



Mary Jane Meininger

July 7, 1931 - January 6, 2021

Mary Jane Meininger was called home on the morning of January 6, 2021 to be with our Lord.

Mary Jane was born on July 7, 1931 to Lloyd H. Etzel and Mary J. (Norris) Etzel in Scottsbluff, NE. She was raised near Huntley, WY on the Etzel homestead in the house her father built. A couple of years later she was joined by her brothers, Lloyd E. Etzel and Willy Etzel.

Mary Jane started school at Katzar School and later graduated from Huntley High School. After graduating she worked in the Huntley Cafeteria and a summer at Flagg Ranch in Yellowstone, WY.

Mary Jane met her husband Leroy E. Meininger and began farming on the Chalupa place. Later they would move to the Etzel homeplace where she spent the rest of her life.

Mary Jane was known for her love of horses and animals, cooking, and feeding anyone who walked through the door. She loved having visitors and her door was always open. She had a huge heart and was always concerned about others. Known as the Birthday Queen, she always had a card ready to be mailed to help celebrate that special day and if you were lucky, your favorite birthday cake.

Numerous nieces and nephews spent happy summers at their Aunt Mary's house, riding ponies, playing with baby lambs, calves, kittens, and puppies. The original Pied Piper is what her brother Willy called her. She never met a rattlesnake whose tail did not end up in her collection much to her family's

amusement.

Mary Jane Meininger is survived by her three daughters, Jo Meininger, Peggy Sue Meininger and Joyce (Dean) Root, three granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane Meininger was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leroy, two brothers, Lloyd (Eddie) & Willy Etzel, and two nieces, Jackie Miller and Sandra Jack.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Lyman United Church of Christ or the Torrington Senior Friendship Center.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ *Mary was a character! She was such a joy! She is remember by our family! Prayers and thoughts! Leland and Mary Ann Vetter family*

Mary Ann Vetter - February 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM

KK

“ *We are so sorry to see Mary go. She was always a cheerful soul to be with. God Bless Her. May you have many cherished memories of your wonderful parents. Kate and Neal Kelly*

Kathryn Kelly - January 17, 2021 at 08:42 PM

MJ

“ *I think I have known Mary Jane all of my life! She was such fun and full of life - a tomboy who would ride her horse over to our house hoping for company. She was a year older than I and her brother Eddie was in my class. Sharp kids who did well in life. Memorable friends. My sympathy, Jo, for your loss with love from Margie Raben Jones.*

Margie R Jones - January 17, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KE

“ Our memories of Mary began in her later years when we met her through our connection with her daughter Jo. We loved her smile and laughter. She always radiated that life was joyful and lived it fully. Nearly every community activity we attended, she was there spreading her happiness.



We send our condolences to the family of this amazing lady.

Karin & Howard Eisenhauer

Karin Eisenhauer - January 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.



January 11, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.



January 11, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.*



January 11, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Kristy Weglin lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Kristy Weglin - January 11, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Julene Asmus lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Julene Asmus - January 11, 2021 at 03:39 PM

LM

“ Jo, and Peg, our deepest Sympathy for the loss of your dear mother. We first met her at the fair grounds, she was giving rides to the children with her cart and donkey. Of course, my daughter was very scared and Mary took her under her wing and they became fast friends. We were blessed from that day forward. Jo kept us up with her stories. One of my fondest memories is Mary would coming to the school, wearing her hat and walking in with her walking stick, stopping by while she was in town. 😊 May you remember all the wonderful times you had with her, she was a wonderful, caring, and joyful lady. God bless her family, Liz and Soraya Moore.



Liz and Soraya Moore - January 11, 2021 at 05:08 AM

LM

“ Dear Jo, I was sorry to hear of your mom's passing. To you and your family I extend heartfelt sympathy. Mom's are so special and from experience I know there will be some sadness, but soon the clouds will clear and you will be remembering the love, stories, laughter and joy that she brought to you, your sisters and many, many others. She will continue to watch over you and yours and will be with you each day. Take care friend and peace be with you, your sisters and family. Lynn Margheim

Lynn Margheim - January 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM

CM

“ Jo, Peggy and family,

I knew right away when I met Mary that she was “one of a kind” and she deserved the upmost respect. Always very friendly and full of life!!

Mary was a godsend to my brother and his family. The kids thought of her like a grandmother and I know she taught them many things about life as they grew up. She was a great lady!

My sincere condolences.

Connie McKenna

Connie McKenna - January 09, 2021 at 09:06 PM

ME

“ *Mark Etzel lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Mark Etzel - January 09, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Diana Etzel lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Diana Etzel - January 09, 2021 at 01:04 AM



“ *Diana Etzel purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.*



Diana Etzel - January 09, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Diana Etzel - January 09, 2021 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.*



January 08, 2021 at 10:06 PM

SH

“ *"Aunt" Mary, you took me in as your own. I was so happy to be able to spend time with you and cut your hair when you were here in Loveland with Peggy. Jo and Peggy, my sincere prayers for comfort and peace. You're mom was a shining light. She'll be missed.*

Shelli Johnson-Webster



Shelli - January 08, 2021 at 08:45 PM

BG

“ *Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Bobbi Kay Giles - January 08, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Meininger.*



