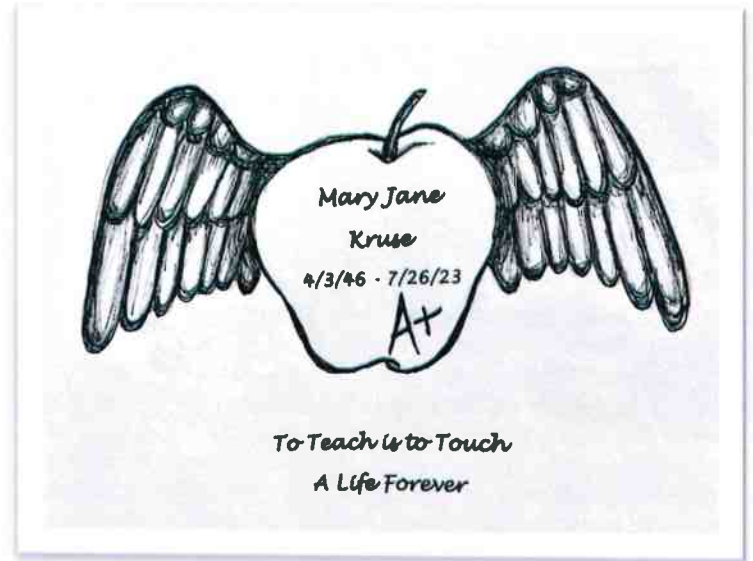


What we have once
enjoyed we can never
lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a
part of us.

Helen Keller





Mary Jane Kruse was born on April 3, 1946, to Leroy and Ruth Holland. She grew up on a farm in Inwood, Iowa with her older brothers, Jon and Ron. She attended West Lyon Community School where she excelled in academics, which led to her passion for education. After graduating from West Lyon, she attended Augustana College and received her bachelor's in education. Following graduation, Mary Jane started her teaching career.

On June 22, 1968, she married Jon Kruse and they were blessed with three sons, Steven, Jeffery, and Nathan. Mary Jane took time off to raise her sons until 1983 when she started as a 6th grade teacher at West Lyon Community School. Her love for learning led to her continuing her education and graduating with her master's degree in education from Sioux Falls College. She had a love for history and social studies and she enjoyed sharing this love with her students. Mary Jane had a unique way of making learning fun with lessons like Russian Red Day, A Million Pennies Project and collecting pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Her fun approach to learning made her a favorite with countless students in her decades of teaching. After 28-years in the classroom, she retired from West Lyon and spent most of her time with family and friends. She passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls at the age of 77 years.

Mary Jane will be greatly missed by her husband of 55 years, Jon "Bud" Kruse of Inwood; 3 sons, Steve (Angie) Kruse of George, Iowa, Jeff (Nicole) Kruse of Inwood, and Nate (Anna) Kruse of Minneapolis, Minnesota; her grandchildren, Zachary, Devin, Hannah, Isaac, Jayda, Camden, Hudson, and Sylvie; 1 great-grandchild, Conway; 2 brothers, Ron (Marcia) Holland and Jon (Diane) Holland; sister-and-brother-in-law, Mary and Harley Franklin; her dog, Jill; and friends and family.

She was reunited in heaven with her father, Leroy; mother, Ruth; grandson, Logan; and many other close friends and family members.

In Loving Memory Of Mary Jane Kruse

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5, 2023
Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Justin Nelson

PIANIST

Esther Rabenberg

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"It Is Well With My Soul"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"Amazing Grace"

HONORARY CASKET BEARER

Logan Kruse

CASKET BEARERS

Zachary Kruse ~ Devin Kruse
Hannah Kruse ~ Isaac Kruse
Jayda Kruse ~ Camden Kruse
Hudson Kruse ~ Sylvie Kruse

INTERMENT

1:45 p.m.
Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

*Please join Mary Jane's family for lunch and fellowship
following the funeral service.*