

Remembering Mary Jane

Mary Jane Cape, 96, of Hot Springs, SD, passed away July 24, 2026. Mary Jane was born on March 25, 1930, in Hastings, NE to Ray and Jessie Dudgeon. She grew up on a farm near Trumbull, NE and graduated there. Mary Jane received her teaching degree in elementary education from Hastings College and taught school for 5 years in NE.

She met Howard Cape during her last teaching year in Dalton, and they were married June 13, 1954. To this marriage four children were born: Susan, Dale, Dean and Kelly. Their ranching career began near Chadron. Then, in 1959, Mary Jane and Howard bought a ranch west of Hot Springs, SD where she enjoyed being a home maker and ranch wife.

She was an active member of the Minnekahta Valley Ladies' Club. Mary Jane was a Christian Education Director and a Sunday School teacher at the United Churches. She served on the hospital and election boards for many years. Howard and Mary Jane enjoyed many cross-country trips. After Howard passed in 1998, she continued to live on the ranch and joined Eastern Star where she was active for many years. Her trips in search of beautiful fall foliage continued, and she also enjoyed quilting, knitting, reading and doing puzzles.

Mary Jane's greatest joy came from spending time with her family. Her sister Betty was her closest friend, and they spent as much time together as possible. Everyone knew that if Mary Jane and Betty were together, the chatter was nonstop!

Mary Jane moved to Pine Hills Retirement Center in 2023 and enjoyed her time there. She loved to visit with the staff and was grateful for the wonderful care received from them and the Hospice staff.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister and infant brother Tommy.

She is survived by her children Susan, Dale (Billie), Dean (Nancy), and Kelly (Paula); grandchildren Adam, Michael, Stephen, Ryan, Sam, Molly, Kevin, and Tyler; great grandchildren Emilee, Jayde, Grayson, Parker, Ivy, Alexis, Teddy, and Henry.

Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home



23 Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
Shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a
table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever...*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Jane Cape

March 25, 1930—July 24, 2026
Hastings, Nebraska Hot Springs, South Dakota

VISITATION

4-6pm, Friday, July 31, 2026
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Hot Springs, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES

2pm, Saturday, August 1, 2026
United Churches
Hot Springs, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS

Pastor Brian Willats & Assistant Chaplain Morris Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Just Because He Loves Me"
"How Great Thou Art"

PIANIST

Tracey Bastian

TAPED SELECTION

"The World is not My Home"

PALLBEARERS

Adam Farghali, Michael Farghali, Stephen Farghali, Ryan Cape
Sam Cape, Kevin Cape, Molly Cape, Sean Cape, Tyler Cape

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Curt Bert, John McKnight, Arneson Family, Randy Mount

EASTERN STAR MEMORIAL SERVICE

MEMORIALS

The United Churches

LUNCHEON

United Churches

COMMITTAL SERVICES

Minnekahta Cemetery