

Mary V. Kroskus

Mary was born on April 13, 1938, in Milnor, ND to Arthur and Edith (Halstein) Christiansen. She graduated from Valley City State University in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in English education with honors.

She married the love of her life, Tilford in 1960. She taught for 11 years as a high school and elementary school English and drama teacher. Mary worked for 30 Years as a Librarian at the North Dakota State College of Science Mildred Johnson Library. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1985 with a master's degree in library science. She enjoyed teaching English as a second language during the summers to a group of students from Japan. She also taught English as a second language to newcomer families in the community. She was a member of Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK), and Wahpeton Public library board serving as its president. She was known for her radiant smile and the genuine warmth she brought to every interaction. Insightful and capable, she had a wit that was quick, dry, and unforgettable.

Mary is survived by her husband Tilford; two sons John and Paul; two daughters in law Charlene and Lamiaa and three grandchildren Joshua, Ifeoma, and Ryaan. Also, two siblings Janice Anderson and Guy Christiansen.

Mary was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Mastony, and her brother, Arthur Christiansen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Prairie Public Radio, which Mary enjoyed daily.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Mary ValRae Kroskus
1938 - 2025



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Born

April 13, 1938 | Milnor, North Dakota

Passed Away

November 3, 2025 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

87 Years | 7 Months | 22 Days

Celebration of Life

Saturday, November 8, 2025
Bethel Lutheran Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Amy Eisenmann

Family Message

Pastor Harvey Henderson

Pianist

Laurie LeKang

Congregational Hymns

“Beautiful Savior”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“Amazing Grace”

Interment at a later date

Woodbine Cemetery | Valley City, North Dakota

“Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”



“The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have *promises* to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.”

Robert Frost

