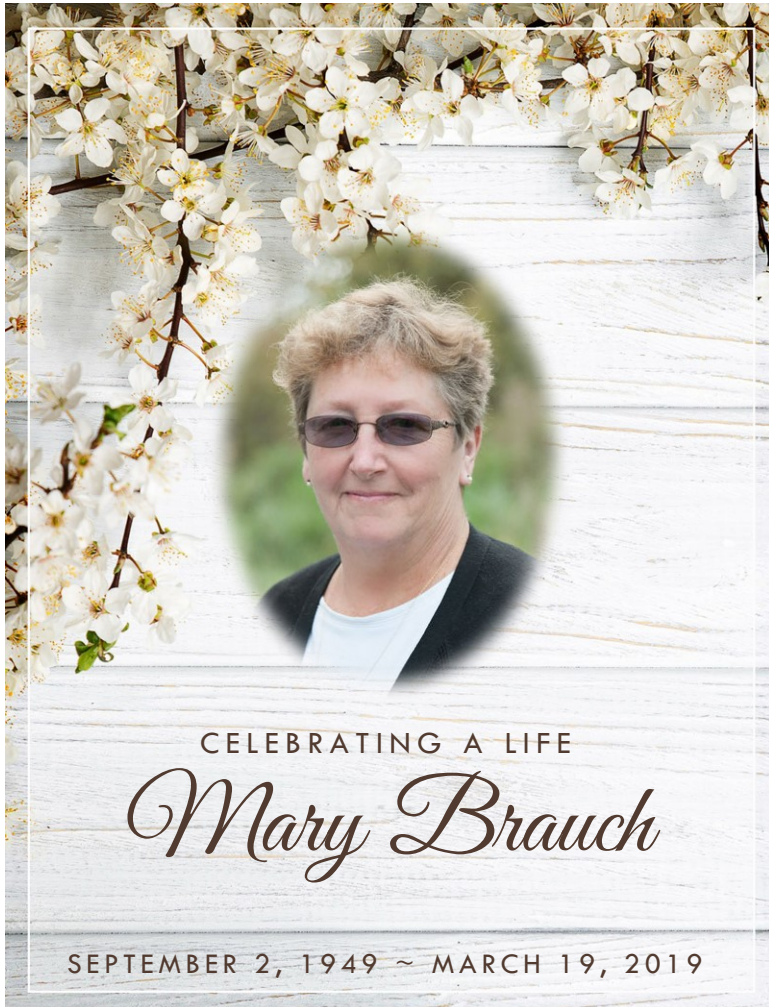




Petals of Her Life

*As beautiful as a rose to see,
was her life she lived so gracefully.
She made things precious by her touch,
her selfless love lives on in each of us.
The petals of her life fell one by one,
each a gift of her heart, 'till there were none.
Yet her radiance blooms once again
in fields of glory with no end.*



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Ellen Brauch

Born

September 2, 1949 ~ Cutbank, Montana

Died

March 19, 2019 ~ Wadena, Minnesota

Service

Karvonen Funeral Home ~ Wadena, Minnesota
Saturday, March 23, 2019 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Clergy

Pastor Curtis Emerson

Music

Congregational Hymns ~ Jane Emerson

Urnbearers

Mary's Grandchildren

Survived By

Husband Darcy; daughter: April Reed; sons: William (Ann Getchell) Reed; Dwayne (Hillorie) Brauch; 7 grandchildren: Shelbie, Cruz, Kazin, Cooper, Madalynn, Kyleigh and Kayde; sister Kay (Mike) Lynch; brother Danny (Diane) Davis; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Laid to Rest

Wadena City Cemetery ~ Wadena, Minnesota

Mary Ellen (Davis) Brauch was born on September 2, 1949 to Dale and Betty (Barr) Davis in Cut Bank, Montana. She graduated from Wadena High School with the class of 1968.

Mary attended Brainerd Technical College where she studied early childhood and then graduated from Southern Illinois University. She was united in marriage to Melvin Reed. They were married for 20 years and had two children, April and Wil. During this time, Mary owned and operated her own daycare in Cahoki, Illinois. Mary moved to Slidell, Louisiana and was the Dean of Delta Community College. Shortly after, she made her home in Wadena, with her son Wil where she helped establish Head Start Wadena-OTCC.

On March 16, 1996 Mary was united in marriage to Darcy Franklin Brauch at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bluegrass, Minnesota. Mary and Darcy owned and operated Storge Group Home in Wadena from 2007 to 2012, and recently taught at SonRise Christian School of Bluffton.

Mary enjoyed crafting, sewing, restoring antiques, watching hockey, and caring for others. She loved her grandchildren dearly, always looked forward to spending time with them. Mary had a true passion for teaching and serving her Lord.

Mary entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at her home in Wadena. She will be missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her.

Preceding Mary in death are parents, Dale and Betty Davis; and Betty's significant other of many years, Leonard Hotakainen.