January 08, 2021 at 02:21 PM

BL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mary Jane was one of the kindest people I know. She always had a smile on her face every time I saw her. She will be missed.*

Brenda Lowry - January 08, 2021 at 11:40 AM

DE

“ *Deborah Eberspecher lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Deborah Eberspecher - January 08, 2021 at 11:37 AM

DR

“ *Donna and I would like to express our sincere condolences to Jo, Peggy and the family of Mary. God has given Mary a new body, a better body, one that can never grow old, never know disease, never suffer pain, and can never die. God has also given you the memories of her. Remember how happy she made you and also how happy you made her. May God's comfort and peace be with each of you.*

Dale and Donna Radford - January 08, 2021 at 09:55 AM

LI

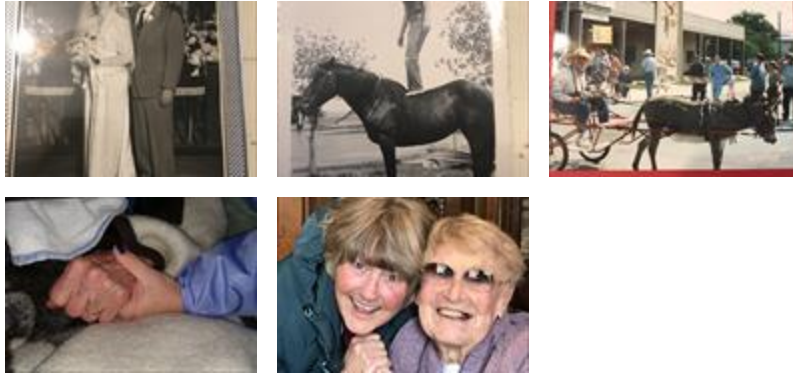
“ *Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Meininger*



Loren and Shirley Isbell - January 08, 2021 at 09:26 AM

PD

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Peggy Sue Meininger - daughter - January 08, 2021 at 07:47 AM

PD

“ I would like to start off this memorial page by Celebrating a well lived life of 89 and a half of my Mom. Jo and I love the stories that followed our amazing Mom around and we hope to see yours on this wonderful website that lets us celebrate a great life.

My Mom had the greatest eye and hand coordination. Much to my astonishment I discovered this after she nailed me in the back at fifty paces with a dirt clod down on the North Forty. I proceeded to test this, ohh foolish mouthy teenager that I was, and darn if she didn't nail me again with shocking accuracy! Dad just shook his head and asked if I learned anything as my Mom casually picked up another dirt clod and casually tossed it in the air.

Well played Dad and Mom, well played. ❤️😘😭

Peggy Sue Meininger - daughter - January 07, 2021 at 11:43 PM

JW

What wonderful pictures! You can tell she had alot of spunk and pizzaz and was a great mother to you girls. Sorry about your loss, but glad you have such fun memories to treasure.

Jancy Walter

Jancy Walter - January 08, 2021 at 12:31 PM

ME

Speaking of dirt aunt Mary hated that I chewed so if she seen me with a chew in my mouth she would run me down and put a handful of dirt in my mouth. I never chewed around her anymore.

Mark Etzel - January 09, 2021 at 12:14 PM

KW

I remember riding in that cart in the Goshen County parade...Jack Hort was the name of that Donkey...

Kristy Weglin - January 11, 2021 at 05:20 PM

KD

“*Jo, so very sorry to learn of your mom's passing . She was quite a lady. Deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

Kathy Davis

Kathryn Davis - January 07, 2021 at 11:13 PM

JL

“ Ah Mary, I was your lost one--always roaming around and you didn't know where I'd moved until I called. Then you would remind me of my neglect by asking "well lost one, where are you now?". You and I got to know each other well during our painting class that decided never to end and continued for years beyond its intended 9 weeks. What fun we gals had with each other-the funny stories we would tell. You and I shared the love of animals and you would tell me about hooking ol' Jack, your donkey, up to the cart and participate in the Cheyenne Frontier Days parade. I wish I could have seen that--his old hat and all. I remember listening for his bray each time I came out to your house. My most precious gift from you was a picture you took of my palamino mare with her head between your lilic bushes in full bloom. It is gorgeous. As we wheeled you into the nursing home, you looked over your shoulder at me and told the nurses I was your other daughter. That was the last time I saw you. What a gift. Thank you so much for saying that-laying a bit of claim on me as well as all your others. I felt privileged. I love you, too. Such a positive influence your bright and beautiful spirit has had upon me. You have been and will always be a major blessing in my life. God speed. You live with us always in our hearts. Jean Lewis

Jean Lewis - January 07, 2021 at 09:31 PM

IK

Jo and Peg

Even though I am glad that Mary's struggle is over I know that it's always hard to say good-bye. One of my fondest memories of Mary is the time I took my high school aged Sunday school students to her farm to shoot pictures for our Christmas Eve program at church. She had everything ready for us including the donkey. What a fun morning it was. .Became a good friends and I always enjoyed her visits after church. Your mom was "one of a kind" and brought joy to many. May God surround you with his tender love during this most difficult time.

Irene Kraus .

Irene Kraus - January 11, 2021 at 01:14 PM