



Mary Ellen Ashby

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Mary Ellen Ashby, age 92, of Centerville, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2024 at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville.

Mary was born on July 24, 1932 in Centerville, Iowa, the daughter of Victor and Josephine (Bettale) Pasa. She graduated from Centerville High School. She was united in marriage to Clyde "Red" Robert Ashby.

Mary was co-owner of Ashby's Bakery with her husband, Red. She loved to bake, and continued to in retirement. Subsequently, she was also a home healthcare aide. In her free time, Mary enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, cutting out newspaper clippings of the people she cared about, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary was truly a one-of-a-kind woman, with a heart of gold. Left to cherish Mary's memory are her children, Michael (Lora) Ashby, Rick Ashby-Pete Kahovec, and Vicky Ashby-Sande; honorary daughter-in-law, Linda Ashby-Mcfarlane, her grandchildren, Robert (Renee) Ashby, Roger Ashby, Christina Ashby, Aaron (Monica) Ashby, Angela Ashby-Grogean, Alyssa (Mark) Walz, Heather Sande, Jason (Kaitlyn) Sande, Shelly Ashby, Sharla Ashby, and Chris (Deb) Hobart; several great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Elaine Pasa; former daughter-in-law Linda Ashby McFarlane; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde "Red" Ashby; her step-son, David Ashby; her son-in-law, David Sande; and her siblings, Joe Pasa and Victor Pasa Jr.. Per Mary's wishes, cremation has been accorded. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00AM, Monday, January 6th, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville with Fr. Ron Hodges officiating.

Pending weather, burial will follow the service at Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. Visitation will take place Monday, January 6, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Memorials have been established to St. Mary's Catholic



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Church, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Ashby Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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GF

Gene Furlin posted:

Condolences to all Mary's family on her passing! Mary used to live across the street from my folks when I was growing up and her and my mom were good friends. Mary was a dear and wonderful lady RIP ❤️🙏

December 22 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sherry Henshaw posted:

Sending ♥️🙏

December 21 at 7:00 PM

KF

Karla Freese posted:

I am going to miss Mary her 2 cats and Duke, I brought communion to her every Saturday She loved her family and friends. Mary dear lady RIP

December 20 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jean & Joe Pratte lit a candle in honor of Mary.



December 20 at 7:00 PM

JK

Joy Korthuis posted:

So sorry for your loss, sending prayers

December 20 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jack Briggs posted:

So sorry to hear of Mary's passing

December 20 at 7:00 PM



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JP

Jerry Power posted:

Our sincere condolences to Mike, Rick and Vicky! Lots of memories with this great human being. On my way home from Lincoln Grade School, their yard on West Washington was a favorite stop! Playing with Ricky, Vicky and later Mike! I was always impressed with her immaculate home. My Mom would call the bakery on my birthday and order a cake and Red would drop it by our house! They were always BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED! I can still remember the huge smile on Red's face when he delivered, not sure who was happier, him or me! Later Mary applied for an office job at McGraw Edison, it was an easy hire for me, she had Work Ethic. She worked for an individual who was kind of ornery to work for and Mary would stop by my office to let off a little steam. We always ended laughing about it. I was on the Appanoose Community Care Board and I got to talk and see her when it closed. The City was a better place thanks to Mary, may she Rest in Peace! Fond memories!!! Her Brother Joe was one of my favorite people!!!

December 20 at 7:00 PM

DD

Donnie N Joyce Davis posted:

What a sweet lady. So sorry for your family's loss. ❤️ Love and prayers.

December 20 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carol Mccoy Clark posted:

Sorry for y.our loss.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

JS

Julie Simpson Schilling posted:

Sending hugs & prayers to you all. Mary was a sweet lady.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

CB

Chris Van Blaricome posted:

Mike and Robert, my condolences 🌸

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CT

Clarissia Henshaw Thomas posted:

Sorry

December 19 at 7:00 PM

KR

Karen Robbins posted:

My beautiful amazing aunt Mary

December 19 at 7:00 PM

PR

Patti Slavin Richmond posted:

Prayers for the family. Mary was such a lovely lady, so friendly and kind, she will certainly be missed.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

SC

Sandy Conn posted:

Sorry for your loss

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DA

Deanna Allen posted:

Prayers for the family

December 19 at 7:00 PM

CB

Carolyn Bills posted:

My condolences to the Ashby family 🌹

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RL

Reta Louise Sandner Long posted:

Prayers for the family.

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CB

Chrys Bailey lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary was a wonderful neighbor, boss and care provider! Mary always had that sweet smile which would brighten your day. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her 🙏 family. My thoughts are with you. Chrys Bailey

December 19 at 7:00 PM



LR

Linda Dianne Ranes lit a candle in honor of Mary.

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JP

Joe & Jeanie Pratte lit a candle in honor of Mary.

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DW

Denise Cathlina-Wiodman lit a candle in honor of Mary.

So many fond childhood memories of the Ashby Bakery on the levee. ❤️ My Aunt Michele Todavich would rush there early on the weekends to get the best donuts...my grandma lived on 18th Street about a block away. John Charles Todavich and I are thinking of your family. God Bless.Denise Cathlina-Wildman

December 19 at 7:00 PM



CC

Cheryl Watts-Curtis lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends!

December 19 at 7:00 PM



AA

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Mary Ellen Ashby posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

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CR

Cristy Piercy Rhoades posted:

Prayers for the family!

December 19 at 7:00 PM

LS

Linda Stober posted:

Mary was our neighbor for years. Truly a lovely lady. I think at one time or another all of us neighborhood kids took our turn working at the bakery.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

TP

Theresa Powless posted:

Prayers for your families loss.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

December 19 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jimandcarol Rowan posted:

Was so sorry to hear about Mary. She was a long time friend. Will miss our long conversations and laugh's. Rest in peace sweet friend. Our condolences to her family.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Rick, Vicky, and Mike We've known your Mom for many years. Since the bakery with Red on the Levee. She was such a nice lady. So sorry for your loss and prayers for all.

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PC

Pamela Young Curtis posted:

Prayers to the family .

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DS

Denise Sheston posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mary was a very sweet lady and dedicated to her patients as a homemade aide. Prayers for her family.

December 19 at 7:00 PM

CS

Cindy Snider posted:

So sorry for your loss,

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MS

Maryann Stottlemyre Long Sparks posted:

Thoughts and prayers go out to the family!

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DA

Debbie Atkinson posted:

Our condolences to Mike Ashby and the entire family for your loss!

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RM

Renea Monson Morrissey posted:

Praying for family and friends. She was such a beautiful lady.

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WD

Willa Dobbs posted:

So sorry to hear this. Very sweet lady

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Lou Ohrt posted:

Prayers for family

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Lena Anderson posted:

My condolences to the family

December 19 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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