

Obituaries

Marianne Lampe



Marianne Lampe went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 19, 2023, following complications after suffering a stroke. She is experiencing her favorite song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" in person.

Marianne was born on February 20, 1933, near Lake Kabetogama, Minnesota. Her parents were Mary "Julia" Jarvinen Sipi and John Emil (Erkkila) Sipi. She happily confirmed later in life that she was 100% of Finnish descent.

Her parents had married at the start of the Great Depression, after her mother became a widow with three children at home: daughters Vieno "Milly" (O'Della) Yuzna and Ruth "Elda" (O'Della) Bjornstadt and a son Leslie O'Della. Another son, Wilbert Sipi, was born to this union followed by Marianne four years later. Sadly, her parents' marriage dissolved when she was just two years old.

In her home, they spoke mainly Finnish, until she started school. She and her siblings lived with their mother at the Wayside Store and Tavern that her father had built. It served the people visiting the Kabetogama area resorts for the fishing and hunting seasons.

Throughout her school years, Marianne attended 11 different schools in 12 years, living with various family members as different life events happened. With the onset of WWII, she moved to Seattle, Washington, where her mother worked the swing shift at the Boeing Aircraft factory. Marianne was left alone at night. Staying up late listening to the radio, is where she discovered her love of Big Band music. After the war, she made her way back to Minnesota and in 1951 Marianne graduated from Falls High School in International Falls, Minnesota.

After graduation, Marianne moved to Des Moines, Iowa, to attend Drake University but changed to The American Institute of Business. She lived and worked at a boarding house owned by family friends from Kabetogama. There she met the love of her life, a Missourian named Clifford Clarence Lampe. They were married on March 15, 1952.

They lived in Des Moines for a few years, before moving to Seattle, Washington, where their daughter Annmarie "Ann" was born. Two years later they moved to a farm near Marceline, Missouri, where their daughter Katherine Sue "Kay" joined the family. And three years afterwards they moved to the Winterset, Iowa, area where their son James Clifford was born. Sadly, he died of SIDS at just three months of age.

In Winterset, Marianne worked at Montross Pharmacy as a bookkeeper for 35 years, retiring at age 70. Cliff and Marianne were members of New Bridge Church (formerly known as First Baptist). In 2005, they moved to Altoona, Iowa, and became members of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Sadly in 2014, Clifford passed away. Marianne then moved to Grinnell, Iowa, near her daughter Ann, where she lived until the time of her death.

Marianne is preceded in death by her mother, son, father, sisters and brothers, her husband, and two nieces Mary (Yuzna) Leverty and Ruth (Yuzna) Cox.

She is survived by her daughters Ann (Tony) Wingerter and Kay (Todd) Pierce; grandchildren Amy (Tim) Taylor, Matt (Amanda) Wingerter, and Grant Wingerter; great grandchildren Nicholas Atlas, Julia Lundstrum, and Everly and Adeline Wingerter; nieces Jean (Semon) Mathias, Jane (O'Della) Qualmann, and Alice (O'Della) Hudson, and nephew John Semon.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m., on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Hamilton's Altoona Funeral Home, 105 4th Street SW, in Altoona. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, January 30, 2023, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 410 17th Ave SW, in Altoona.

Memorials can be made in Marianne's memory to Cornerstone Baptist Church Altoona, IA or The Lake Kabetogama Community Center, Lake Kabetogama, MN.