



## Mary Anne Hesling

January 26, 1930 - June 5, 2024

Mary Anne Hesling, 94, of Clive and formerly Oskaloosa, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at her home in The Arbor at Walnut Ridge in Clive.

Mary Anne Hesling, daughter of John F. and Mary Elizabeth (Walling) Hamilton, was born on January 26, 1930, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Growing up with her three sisters in Oskaloosa was great fun. They enjoyed meeting their friends downtown for treats and ice skating at the Forest Cemetery pond. Mary Anne enjoyed sports. Her first victory was beating all the boys in the 8th grade ping pong tournament at Grant School. At Oskaloosa High School, she excelled in math and “majored in sociology.” Making friends was her forte, and throughout her life, she enjoyed meeting people and socializing.

Mary Anne married John W. Hesling on May 9, 1947. They made their home in Oskaloosa, where she was in charge of raising their three sons. In her 20s, Mary Anne took up golf and collected several Elmhurst golf titles. Also, she and John played two-ball regularly with friends. In her 30s, she took up tennis and won several Jefferson Cups at the Elmhurst annual tournaments. In her 50s, Mary Anne began playing the harp. She took lessons from a Catholic Nun at Indian Hills Community College and diligently practiced. She enjoyed playing at church and events in the town square. John and Mary Anne attended the First Presbyterian Church and St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ through the years. She loved to sing in the church choir and

at casual talent shows with friends. Her sons say she sounded like Dinah Shore. In the old days, the arrival of the Sears catalog was a big event. Later, she became Talbot's best friend.

One of Mary Anne and John's favorite vacation spots was Steamboat Springs in Colorado. There, they enjoyed time with friends, the beauty of the mountains, and the challenge of the ski slopes. They also invested in a quaint lakeside cottage at Lake Minnewaska in Minnesota. John loved making structural improvements, and Mary Anne put her unique decorating touch on the interior. It was a perfect place to relax and enjoy golf, tennis, and lakeside sunsets with friends and family.

In Oskaloosa, Mary Anne is remembered as a faithful walker. She was out on her route every day, getting in all her steps. Mary Anne's friends were very important to her. The gals from high school remained lifelong friends known as the Goof Girls. She also enjoyed bridge club. In later years, she met with friends regularly in a wine group and with the Red Hat Ladies. In 2015, Mary Anne moved to West Des Moines to be closer to family. She spent a great deal of time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, many of whom were only 10 minutes away. While continuing to see her Osky pals, she made a new group of faithful friends at Pointe West. Her final year was spent at The Arbor in Walnut Ridge in Clive, where she gathered another new group of friends. Their loving care and support will be remembered always.

Her family includes her sons, John and Sue Hesling of West Des Moines, Dan and Germaine Heslinga of Honolulu, and Charley and Tracy Hesling of Ottumwa; eight grandchildren: Geoff (Wendy) Heslinga of Des Moines, Andrew (Megan) Heslinga of West Des Moines, Mari Heslinga of Portland, OR, Anne Heslinga of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, Savanna (Elijah) Williams of Leighton, Alex (Casey) Nydle of Ottumwa, Nik Batterson of Ottumwa, and Ryder Hesling of Ottumwa; seven great-grandchildren: Bradley, Clare, Max,

Liam, Kolby, Kasen, and Hadley; and two sisters-in-law, Mary Heslinga and JoAnne Cooper.

In addition to her parents, Mary Anne was preceded in death by John on September 23, 1990, and three sisters, Josephine Fageol, Jean Chapman, and Elizabeth Hamilton.

A Celebration of Mary Anne's Life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa. A private family burial will follow at Forest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon to service time on Saturday. Memorial contributions can be made to Presbyterian Homes and Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
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*The family will greet visitors from noon to service time.*

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear John, Sue, Dan, Germaine plus extended “Hes” cousins: MA was an important and well-appreciated person in both our lives well before Ann and I knew each other. She and John were part of the vital parent community who helped raise a bunch of us kids , whether they wanted to or not. In Oskaloosa between 1950 and onward, they were caring and protective mentors and part-time police....and we could not have done without them. Peace and Best wishes - Ann and Doug Rich

Doug Rich - June 22, 2024 at 10:20 PM

DR

Charlie....please forgive an old man not checking his work. Best Regsrds - Doug Rich

Doug Rich - June 22, 2024 at 10:22 PM

JH

“ J. Jeff Hancock purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mary Anne Hesling.



J. Jeff Hancock - June 15, 2024 at 09:55 AM

FF

“ From Sister Joe's family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Anne Hesling.



From Sister Joe's family - June 13, 2024 at 08:58 PM

AO

“ Angie, Troy And Owen purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Mary Anne Hesling.



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**Angie, Troy And Owen** - June 13, 2024 at 11:25 AM

KL

“ Dan and family,  
Don Green and I send our sympathies to your family. Don has many memories from you two hanging out. Love to you all.  
Don and Kathy Job Larsen

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**Kathy Larsen** - June 13, 2024 at 08:34 AM

BC

“ Always loved her sense of humor and the license plate on her Mustang: 10SNE1

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**BG Campbell** - June 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MA

“ Mary purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mary Anne Hesling.



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**Mary** - June 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DF

“ So many wonderful memories with Mary Anne thru the years. Always smiling and full of life, and so much fun ! We will miss that beautiful smile and sense of humor. Our sincere sympathies. Daryl and Deb Fisher

Daryl and Deb Fisher - June 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ Diana Shadduck lit a candle in memory of Mary Anne Hesling



Diana Shadduck - June 10, 2024 at 08:11 PM

DS

Mary Anne was such a sweet lady with a warm smile.

Diana Shadduck - June 10, 2024 at 08:12 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss. My favorite memory of Mary Ann was at Christmas time she would bring us her homemade Pralines. She was a very nice lady and excellent cook. My condolences, Sue Ward

Sue Ward - June 10, 2024 at 04:19 PM

NH

“ Niece Deb, Andrea & sister Beth Hamilton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Anne Hesling.

Niece Deb, Andrea & sister Beth Hamilton - June 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Anne Hesling.*



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June 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Your mom lived a wonderfully full life. Praying for all of your families at this time. Susan Frost Salevsky*

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**Susan Frost Salevsky** - June 08, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ *Many fun memories of all the Heslings. Peace to you all. Lynn (Norton)Hodgeman*

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**Lynn Hodgeman** - June 08, 2024 at 03:27 PM