



Maryrose Mendenhall

April 18, 2017 - April 18, 2017

Maryrose Mendenhall, (Mary), 98, of Kearney died Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Mt. Carmel Home and Rehabilitation Center in Kearney. Mary was born January 22, 1919 in Pocahontas, IA to Theo and Rozella McCartan at the family home. After graduating from Iowa State University, Mary taught high school for several years in northwest Iowa before moving to Chicago where she was a dietitian. During WWII she was a civil service employee in Kansas City, then moved to Des Moines where she was on staff at Meredith Publishing for Better Homes and Gardens. On July 18, 1946 she married Robert Glen Mendenhall. They settled in Iowa and raised their family before moving to Kearney in 1964. Mary was a curriculum librarian at Kearney State College for 23 years until her retirement in 1989. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church, the Pioneer Neighborhood Association, and volunteered as a librarian for St. James. She also enjoyed supporting Kearney State College/UNK and UNL events. Mary's greatest joy was her family, and she leaves behind a legacy of faith and her love of reading. Surviving relatives include her children Mac (Marilyn) Mendenhall of Sturgis, SD; Ann Gannon of Columbus, NE; Phil (Jean) Mendenhall of Omaha, NE; and Kay (Willie) Mohr of Louisville, NE; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and brothers Jack McCartan of Pocahontas, IA; and Mark (Katie) McCartan of Minneapolis, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert; son Mark; son-in-law Bill Gannon; brother George; and sisters Margaret and Catherine. The family would like to express our gratitude for the kindness, care and love shown to

our mother from the staff at Mount Carmel Home and the Asera Care Hospice staff, who enabled her final journey to be filled with love and peace.

Celebration of Life Memorial Mass will be Friday, May 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel will officiate. Mary donated her body to Creighton University School of Medicine. Cremains will be interred at the Resurrection Cemetery in Omaha Nebraska at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to: Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as well as to the family for other memorials that were dear to Mary. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Maryrose Mendenhall*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I worked at C.T. Ryan library with your lovely Mother in the Curriculum Dept. She was more of a mentor and friend than a boss. She gave her best effort to help students and professors. Once she helped students they often came back as she was so helpful finding what they needed. She was such a sweet lady and I really missed her when she retired. She was a gem.*

LaVonne Fries - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked for ten years with Mary at Calvin T. Ryan Library. She was my mentor and friend. She always worked harder than anyone else, taught more library instruction classes, and gave everything she had to her collection. She was an example to model oneself after and I missed her greatly when she retired.*

Diana J. Keith - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you and remembering childhood activities when you came to visit. What a wonderful life your mom had with all of you. Very special to have her so long. Will remember you in our prayers.*

Tom and Sally McCartan - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We love you so much and miss you! You were an inspiration of love and faith. May perpetual light shine on you and grant you eternal peace.*

Willie and Kay

William and Kay Mohr - May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM