



Amy M. Lake came into this world with her twin sister, Elma, on February 9, 1932 in Gettysburg, SD to August and Pauline (Nagel) Maas. She attended grade school at Fuller Country School and high school at Gettysburg, graduating with the class of 1949. After high school, Amy attended Northern Normal College where she received her teaching degree. Amy taught in the Gettysburg area for 5 years after graduation.

Amy married James Arbour Lake on October 23, 1955 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. Amy and Jim started their married life living on the ranch at Lake Hurley. They moved to the family farm east of Gettysburg in 1956 residing there for the rest of their lives. Amy and Jim had 6 children, Fay, Bonny, Joan, John, Patti, and Karen. The love between Amy and Jim influenced and inspired her family.

Amy was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church where she actively served on the LWML, Ladies' Aide, and as head of the Funeral Committee for many years. She was also a Sunday School and VBS teacher. Amy was a member of the same Bible Study group her entire life.

Amy was active in the community as a member of the Medicine Rock Cow Belles and River's Edge Extension Club. Amy was president of the Potter County Smokeout Unit, Potter County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and Gettysburg School Board. Amy and Jim were honored as University of South Dakota's Parents of the Year in 1990.

Amy considered her greatest accomplishment in life was that of being a parent and grandmother. She loved creating personally written stories for her grandchildren. They could not wait to sit on their grandma's lap and hear the latest Greenie and Beanie Dinosaur story. She loved gardening with her mom, Pauline, playing games with her mother-in-law, Alpha and celebrating special occasions with her siblings and extended family. People were drawn to Amy because they knew they could always find a listening ear.

Amy is survived by her six children: Fay (Ken) Fisher of Sioux Falls, Bonny (Steve) Culhane of Mitchell, Joan (Jeff) Aughenbaugh of Sioux Falls, John (Bridget) Lake of Gettysburg, Patti (Chris) Torbert of Sioux Falls, and Karen (Jim) Ristau of Chamberlain and 18 grandchildren: Nathan (Carrie), Sean (Kelsey), and Ian McClanahan, Jeff (Sarah) Culhane and Jennifer (Jon) McNair, Beth (Shannon) Sandoval and Laura Aughenbaugh Steffel, Austin, Alli and Kirstie Lake, Maria, Olivia, and Sam Torbert, and Zachary, Jessie, Gunner, Garret, and Jade Ristau, 3 step-grandchildren, Damien (Jessica) Fisher, Danielle (Tobias) Konechne, and Dana Fisher, 5 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great grandchildren, her sister, Elma Mangin of Gettysburg, brother, Kenneth (Dorothy) Maas of Aberdeen, sister-in-law, Miriam Maas of Gettysburg, 15 nephews and nieces and her AFS son, Andrew Dwyer of Australia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, her parents, August and Pauline Maas, her brother, Vernon Maas, father and mother-in-law, Jay and Alpha Lake, brothers-in-law, Boyd (Lillian) Lake and Richard Mangin, sister-in-law, Dellene (Charles) Schilling.



Lord,
Forgive us when we don't act like forgiving children.
Thank you for loving us when we aren't loveable.
Help us to hear the correction that we often need to hear.
~by Pauline Maas

*She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget!
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.
Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late,
*Watching from Heaven's window
Leaning on Heaven's gate.**

In Loving Memory of

Amy Marian Lake

February 9, 1932
Gettysburg, South Dakota

April 21, 2018
Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MUSIC: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor David Otten

USHERS: Florian Drexler and Ed Wager

CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDSONS" Nathan McClanahan, Sean McClanahan, Ian McClanahan, Jeff Culhane, Austin Lake, Sam Torbert, Zachary Ristau, Gunner Ristau, and Garret Ristau

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDDAUGHTERS" Jennifer Culhane McNair, Beth Aughenbaugh Sandoval, Laura Aughenbaugh Steffel, Alli Lake, Kirstie Lake, Maria Torbert, Olivia Torbert, Jessie Ristau, and Jade Ristau

ORGANIST: Norma Harer

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "Abide With Me"
"In the Garden" "I'm But a Stranger Here"

INTERMENT: Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted To: Luce Funeral Home, Gettysburg, South Dakota, www.familyfuneralhome.net