



## Mary Ludwig

March 11, 1935 - March 10, 2025

Mary Ludwig, 89, of Breda, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 10, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Father Terry Roder. Music will be provided by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Mass servers will be Owen and Morgan Masching. Lectors will be Mary's nieces: Renee Monson, Keri Renze and Kathy Milligan. Mary's granddaughters will serve as Gift Bearers and Ryan Milligan will be the Eucharistic Minister. Mary's grandchildren will be Casket Bearers. Burial will follow in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume on Saturday morning at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her honor may be made to Kuemper Catholic Schools. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Mary's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on March 11, 1935, in Carroll, Iowa, Mary was the daughter of Tony and Mildred (Polking) Pick. She grew up on a farm outside of Breda and graduated

from St. Bernard's High School. Mary shared a close bond with her only sibling, her dear sister Jane Pick Kluver.

On June 20, 1953, Mary married the love of her life, Norman Ludwig. Together, they built a life filled with love, family, and faith. They first settled in Auburn, where they owned and operated the Ludwig Standard service station. When Norman was drafted into the Korean War, Mary accompanied him to New Jersey while he was stationed there. Upon his deployment, she returned home to Breda, where she would remain for the rest of her life. Mary's greatest joy came from her role as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was blessed with four children: Steven, Ann, Chris and Lisa.

She was a life-long member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and its organizations. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. Her West of Breda neighbors were a source of lifelong friendship and support, and in her later years, she found new friendships and community at Garden View, which she cherished deeply.

Mary's life was a testament to kindness, faith, and unwavering love for her family. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth and strength, and her presence will be deeply missed.

Left to honor and celebrate her life are her four children: Steven Ludwig, Ann (Jim) Tiefenthaler, Chris (Christy) Ludwig and Lisa (Steve) Irlbeck; 16 grandchildren: Jillian (Rocky) Robbins, Sean Ludwig, Channon Ludwig; (Jena (Andrew) Jones and Victoria Boelman); Jasen (Jen) Tiefenthaler, Alissa (Blake) Eischeid, Ali (Jake) Freking, Connor (Cat) Ludwig, Claire (Nate) Molak, Caleb Ludwig, Carson Ludwig, Chloe Ludwig, Zach (Lindsey) Irlbeck, Josh (Madi) Irlbeck and Colton Irlbeck; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law Dennis Kluver; a sister-in-law Edna Ludwig; and many extended family

members and dear friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Norman (August 10, 2011), a daughter-in-law Nancy Ludwig; and her sister Jane Kluver. She was also preceded by brothers-in-law Loren Reising, Duane Ludwig, Romaine Ludwig, and Orville Ludwig; sisters-in-law Grace Ludwig, Betty Ludwig and Norma Jean Ludwig; and nephew John Ludwig.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary will always be remembered as such a kind and caring person.  
Jerry and Sherry Renze*

Sheryl Renze - March 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ludwig.

March 14, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ludwig.*



March 14, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Kathy & Dean Williams purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ludwig.*



Kathy & Dean Williams - March 13, 2025 at 05:10 PM

ET

“ On behalf of the management and staff of The Community Supports Network, Des Moines, Iowa, I wish to express my deepest condolences to the Ludwig family for the passing of your Matriarch, Mary Ludwig. We share in your pain and bereavement and pray to God to grant her soul eternal respite in the Heavens. Warm Wishes from Edmund Toks, Frontline Supervisor/Residential Manager, CSN Des Moines, Iowa.

Edmund Toks - March 13, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ludwig.

March 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ludwig.



March 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TE

“ Mary made ThE BEST sloppy joes, She was a wonderful person. I have fond memories. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, Terry and Brian Popp

Terry - March 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Jeschke lit a candle in memory of Mary Ludwig*



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**marilyn Jeschke** - March 12, 2025 at 11:23 PM

MJ

*Got to meet Mary when I entered Garden View - wonderful Lady -going to miss her - my Mother was from Breda & Mary knew so many people that knew my Mothers family*

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**marilyn Jeschke** - March 12, 2025 at 11:27 PM

DW

“ *Dave & Joanne Wendl purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ludwig.*



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**Dave & Joanne Wendl** - March 12, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JE

“ *Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was such a pleasant and kind person. Treasure all those wonderful memories you had with her. Joe and Jane Espenhover.*

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**Joe and Jane Espenhover** - March 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM

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“ & Amanda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ludwig.



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**& Amanda** - March 12, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PG

“ Paige & Michael Gansen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ludwig.



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**Paige & Michael Gansen** - March 12, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ludwig.

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March 12, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ludwig.



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March 12, 2025 at 08:56 AM

RG

“ Lisa and family- so very sorry to hear this- the sweetest and most caring lady I've met. Heaven has gained the most wonderful angel



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Renee Greve - March 10, 2025 at 11:59 PM

AJ

“ Arnold J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ludwig.

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Arnold J. - March 10, 2025 at 03:19 PM