



Mary H. Magnusson

March 22, 1924 - September 16, 2019

Mary H. Magnusson, 95, of Central City, Nebraska died Monday, September 16, 2019 at Litzenberg Long Term Care in Central City, Nebraska. Funeral services will be Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Central City with Pastor Tom Lucas officiating. Visitation will be Friday, September 20, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Burial will be in the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church and The Good Life Center in Central City. Condolences can also be sent to www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Mary was born on March 22, 1924 to John J. and Mary (Corrigan) Connolly in New Haven, Connecticut. She attended James Hillhouse Academic High School graduating in 1941. She then graduated from Yale New Haven School of Nursing. Mary grew up in New Haven, CT and then moved to Fremont where she waited for Bill to be discharged from the military. Mary then married William Magnusson on April 17, 1946 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The couple lived in St. Edward, Schuyler, and then to Central City in 1949. Mary was a Library trustee from 1960 to 1968. In 1968, she began as a children's librarian for 15 years, where she taught Story Hour for many Merrick County children. In 1984, she became the Library Director until 1987 when she retired from Hard's Memorial Library.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church serving as the Financial Secretary for 15 years. She served on many other organizations and boards

including, American Legion Auxiliary serving as Past President and The Order of Eastern Star since 1948. She was part of Beta Sigma Phi, Nebraska Epsilon Master Chapter, Guardian Council for Job's Daughters, 40 and 8 Salon 769, Chapeau. She served on the State of Nebraska Library Association, as the Trustee and Legislative Liaison, she was also a board member of Midland Area of Aging, Extension Club, Girl Scout Leader, and was President of Union Pacific Old Timers.

Mary is survived by three daughters- Beryl and Jim Kohtz of Bedford, TX; Deborah and Craig Wessale of Lincoln, NE; and Jocelyn and Tom Shires of Grosse Pointe Park, MI; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband- Bill; one son- Kirby Magnusson; three brothers- John, Joseph, and Paul Connolly; two sisters- Agnes Connolly and Catherine McCormack.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St.
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Funeral Service

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Chuck and I are so sorry we were unable to attend the visitation or funeral of your mother, Mary. She was a dear. She was always so friendly and ready to talk about anything. She and my mother were in Cottonwood at the same time and I liked to stop by and chat if her room door was open. I miss my mother every day. There are so many things to miss about a mother. Chuck and I often chat about our parents and share fond memories.

Linda and Chuck Ryan - September 30, 2019 at 07:14 PM

MK

“ I just received my CC Republican-Nonpareil in the mail and am saddened to read of Mary's passing. My parents, the late Mary and Victor Snell, were friends to both your mom and dad. I recall when my own dad lived at LT he would sit at Bill's table and often Mary would join the guys at the table for coffee and conversation while they ate. I even remember years earlier meeting them at church, around time and especially the senior center when I came to CC to visit my folks. Your parents were absolutely unforgettable and a joy to be around. Know I am sending you love and light during this trying time. MaryAnn (Snell) Keeling of Baltimore, MD.

MaryAnn (Snell) Keeing - September 26, 2019 at 04:58 PM

HA

“ I remember your mom as the children's librarian where I learned to live to read. I literally read every book for my age in there, and when I transitioned upstairs, she did so there. An amazing woman who had an important impact on the lives of so many children and teens in the Merrick County area. Praying for comfort and peace at her passing.

Heidi Boelts Allgood - September 18, 2019 at 06:04 PM

HA

Love to read. My typing skills on my phone are poor

Heidi Boelts Allgood - September 18, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary H. Magnusson.*



September 18, 2019 at 04:16 PM

SH

“ *I was saddened to learn about Mary's passing. She was a good friend of mine for many years. I have thought of her many times since I moved to Wisconsin several years ago. I want to extend my sympathy to her family will keep them in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sonia Holbrook - September 18, 2019 at 11:16 AM

LM

“ *She was a good friend of the Munn family, especially Dorothy. She was a proud family member of Central City. RIP. God Bless!*

Larry Munn - September 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *The Killham family (Alford, Randy & Cindi) send our condolences to the Magnusson family, even though it has been a long time since our families have spent any time together. Alford was familiar with the family from his family's many years in Central City, and Randy & Jocelyn attended Camp Comeca together a very long time ago. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*



Randy Killham - September 18, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary H. Magnusson.*



September 18, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *We send our love and condolences to the whole Magnusson family. Jocelyn, sending my love and hugs to you my good friend!! Jim and I will not be able to attend the services but will certainly keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was a beautiful woman and such a good friend to so many, including my Mom and she'll be missed very much. God's Blessings to you and may He hold you all especially close during this time of loss.
Love you! Jim and Connie Holmes*

Connie Holmes - September 18, 2019 at 09:26 AM

CW

“ I spent a lot of time at the Magnusson home growing up! I have such fond memories of playing with Deb as we grew up. Our families were great friends. I got a lot of Deb's clothes when she outgrew them and it was like getting a whole new wardrobe! Bill and Mary always treated me like one of theirs. They were both great Christian role models. I'm so sad they're both now gone but I'll always cherish all the fun times together in each other's homes and at church. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you. Coral Wegner

Coral Wegner - September 17, 2019 at 11:04 PM