



Mary E. Schroeder

July 13, 1954 - May 23, 2026

Mary Elizabeth (Abel) Schroeder, 71, passed away peacefully at home on May 23, 2026. A lifelong resident of Dickinson County, she grew up in Kingsford Heights and lived in Merriman for the past 45 years.

After graduating from Kingsford High School in 1972, Mary earned an associate's degree in secretarial science from Lake Superior State University. She spent time traveling across the United States before returning to Kingsford. Mary worked at WE Energies for 32 years as a secretary and mapper. There, she met her husband of 44 years, Gary. Together they raised two children, Claire and Louie.

Mary was always a stylish dresser and loved to shop. She had a wonderful sense of humor and remained warm and generous throughout multiple health issues.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Audrey and Robert Abel; her son, Louie, who died in June 2025; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joanne and Robert Schroeder; her brothers-in-law, Mark Schroeder and Mike DallaValle; and her nephew, Cooper Schroeder.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; her daughter, Claire; her granddaughter, Bianca Stanchina; her sisters, Sue DallaValle and Ginna (Joe)

Ferris; brother-in-law Greg Schroeder; her nephews, Rob (Emily) Ferris, Dave Ferris, and Gage Schroeder; as well as many treasured friends whose company she enjoyed throughout her lifetime. She will remain in the prayers and hearts of those who love and miss her.

Per her request, no public funeral services will be held.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. VanLaanen and her team for their many years of exceptional care.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mary E. Schroeder online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

YT

“ Mary has been a dear friend from the moment we met at Lake State in 1972. We had a wonderful time travelling out west together for a couple of years after college. To this day, I still remember and tell, “Me and Mary” stories. Mary was a humorous and warm person who was always a pleasure to be around. We never seemed to have a dull moment and if we did, we would start singing one of our favorite songs. (we were awful, actually)!

Mary’s courageous way she dealt with her medical issues was truly remarkable. Always looking on the bright side and rallying for another day.

I will never forget Mary or the times we shared.

John and I send our heartfelt sympathy and love to you Gary, Claire and Bianca, and the rest of the family.

Yvonne (Eve) Taylor

Yvonne Taylor - June 13 at 07:08 PM

AR

“ deepest sympathy and love for the family. blessed to call you my cousin

Ann M Rubbo - June 11 at 01:53 PM

PJ

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to her family .Hugs to Ginna.Mary was a beautiful lady. Sending prayers

Paula Johnson - June 10 at 09:20 PM

LM

“ I first met Mary at my first job, working in the assessor's office at Kingsford City Hall. A few years later, we both worked for the county in different departments. When we started our families, we became godmothers to each other's children and enjoyed celebrating their April birthdays together.

Over the years, we shared many lunches, phone calls and conversations that kept us connected. Mary faced significant health challenges with remarkable grace and rarely complained. Her strength, resilience, and friendship were an inspiration.

Gary, you were a constant source of love and support for Mary. Your steady presence and unwavering encouragement were a blessing throughout her journey.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Claire and Bianca. Mary will be deeply missed.

Lynne McClure

Lynne McClure - June 09 at 12:11 PM

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“ Mary was a beautiful woman and so kind. I treasure the years I worked with her at Wisconsin Electric. Also enjoyed getting together with her and the rest of the girls that I worked with for dinner. Her children were the ages of mine and they grew very close in their younger years. They spent many hours together. They shared the same day care sitter during the week. The girls would get off the bus together and their brothers would be there waiting for them. They all had a strong bond. Mary and her husband, Gary, lived close to us and the children visited each other often. Such a beautiful family! She will be missed by many!

Kathy Borkowski - June 08 at 03:52 PM