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Mary Ann Shepard, 79, of Clinton passed away Monday, November 16, 2015 at her home – Clinton.

A memorial service will be privately held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Her urn will be buried in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Mary Ann Lorenzen was born July 19, 1936 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Ida (Christiansen) Lorenzen. She was a 1954 graduate of Clinton High School.

She married Allan Gronwaldt at Zion Lutheran Church in 1958; he passed away in 2000. From this union Mary was blessed with three children. She is survived by her children: Kenneth (Barb Lueders) Gronwaldt of Clinton; Jeffrey (Brenda) Gronwaldt of Clinton and Diane Lynn Corey of Clinton; five grandchildren: Allan Gronwaldt, Dustin Dau, Darren Dau, David Dau, and Benjamin Cady; and 7 great grandchildren.

Mary later married Donald Ray Shepard and is survived by step son David (Connie) Shepard, step daughter Laurie Friberg, and step grandson Scott Shepard. Don passed away in 2011.

Mary is also survived by her sister (Kay (James) Frahm of Clinton; brother Chris (Sharon) Lorenzen of Davenport, sister in law Kathy Lorenzen and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her two husbands, Mary was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Mary worked at various places during her life time such as Jane Lamb Hospital's kitchen while going to high school, Excelsior Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton Corn Processing, and home typist for Niensens' Clearing House. She worked as a key punch operator for Nabisco. She enjoyed



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sewing, quilting, drawing, making cards on the computer, refinishing woodwork, and bowling when younger. She enjoyed the church choir in her youth and dancing.

Her greatest blessing was her faith in God and the answer to her prayers was that she knew what it was to be a mother before she passed from this world. She felt so blessed to have a wonderful family, friends, care-givers, and neighbors.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Administration.



Tribute Wall

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KM

Kaylee's Mom shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm thankful Mary got to meet her great-granddaughter Kaylee at least once before she passed. Wish they would have gotten more time together but other circumstances kept them apart these last 2yrs. She asks about Grandma Mary everyday I don't know how I'm going to tell her she is gone. I will keep the card & apology letter she sent my daughter and I to give to Kaylee when she is old enough to understand as well as the pictures and explain to her about her family. My heart breaks for Darren as I know how much he loved his Grandma. That was his favorite person to talk to the one he said truly understood him. She was one of the 1st people he said he just had to tell about his daughter Kaylee. I remember her being so happy for us. I send my condolences to the entire family I truly am sorry for your loss.



November 20 at 9:57 AM

AB

Amy Blevins sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.

Aunt Mary Ann will be greatly missed by many! My deepest sympathies go out to Jeff, Diane and Kenny, and the rest of the family.

November 18 at 4:34 PM



SL

Sue Lorenzen lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Our deepest sympathy for your family. Aunt Mary Ann will be missed. Mark & Sue Lorenzen

November 18 at 2:37 PM



KL

Kathleen Lorenzen posted:

With deepest sympathy and many kind thoughts for you. Mary Ann was always the life of the party. We will certainly miss her. Aunt Kathy

November 16 at 12:50 PM

KL

Karen Lorenzen posted:

Jeff, Diane, Kenny, You have my sympathy. Aunt Mary Ann was a wonderful lady. Her smile could light up a room and her laughter was contagious! She will be missed. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Lorenzen

November 16 at 10:00 AM



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Kaylee & Great-Grandma Mary Summer 2013



Memories only last if you share them

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



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