



## Mary E Ehly

November 17, 1930 - June 14, 2020

Mary Elaine (Long) Ehly was born on November 17, 1930 in Hooper, Nebraska to Billie and Vera (Bishop) Long. She grew up near Hooper and later moved to Sutton, Nebraska where she graduated from high school. Mary received her teacher certification from Midland College and taught in a one-room school near Sutton where she educated the siblings of her future husband, Harold.

Mary wed Harold Ehly on April 23, 1954, at the family home in Fremont, Nebraska. They were blessed with four children: Daniel, Rebecca, Thomas and Jonathan. Mary and Harold lived in Fremont and raised their family until moving to Omaha in 1990.

Mary was a highly successful and acclaimed Weight Watcher's lecturer and mentor to many for several years. Following this, Mary's interest in interior decorating led her to work for Reiper's Interiors for several years before starting her own Decorating Den franchise. In 1985, Mary branched out on her own and started Ehly's Decorating along with her husband Harold until "retiring" from the business in 2008.

During her years in Fremont, Mary was active in the Fremont Alliance Church teaching Sunday school, leading Bible studies and singing in the choir. She loved teaching people. She taught not only Bible study classes but also taught decorating classes later in life. She wanted to raise up the next generation of interior decorators to do it right. Many of her students have gone on to successful careers in decorating. Mary was a devoted follower of Christ leading countless people to a faith in Jesus. She treasured time with her family, loved flowers, the color yellow and enjoyed ice cream as often as possible.

Mary passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Harold, her parents Billie and Vera; a daughter Rebecca and sister, Juanita Discher. Mary is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Dan and Colleen of Lincoln, Tom and Katie of Omaha and Jon and Pam of Omaha; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and sister Carolyn Gilmore of Bennet, Nebraska.

# Cemetery Details

## Ridge Cemetery

1761 W. Linden St.  
Fremont, NE 68025

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

JUN **19**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Citylight Church West  
3401 Oak View Drive  
Omaha, NE 68144

## Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Omaha, NE 68144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E Ehly*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



June 18, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Mary's family. We use to see her & Harold at Baker's here in Omaha. Prayers to all of you. Sorry we won't be able to attend the visitation or service. We will be thinking of you during these difficult days. From Mary's cousin Oral & wife Glenda Long.*

**Glenda Long** - June 18, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *I remember Mary and your Dad while we were growing up. Also at all the Long Family reunions when they could make it there. She was always doing something with the church. Even though I have not seen he in a while She will be missed. I am praying for all of her Family and hope God is with you all during this time. Till we see her again in Heaven with our Lord.*

**Randy Schulz** - June 18, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Jon and Pam, so, so sorry for the loss of your mother. May you find peace and comfort knowing she's in the arms of our Lord and reunited with your father. God bless you.*

*Patty Nansel*

**Patty Russell Nansel** - June 18, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



June 18, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ *Pam and Chris Sweeden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



**Pam and Chris Sweeden** - June 18, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ *I remember Mary's kind heart. Our family had just moved to Omaha from Kansas City. My daughter Cassie was 4 years old at the time. I LOVED practicing interior design, but hadn't practiced since Cassie was born. Ehly's had a job posting for a full time interior designer. I applied and was selected for the position. On my first day of work, I dropped off my daughter at her first day of daycare. She cried. I cried. We had rarely been apart. I proceeded to go to work and was just broken hearted all morning long over leaving her. By mid-afternoon, I couldn't take anymore. I marched into Mary's office and shared with her how much I missed my daughter. I needed to go and be with her. I shared how much that I cherished my time with Cassie and I knew my days with her were limited, as soon she would be in school full time. I will never forget Mary's reaction. She was so sweet and empathized with me. She told me to go be with my daughter and she offered me a part time position, working weekends. I was shocked and overjoyed! She gave me the opportunity to be with my little girl AND pursue my passion in design. To this day, I become emotional just thinking about that experience. She was a woman of grace, faith, compassion and wisdom. It was an honor to know and work with her.*

*On a lighter note, Mary introduced me to eating potato chips with pizza. I remember thinking, 'chips with pizza', really? The pizza is fattening enough by itself? Years later, our family is still eating chips with pizza and.....I think of Mary every time. :))*

**Bobbi Jo Cheek** - June 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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*I remember that staff meeting and your reaction. 😊*

**tom ehly** - June 17, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



June 17, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



June 16, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Plastilite Corportion purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



**Plastilite Corportion** - June 16, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Your Gilmore family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary E Ehly.*



**Your Gilmore family** - June 16, 2020 at 01:13 AM