

Mary Nicklay – BS 1979 Pharmacy

Mary Lynn (Carlson) Nicklay, 69, of New Ulm, Minnesota passed away peacefully at Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo on March 17, 2025. She was born April 12, 1955 to Ervin and Phyllis Carlson of Jamestown North Dakota and grew up on the family farm. As a kid Mary loved to ride horses and fully embraced the 70s style with mini-skirts and fringed purses.

She graduated from Jamestown High School in 1973 and earned her Pharmacy degree at North Dakota State University. Her pharmacy career included work in Decatur, IL, Detroit Lakes, MN, and New Ulm, MN where she made her long-time home. She married Gerald “Jerry” Nicklay in 1988. They had two children, Brad Nicklay (Amber) of West Fargo, ND and Ashley Montgomery (Luke) of Hillsboro, ND. She has one grandson, Augustus Nicklay. Mary loved gardening, crafting, donating her time to various organizations, and spending time with family.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Connie Peterson.

She is survived by her husband, children, and grandchild. She is also survived by three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Diane Carlson, Nancy Carlson, Sarah Carlson (Chuck Council), Tom Peterson, Roger Nicklay; three nieces; three nephews; and one great nephew.