

Mary was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on October 28, 1925, to Alfred John Nelson and Thea Martinson Nelson. She grew up in Fergus Falls and Barnesville, Minnesota. Mary married William (Bill) Lakie in Barnesville on March 21, 1948. Following Bill's death, she married George Hermann on January 25, 1993.

Mary graduated from Barnesville High School in 1943, and attended Concordia College in Moorhead and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in 1949, from University of Minnesota, receiving a Public Health Nursing certificate from Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. Mary was employed as a Public Health Nurse in Alameda County, California for a number of years and spent her life volunteering with many community and church groups.

Mary was a wonderful mother, grandmother, wife and friend to many. Her generosity and kindness were seen in the many people and organizations she worked with and supported. She was a member of the Davis Community Church and a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Macomb, a member of the Presbyterian Women, member of PEO and Anna L Parker book club. She worked on the McDonough District Hospital Auxiliary and was involved in both UCD and WIU University Women.

Mary had a great wit and sense of humor, she perfected the art of letter writing, was a gracious hostess and her recipes are shared by many family and friends. Mary was a voracious reader and enjoyed biographies and books on current and world events. Mary loved spending time with family and had special times with her grand and great-grandchildren. Mary loved traveling and visited family in Norway and Scotland as well as across the US. Her 90th birthday was celebrated in New York City with her 3 daughters.

Mary is survived by her daughters: Susan Lakie, Patricia Lakie, Ann Lakie and Jan (Kevin) Wiehardt; grandchildren: Melanie (Sergio) Gonzalez, Timothy (Marina Jaquez) Peterson, Kirsten (Darren) Clerkin, Andrew Peterson and Sarah Peterson; three great-grandchildren: George Patrick Clerkin, John Joseph Clerkin and Sophie Gonzalez. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her husbands: William (Bill) L. Lakie and George W. Hermann; her parents, Al and Thea Nelson; Bill's parents, William (Bim) and Fay Lakie; her brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Patricia Nelson; her brother-in-law, Robert Moe and sister-in-law, Nancy (Lakie) Moe in February of 2021.

Mary Josephine Nelson Lakie-Hermann, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at her home, surrounded by family in Sacramento, California, at the age of 94 years, 5 months, and 21 days.

May Her Memory Be Blessed

In Celebration For The Life Of



Mary Josephine Nelson Lakie-Hermann
October 28, 1925 ~ April 18, 2020

EVER CLOSE IN MIND AND HEART

*No further away than a picture,
A smile or remembered phrase,
Our loved ones live in memory ~
So close in so many ways.
For how often does a sunset
Bring nostalgic thoughts to mind.
Of moments that our loved ones shared
In days now left behind!
How often has a flower,
Or a crystal autumn sky
Brought golden recollections
Of happy days gone by!
Yes, memory has a magic way
Of keeping love ones near ~
Ever close in mind and heart
Are the ones we hold most dear.*

MARJORIE FRANCES AMES

In Loving Memory of
Mary Nelson Lakie-Hermann

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Reverend Chris Leach

MUSIC

Sharlene Allen ~ Pianist
Duane Rossett ~ Soloist
"How Great Thou Art"
Special Recorded Music
"You Raise Me Up" by Sissel Krykjebo
Medley by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
"Somewhere Over The Rainbow/What A Wonderful World"
Congregational Hymns
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT

City Cemetery
Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Mary's family, thank you for your prayers and your time as her life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the memorial service.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*