



Mary Elizabeth Sumnick

May 4, 1928 - February 27, 2015

Mary Elizabeth (Letovsky) Sumnick was born May 4, 1928 in Omaha, Nebraska to George Barta and Anna Helen (Kolle) Letovsky. She grew up at 28th & Kansas Avenue in Omaha, was baptized and confirmed at Miller Park Presbyterian Church; attended Miller Park Grade School, and went on to graduate from Omaha North High School in 1946. Following high school, Mary took business classes at Omaha University, then went to work at Security National Bank as a telephone operator. As a young girl, Mary was active in Girl Scouts and Job's Daughters.

Mary married Jack Sumnick at the Miller Park Presbyterian Church in Omaha on November 15, 1952, and to this union, a daughter, Sara Jayne, was born. The family made their home on the farmstead in Western Douglas County. Mary was a proud farm wife and Mom, but she also stayed active in many other ways. She was a 4-H leader, taught Sunday School and Bible School, and was active in Presbyterian Women, helping with weddings, funerals, and the county fair food stand. Mary was a member of the county extension club, the Waterloo Women's club, and played Tripoli with the North High girls. She was an accomplished quilter and seamstress, and belonged to the Nebraska State Quilt Guild, Cottonwood Quilters, Friends All Around, and the Knotty Ladies. Mary was also a 75 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a 63 year member of Peace Presbyterian Church, and a life member of the PW. In addition to all of her volunteer groups, Jack and Mary loved to follow their grandchildren's activities, all the time, anywhere, no matter the distance. She

didn't miss an art show of Sara's, and was her best, most positive critic! She loved her family, and cherished being Great Grandma Apple. She even got used to Kevin's teasing, and always got him back! Mary was a big fan of breakfast, dinner at El Bee's on Sunday, or Boyd & Charlie's meatloaf on Thursday. She enjoyed '40's music and Frank Sinatra, along with Doris Day and Cary Grant movies. She would spend hours in her yard and tending her flower gardens, growing her gigantic poinsettias and geraniums.

Mary will be remembered as a thoughtful, practical, frugal, soft-hearted, kind lady that NEVER hesitated to help. She was a great humorist, she loved to laugh, and had the most beautiful smile. In her honor, please remember: As time fades and memories grow shorter, the original person is still there. Have patience, respect, and tolerance. Keep your own memories and live in the present. Don't quiz those who can't remember, and be thankful for now!

Mary died unexpectedly at her farmhouse in Western Douglas County on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the age of 86 years, 9 months, and 23 days. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jack Sumnick, and brothers George and John Letovsky, and sisters-in-law; Darlene and Angelene Letovsky, and all the Sumnick brothers, sisters, and their spouses. Mary is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Sara and Kevin Wamsat of Bennington, grandchildren Zachary, his wife Amanda, and their daughter, Kenley Wamsat; and Kalle Wamsat, sister-in-law Fern Letovsky, nieces and nephews. And many more cousins and family members, and friends who are considered family members.

Mary E. Sumnick, age 86, of Waterloo, NE, died 2/27/15. Preceded in death by parents, husband Jack Sumnick, and brothers George and John Letovsky. Survived by daughter and son-in-law Sara and Kevin Wamsat of Bennington, grandchildren Zachary, and wife Amanda, and their daughter, Kenley; and Kalle Wamsat, great-granddaughter Kenley Wamsat, sister-in-law Fern Letovsky, nieces and nephews.

Memorial service 9:30 AM Thursday, March 5, Peace Presbyterian Church,

Elkhorn. Private interment. Visitation with the family Wednesday from 4-7 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Memorials to Peace Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Sumnick*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mary was a very special lady. We have lots of fond memories of times together with her and Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Art & Barb*

Art & Barb Buechle - March 04, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened by Mary's passing, as I have only fond and wonderful memories of her. She could always make me laugh. Mary was such an integral part of the Sumnick family and their traditions. My thoughts go out to Sara, Kevin, Zach and Kalle at this difficult time. I just wish I could be there to celebrate her life on Thurs. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
The O'Leary Family

Cynthia O'Leary - March 04, 2015 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ Our hart goes out to Sara and the family. Mary and Jack were great friends. I will never forgit the day in Valentine when this strange man I knew I should know came up to me on a horse and started brushing the main on my horse. I soon found out he was a old friend.of Dads Otto Buechle that I had known when I was a very small child following my father around at all the eastern Nebraska horse sales. Who would have known from then on Jack and Mary would make a annual migration to our ranch for the annual horse sale. It would have never been the same without them there. Driving up in there black Lincoln Jack helping get things ready and Mary helping Mom in the house. After the sale the annual party and story hour of old times. I wish I had recorded those crazy events. Jack and his cool laugh Mary with her beautiful suficiated way of being such a great lady and friend. Mary I am sure you and Jack are with Mom and Dad in Heven enjoying a cold beer and looking down on your family's that all loved you do very much. God bless you and your family at this time. So glad you did not suffer you were truly a grand lady and will be missed love Mike and Vicki

Mike and Vicki Buechle - March 04, 2015 at 09:32 AM

CB

“ Beautiful,fun, wonderful Mary rest in peace with our Lord.

Sara and family, We will always Remember and Love Jack & Mary like another set of parents, thanks for sharing them with us.

So many great memories from both Valentine & Waterloo etc

God Bless

Chris & Kathy Buechle

Chris & Kathy Buechle - March 03, 2015 at 09:31 PM

IP

“ I knew Mary through a quilt group that met at the Elkhorn library.. She was always a cheerful, humorous member of our group and we have really missed her this last year. She did have a great sense of humor and we shared many laughs.

Irene Pargett - March 03, 2015 at 04:58 PM

MH

“ I did not know Mary well or for a long time - but it did not take me long to see what a special lady she was. I saw her most often quilting on Wednesdays at the Elkhorn library. She always looked like a million dollars! I especially enjoyed her humor - she was always so much fun and I am lucky that I knew her. I miss her and send my sympathy to her family.

Maryanna Hergenrader - March 03, 2015 at 03:16 PM

GS

“ I am sad to learn of Mary's passing. She was such a beautiful person, honest, friendly, and kind. I worked for Mary and Jack on construction projects at their home, and at the end of the day, she always had a cold beer for me and we would sit and visit about whatever. One thing about Mary, she would always tell it like it is! She spoke highly of her family and they were the center of her life. More recently Mary would call me to stop by and fix something for her, and even though I was out of the construction business, I would always try to stop, mainly because I enjoyed seeing her and catching up. I just saw her a week ago at the St. Johns fish fry in Valley, and I am glad I spoke to her one last time. Goodbye my friend.

Greg

Greg Sunde - March 02, 2015 at 05:45 PM

MJ

“ Sara and family, what a shock to learn of your moms passing. We are in AZ and won't be home in time for the services, but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mary was such a sweetheart. We will all miss her so very much.
Hugs to you, Marilyn and Jim Schreiner

Marilyn and jim - February 28, 2015 at 09:36 PM