that passion.

Mary loved the closeness she felt to God while in her garden and flower beds. Caring for the earth and nature came from being raised in western South Dakota. A place she returned to often and where she felt so at peace. From a young age, Mary had a hunger for the Word of God. She loved teaching and studying the Word all her life. Her relationship with God impacted everything she did and every decision she made. Her life was a picture of putting other people and their needs before herself and her needs; just as Jesus calls us to do.

The last 5 years of her life, Mary, along with Stanley, were blessed by the love, care, and friendship of their in-home care team of Shirleen, Carey, Donna, Shannon, Lexi, and Sarah. Mary passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 91.

Mary is survived by her husband of 71 years, Stanley; 5 children, Roger (Paula) Negaard of Rock Valley, Jodi Negaard of Rock Valley, Kevin (Gail) Negaard of Sioux City, Iowa, Mark (Jeanna) Negaard of Hawarden, Iowa, and Heather Negaard of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 12 grandchildren, Jaimi, Stefan, Tim, Molly, Marcus, Matthew, Megan, Taren, Tate, Toni, Rylee, and Justin; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Addie Turbiville; 9 siblings; parents-in-law, Clarence and Irene Negaard; great-granddaughter, Jessa; and many other relatives.

*In Loving Memory*  
**Mary Lea Negaard**  
*August 17, 1934 ~ January 6, 2026*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 AM, Saturday, January 10, 2026  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Pastor Chris Van Beek

**ACCOMPANIST**

Julie Anderson

**REFLECTIONS**

Kevin Negaard

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"It Is Well With My Soul (When Peace Like A River)"*  
*"Blessed Assurance"*

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Bobby Mackey ~ Murray Rolph  
Dale Turbiville ~ Donnie Turbiville  
Paul Turbiville ~ Ronnie Berreth ~ Gerald Burghduff  
Lyman Turbiville ~ Jimmy Turbiville ~ Birch Negaard

**PALLBEARERS**

Matthew Negaard ~ Stefan Negaard ~ Tim Negaard  
Justin Negaard ~ Justin Van Bochove ~ Aaron Tysseling

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Mary's family would like to invite you for a time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall following the burial service.*



### *The 23rd Psalm*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me  
in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



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No eye has seen,  
nor ear heard, nor  
the heart of man  
conceived,

what God has prepared  
for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

