

## *A Mother's Love*

A mother's love is quiet strength,  
A steady hand through life's long length.  
In whispered prayers and sleepless nights,  
She guards your dreams, she holds your light.

Her voice, a calm in stormy days,  
Her smile, a warmth in countless ways.  
Through every fall, through every fear,  
She stands beside you, always near.

She gives her heart without a claim,  
No need for glory, praise, or fame.  
In every hug, in all she does,  
You see the depth of what love was.

And even when she's far from view,  
Her love remains, deep, strong, and true.  
A guiding light that will not fade—  
The greatest gift God ever made.

Author unknown



*Margaret Jane Pry*

*November 29, 1940 ~ March 30, 2026*

**Margaret Jane (Horst) Pry** was born on November 29, 1940, in Worthington, Minnesota, to Charles and Geneva Horst. Margaret attended school in Sanborn, Iowa, where she grew up and met her high school sweetheart, Harold Pry. Harold and Margaret were married on February 7, 1959, in Elk Point, South Dakota.

Margaret was a devoted wife and a loving mother to her husband and seven children. Her home was always open to anyone in need of a meal, and she had a special talent for making a pound of hamburger feed a small village. She was especially known for her fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and gravy, her mashed potatoes and gravy were a favorite of many. Margaret enjoyed working on puzzles, knitting, crocheting, and keeping a tidy and well-organized home.

After her children were in full-time school, Margaret went to work at Coilcraft in Hawarden, where she met many lifelong friends and worked for 20 years. She was a member of the Hawarden Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed volunteering at the thrift store supporting the building of the new hospital.

She was proud of her Catholic faith, deeply cherished her family, and took great pride in living in Hawarden, where she loved her close-knit community. Margaret was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She passed away on March 30, 2026, surrounded by loving family and under the care of Orange City Home Health and Hospice at the age of 85 years.

Margaret is survived by her seven children: Teresa Anderson of Amissville, Virginia, Glen (Louise) Pry of Overland Park, Kansas, Charlene (Kent) Brown of Somers, Iowa, Brenda (Bryan) Nohava of Hawarden, Iowa, Jeannie Pry Critelli of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Diane DaCosta of Safety Harbor, Florida, and Harold (Kelly) Pry Jr. of Hawarden, Iowa; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, soon to be 20 great grandchildren with baby boy Nohava do in a few weeks; and one great-great-grandchild.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Pry; her parents, Charles and Geneva Horst; her sisters, Kathryn Stallman, Mary Jungers, and Norene Petrick; her brother, James Horst; and a grandson, Ethan Pry.

## In Loving Memory Of Margaret Jane Pry



### MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Hawarden, Iowa

### CELEBRANT

Father Mauro Sanchez

### ORGANIST

Kathy Knight

### MUSIC

Teresa Huenink, Cantor

Nuevo Guachiango

### HONORARY URN BEARERS

Megan Gardner ~ Sarah Armbrecht

Amanda Daniels ~ Brandy Sanchez

Felicia Mollet ~ Emma Critelli ~ Ella Pry

### INURNMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Margaret's family for lunch and fellowship  
in the church hall following the committal service.*