

Mary E. Bogren, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Friday, July 7, 2017, at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Mary Elizabeth Hamlin, the daughter of Martin and Mable (Johnson) Hamlin, was born in Odebolt, Iowa, on May 10, 1923. Mary's father was a Baptist pastor and during Mary's youth she received her education and resided in the communities of Warren and Jamestown, Pennsylvania and Joliet, Illinois. Following her high school graduation, Mary attended Bethel Baptist College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On August 14, 1948, Mary was united in marriage to Arthur E. Bogren in San Jose, California. Mary and Art were privileged to raise their daughter, Debbie Hamlin. Prior to moving to Storm Lake in 1978, Mary and Art lived in San Jose, Modesto, and Santa Clara, California.

Mary's faith was the most important thing to her and Mary's life testifies to that faith. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Storm Lake where she was a Deaconess Emeritus, she designed and maintained the memorial room at the church, was a member of the ABW, served on various church boards and committees, was a Sunday School teacher, maintained the church library, and was a faithful prayer warrior. Mary honored those who served the Lord by being an encourager to all the pastors and missionaries. Everyone who knew Mary will remember her for her gift of writing poetry and how she loved music, especially playing the piano at home and at church. She was also a member of a book club. One of the most valued places in her life was the Forest Hill family farm in Odebolt, Iowa and she cherished the time she could spend there with her family and friends. Mary will be deeply missed because she was known as the family historian and made many scrapbooks of the family.

Mary's life is cherished, loved, and celebrated by her family which include her brother, Charles Hamlin of Louisville, Colorado; nephews and niece: Christopher, Timothy, Elizabeth and David; and her many friends.

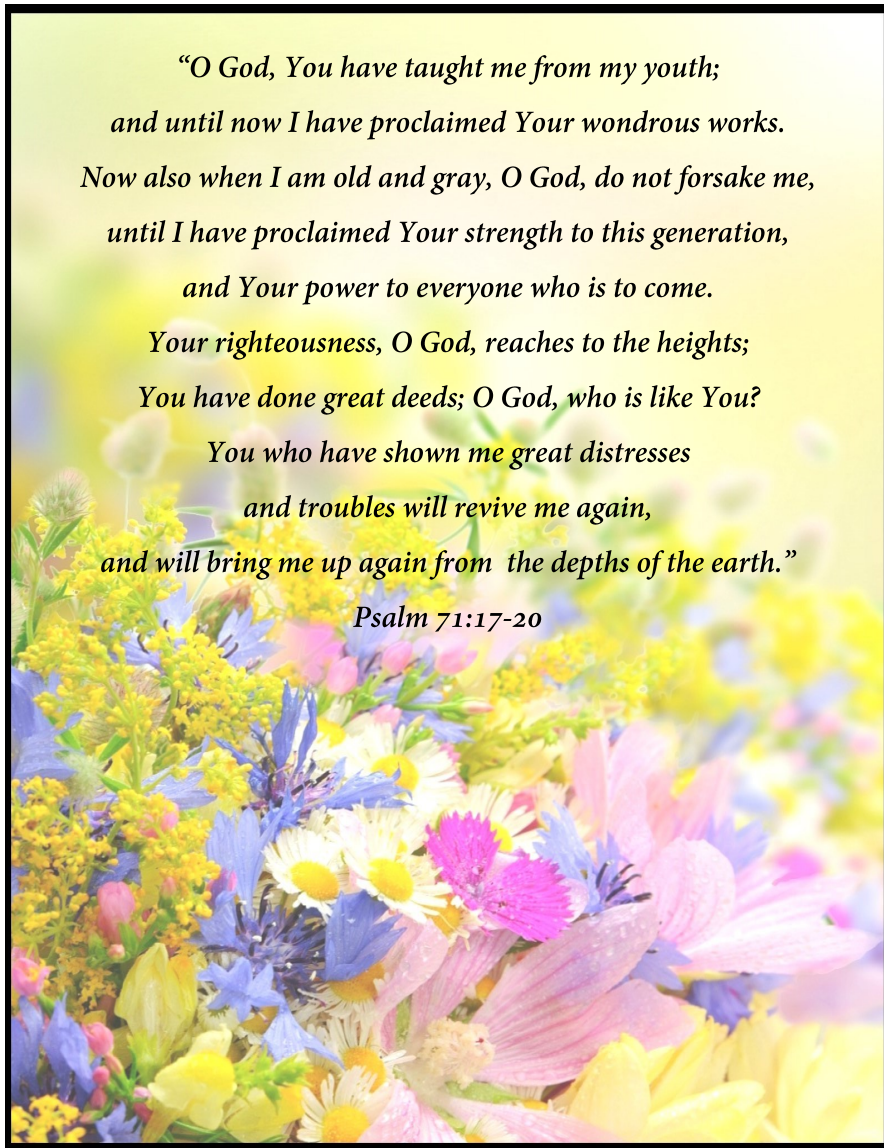
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Art; daughter, Debbie; and one brother, Martin Wendell "Bud" Hamlin.

In Loving Memory



Mary E. Bogren

1923 — 2017



*“O God, You have taught me from my youth;
and until now I have proclaimed Your wondrous works.
Now also when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,
until I have proclaimed Your strength to this generation,
and Your power to everyone who is to come.
Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heights;
You have done great deeds; O God, who is like You?
You who have shown me great distresses
and troubles will revive me again,
and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.”*

Psalm 71:17-20

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

— **The Family of Mary Bogren**

IN MEMORY OF

Mary E. Bogren

May 10, 1923 — July 7, 2017

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Ryan Brandenberger

ORGANIST

Tamara Fortin

SOLOIST

Cherri Brandenberger

“Because He Lives”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

“My Savior’s Love”

CASKET BEARERS

Christopher Hamlin, Timothy Hamlin, David Hamlin

Pat Lenhart, Daniel Lenhart, Zachary Lenhart

INTERMENT

Hayes Township Cemetery

Arthur, Iowa

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