



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Mary Ann Peters*

**WHO WAS BORN**

January 14, 1942  
Milbank, South Dakota

**AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME**

April 17, 2026  
Watertown, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, April 21, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.  
Wilmot Lutheran Church  
Wilmot, South Dakota

**CLERGY**

Pastor Kay Reeb

**MUSICIANS**

Diana Whipple, Organist  
Tim Mundwiler, Vocalist and Guitarist

**CASKET BEARERS**

Christa Hansen | Shelly Klemm | Chuck Kantola  
Pam Armstrong | Lisa McPeek | Jeff Kantola

**HONORARY BEARERS**

Jesse Johnsen | Ashley Johnsen | Eric Johnsen | Justin Killam  
Mohammed Sageir | Kelly Craft | Melissa Craft

**INTERMENT**

Wilmot Cemetery  
Wilmot, South Dakota

**APPRECIATION**

Mary's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of  
fellowship and luncheon in the church dining area.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota*

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done  
*on earth as it is in heaven*  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
*but deliver us from evil.*  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever.

*Amen*



Please use the QR code  
to view Mary's slide  
show, online obituary,  
and guestbook.

**M**ary Ann Johnson Peters was born on January 14, 1942, in Marvin, SD, to Ella (Nelson) and Edward Johnson. She graduated from Milbank High School in 1960.

Mary married Gene Johnsen and together lived in North Carolina, and Huron, SD, then settled in Milbank to raise their three children: Van, Carie, and Dawn.

Mary later married Merle Osterloh of Wilmot, SD. She and Merle built a life rooted in hard work and commitment to family. Merle was a rancher, and together they raised cattle, pigs, sheep, and chickens. Mary was an adventurous entrepreneur. She owned and operated the Wilmot Dairy Bar and the Wilmot Flower Shop. In later years, they owned the Budget One Motel in Watertown. Merle preceded her in death in 2006.

Mary was united in marriage to Chuck Peters in 2008, with whom she shared her retirement years. They enjoyed traveling, shared a love of flower gardens, and enjoyed bird watching. Through this marriage, she was welcomed into an extended family that included stepchildren: Jeff (Connie) Peters, Scott (Paula) Peters, and Valerie (the late Randy) Lauen; step-grandsons: Joshua, Robert, Bryce and Jordon; step-granddaughters: Ashley and Amanda; along with six step-great-grandchildren: Levi, Walker, Ezra, Kora, Ryleigh, and Reagan.

Mary will be remembered not only for what she did, but also for how she lived. Mary enjoyed traveling, new adventures, and sharing countless moments of joy with her children, sisters, nieces, nephews, and friends. Those times filled with laughter, storytelling, and shared experiences were among her greatest joys.

Though her life included hardship, she faced each challenge with remarkable perseverance, resilience, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. Although Mary's presence will be deeply missed, her love and legacy will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her husband, Chuck Peters of Watertown, SD; her children: Van (Georgia) Johnsen of Amery, WI; Carie Johnsen of Pawtucket, RI; and five grandchildren: Ashley Johnsen, Jesse Johnsen, and Eric Johnsen of Waupun, WI; Mohammed Sageir of Massachusetts; Justin Killam of Massachusetts; Michael Breault of Saint Croix Falls, WI; ten great-grandchildren: Keegan, Layla, Alivia, Michael, Conor, Conner, Rylan, Madelyn, Oakley, Evander; and two special nieces: Melissa and Kelly Craft. She is also survived by her sisters: Louise Green of Watertown, SD; Susan (Bob) Capp of Milbank, SD; and Rose Kantola of Green Bay, WI; and sister-in-law, Sharon Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dawn Johnsen; her step-granddaughter, Alora Breault; her husband, Merle; her parents: Ella and Edward Johnson; her sister, Ruth (Johnson) Traphagen; and her brothers: Arlo Johnson and George Johnson; brothers-in-law: Carl Kantola and Roger Green.

