



Mary Faye Egbarts

July 8, 1938 - April 13, 2009

Mary Faye (Whetham) Egbarts was born on July 8, 1938 on a farm in Lynch, Nebraska to Robert and Vada (Long) Whetham. She grew up in Holt County, Nebraska where she attended grade school. Her mother was her first teacher. She attended Spencer High School through the 10th grade. Growing up, Mary loved animals. One day she found a puppy in the yard and asked her dad if she could keep him, he said 'yes' and it was the beginning of life-long companionships with dogs and cats.

In 1954, Mary married Willie Van Buren, Sr. and to this union five children were born: Cyndy, Willie, Jr., Tim, Bev and Roger. The family grew up in Valley. Mary and Willie divorced in 1972.

On July 25, 1975, Mary married Wilbur Egbarts at the Judge's Beautiful Garden in Keystone, South Dakota. Through the years the family has lived in Valley, Nebraska, New Castle, Wyoming, Denver, Colorado, and Fremont, Nebraska.

Family was very important to Mary. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a Girl Scout's Troup Leader in Valley. Mary was a great listener and had many friends. She was always there for whatever was needed. Mary enjoyed life and spending time with Wilbur. She also enjoyed playing Keno and Bingo. But the most enjoyable

times were sitting down to a good hot meal with family and friends.

Mary passed away on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Fremont Area Medical Center in Fremont, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her mother, Vada Whetham and her brother Lloyd Whetham. Mary is survived by her husband Wilbur; children Cyndy and Mike Ellermeier of Broomfield, Colorado, Willard Jr. "Butch" and Babbett Van Buren of Valley, Nebraska, Timothy L. Van Buren, Sr. and his companion Vicki Wilson of Omaha, Beverly Stepusin and her companion Steve Kisner of Liberal, Kansas, and Roger Van Buren and his companion Robin Baer of Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska; 15 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren; father Robert 'Bob' Whetham of Newcastle, Wyoming; sisters Maxine Kaul of Newcastle and Phyllis Winkler and her husband Harold of Lakewood, Colorado; and brother Loren Whetham of Newcastle.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Faye Egbarts*

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“ *To the family of Mary Faye,*

You certainly have our sympathy in your lose of a wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother. When Mary Faye & I were growing up we were like twins, where one was you'd find the other. We did a pretty good job writing notes of excuse for each other if we wanted to play hooky from school. I'm so sorry we lost contact with one another when I moved to Idaho in 1957. I did have a nice visit with Mary on the phone when Lloyd passed away.

My sister Pam, called me today to let me know she'd read in the Spencer paper that Mary passed away. I was so shocked & sadden and now it's to late to rekindle are once so precious togetherness.

*I know live in Montana which I have for the last year.
God Bless you all & may God give you all the strength that's needed during this time of sadness.*

Love to all, Dorothy Clyonne & Burt

Dorothy Clyonne Lederer & Burt Johnson - April 17, 2009 at 11:53 AM