

## Mary C. Tesar

August 10, 1942 - December 1, 2022

Mary Catherine Tesar was born on August 10, 1942 in Sutton, Nebraska to Ernest & Rosalie (Joyce) Kamler at the Sutton hospital. She passed away on December 1, 2022 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 80 years, 3 months and 22 days. She was the oldest of 3 daughters.

Mary grew up on the farm northwest of Shickley. She enjoyed working outside helping her dad farm, and she often told stories of riding Shetland ponies and occasionally having to jump off for safety reasons. She had many fond memories growing up with family & friends at Turkey Creek. She was also a great cook and well known for her chocolate chip cookies. Mary attended Shickley Public School and graduated with the class of 1959. On August 20, 1963 she married Donald Lauenstein. They had one son, Tony. Don passed away November 17, 1982. Mary worked a variety of jobs including the Fillmore County Assessor's Office. Mary was an avid bowler and had many trophies to show. On January 22, 1991, Mary & Norman "Hoot" Tesar were married. After retiring Mary & Hoot enjoyed traveling to area casinos, the horseraces and just cruising around visiting with family & friends. She also enjoyed attending all of her grandsons' activities, seldom missing any. One of her happiest moments was becoming great grandma. She enjoyed taking pictures of everyone and everywhere they traveled. No matter where she went she knew someone. In August of 2020 Mary moved to the Knolls Assisted Living in Lincoln, Nebraska. She enjoyed the friends she met there and

participating in the many activities they offered. She could often be found playing bingo & cards or working on a puzzle.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband Don Lauenstein; husband Norman "Hoot" Tesar; Sister Patricia Lutt; niece Amy Himmelberg; and great nephews Charles Himmelberg, Jay Denkert, & Lee Lutt

She is survived by son Tony (Karen) Lauenstein of Shickley, Nebraska; grandsons Tyler (Kelsey) Lauenstein of Shickley, Nebraska and Dylan (Taylor) Lauenstein of Geneva, Nebraska; great grandsons Brooks Lauenstein of Shickley, Nebraska and Mason Lauenstein of Geneva, Nebraska; Sister Betty (Robert) Himmelberg of Lawrence, Nebraska; brother –in-law Jake Tesar of Geneva, Nebraska & friend Pam Turner; sisters-in-law Marlys (Jim) Voth of Kearney, Nebraska and Cindy (Steve) Carrigan of Geneva, Nebraska; nieces & nephews; special friend Sharon & Leo Lott of Geneva, Nebraska; and numerous other family & friends.

A Funeral Mass for Mary was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva. A Rosary was prayed prior to the Funeral Mass. Charlotte Bumgarner accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Be Not Afraid," "Be Still My Soul," "One Bread, One Body," "Song Of Farewell," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers for the Funeral included Tyler Lauenstein, Dylan Lauenstein, Tim Himmelberg, Troy Himmelberg, Todd Himmelberg, Jon Denkert, and Ron Ziggafos.

A Graveside Service was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Mass.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the Geneva Fire & Rescue or the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Rosary

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
831 E Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

## Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

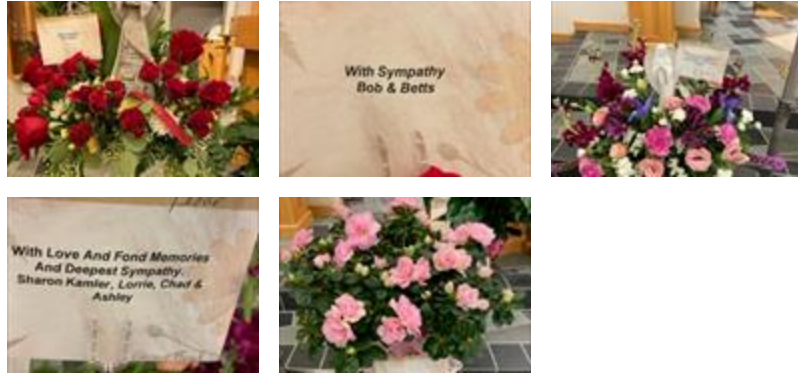
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# Tribute Wall



“ 40 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 06, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Mary well be missed she was a wonderful lady to be around



Sherri Burklund - December 06, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Prayers and Sympathy to all of Mary's family.



Barb Trapp - December 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

JA

“ *Jane Antholz lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar*



Jane Antholz - December 05, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SA

“ *Sharon Kamler, Lorrie, Chad & Ashley purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary C. Tesar.*



Sharon Kamler, Lorrie, Chad & Ashley - December 05, 2022 at 08:44 AM

ST

“ *So many great memories of Mary, especially of going to the horse races in Columbus and Grand Island! Never a dull or quiet moment as Mary was always full of life and happy and bubbly! To watch her interact with Hoot always melted one's heart! She is now back with him and at peace!*



susan Turner - December 04, 2022 at 01:22 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar*



Holly Rippe - December 04, 2022 at 08:00 AM

DR

“ Don Carvel Reinsch lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar



Don & Carvel Reinsch - December 03, 2022 at 07:12 PM

HR

“ Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar



Holly Rippe - December 03, 2022 at 03:45 PM

MW

“ Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar



Melea Walters - December 03, 2022 at 01:48 PM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar



Linda Heinisch - December 03, 2022 at 08:09 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar*



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**Virginia Johnson** - December 02, 2022 at 10:28 PM

PU

“ *Such a wonderful lady and friend! She can be happy again with Hoot!!*



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**Pat Urbauer** - December 02, 2022 at 08:14 PM

LR

“ *Lori Reinsch lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar*



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**Lori Reinsch** - December 02, 2022 at 07:53 PM

ET

“ *Mary was a great lady always a smile and laugh lot of memories with her and Hoot prayers for the family.*



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**Elaine Turgeon** - December 02, 2022 at 07:19 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Mary Tesar*



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**Lisa Dondlinger** - December 02, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary C. Tesar.*



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December 02, 2022 at 04:22 PM