



## Mary Edith DeMaris

January 27, 1962 - July 31, 2025

Mary Edith DeMaris, age 63, of Mason City, IA passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City under the care of St. Croix Hospice. Per her wishes, she will be cremated and no services will be held at this time. Arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mary was born on January 27, 1962, in Hampton, IA to Gerald and Sharon (Anderson) DeMaris. She graduated from Mason City High School and then went on to attend North Iowa Area Community College and Hamilton Business College. An avid music fan, she attended countless concerts by her favorite artists throughout her youth. This includes Aerosmith around ten times and a brief, blurry appearance in the U2 live concert film, Rattle and Hum. Mary suffered a life-altering car accident at 28 years old, which left her disabled and unable to participate in many of the activities she loved.

Despite her life circumstances, Mary remained willful, determined and independent. She was inquisitive and creative. She lived life on her terms and focused on the things she enjoyed most which included: reading, knitting and puzzles. Her talent and knowledge in many different areas was admirable. Mary had many beloved cats over the years; she absolutely loved animals and made it her mission to donate to numerous animal charities.

Those left to cherish her memory include her mother, Sharon DeMaris; sisters: Melissa (Michael) TeKippe, Shari DeMaris and Rachel (Micah Zirnhelt) DeMaris; half-brother, Jeremy DeMaris; half-sister, Gabrielle (Shaun) Murphy; nieces and nephews: Jessica Palmer, Erin Palmer, Jacob Palmer, Oliver Zirnhelt and Cordelia Zirnhelt and her beloved cat, Emily.

Previously departed from her life are her father, Gerald DeMaris; maternal grandmother, Martha Johnson and nephew, Matthew Palmer.

In expression of sympathy, memorials may be sent to any animal charity of your choosing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss!! Deepest sympathy,  
Nancy paulson

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**nancy paulson** - August 06, 2025 at 08:27 AM

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“ Kristie Frank Stadtlander lit a candle in  
memory of Mary Edith DeMaris



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**Kristie Frank Stadtlander** - August 05, 2025 at 06:45 PM

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“ A memory of Mary is hard, as there were so many. I met her when I was in kindergarten, her family moved one house away from mine. She first introduced her self telling me her whole name and spit all over me when she said Edith. I knew at that exact time we'd be best friends. And best friends we were through our teens. We did everything together. We lost touch when she fell for a guy. I'm sorry that ever happen. But life took us in different directions. I have seen her a few times since, and still enjoyed our conversations. I knew her mother, and sister Melissa very well and although quite younger, her sister Shari. I am so very sorry to hear that Mary has passed. Even though it's been a long time, I have thought of her often, and will continue to think about her, sharing our stories of our early life together as best friends. I am thinking about all of you, and hope that you peace. She was a good person and a great friend to me. I will miss her knowing that she is no longer with us. As I am sure many others will too. Her goodness, friendship, love and smiles should be missed by all. Love to her family, and my sincere gratitude to her.

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**Kristie Frank Stadtlander** - August 05, 2025 at 06:44 PM

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*Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she Rest in Peace. My deepest sympathy to all those that Loved her. She was a quiet nice person.*

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**Desiree Virgin** - August 06, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to you all. Rest In Peace, Mary.* ”



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**Polly** - August 05, 2025 at 03:48 PM