

Mary Kay Gietzen was born on May 12, 1951 to William F. and Mary E. (Heaton) Gietzen. She was born and raised in Haymarsh, North Dakota. Mary Kay graduated in 1969 from St. Mary's Academy in Richardton. Following school she pursued a religious vocation at Benedictine Convent in Watertown, SD. Mary Kay then transferred to St. Benedict College in St. Joseph's MN, where she received her teaching degree. She worked as an Elementary School Teacher in Minnesota, North Dakota and Texas, where she taught as a bilingual teacher. Mary Kay will be remembered for being highly intelligent, her incredible ability to teach, and her compassion for children. Mary Kay is survived by her mother, Mary; brothers, Russell, Glenn, Mark, Greg, Aaron, Hilary, Peter and Fred; sisters, Margaret, Anna, Virginia and Catherine; brothers and sisters in law; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father; William F.; brothers, Gene and James Gietzen.

Mary Kay Gietzen

May 12, 1951 - January 15, 2022



Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,

even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter;

for always there will be greater
and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs;
for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals;
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.

Especially, do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations,

in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

— Max Ehrmann, 1927



Mary Kay Gietzen

FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, January 21, 2022 11:00 am
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ROSARY:

Friday, January 21, 2022 10:30 am
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota
Hilary Gietzen

CELEBRATING:

Father Gary Benz

MUSIC:

Mya Myer & Mercedes Myer
Malachi & Micah Meyer
Deb Sebastian, Lynette Schirado

SERVERS:

Simon Jacobson Eli Gietzen

READER:

Adam Gietzen

GIFT BEARERS:

Nancy Crompton & Family

PALLBEARERS:

All of Mary Kay's Nephews

INTERMENT:

St. Clement's Cemetery
Haymarsh, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall following the
Funeral Mass. Everyone is welcome.*