



Dorothy Stake

August 6, 1924 - March 20, 2017

Dorothy Stake, 92, of Lennox, SD, died Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD. Dorothy Marie (Swedzinski) Stake was born August 6, 1924 in Canby, Minnesota. Dorothy graduated from St. Cloud Teacher's College and on July 18, 1946, she married William F. (Bill) Stake in Taunton, Minnesota. In 1956, Dorothy and Bill moved to Lennox, South Dakota where they made their home. Dorothy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, homemaker, teacher and volunteer. Dorothy was an active member of the St. Magdalen Catholic Church in Lennox for more than 60 years, where she was a member of the Altar Society, Parish Council and Catholic Daughters, Court St. Christina. Dorothy enjoyed her large extended family which included her church, community and many friends. Dorothy was a tireless volunteer and advocate for countless organizations throughout her life. One of her great passions was the American Cancer Society (ACS), where she dedicated more than 25 years of volunteer service. Dorothy was the first woman elected from South Dakota (SD) to serve on the ACS National Board of Directors and she was the first woman to serve as Chairman of the SD ACS Board of Directors. Dorothy lobbied and wrote legislation which contributed to the removal of cigarette vending machines (next to soda and snack machines) in SD and the ban of smoking in airplanes, public buildings and restaurants. Dorothy was passionate about stopping teenage smoking and marketing by the tobacco industry that targeted teens in TV commercials and magazines. She was instrumental in defeating R.J.

Reynolds's campaign to market a cigarette that was named after her beloved South Dakota. Dorothy was honored to receive the Theodore C. Marrs MD award, the highest award given by the National ACS, to only one volunteer in the nation for outstanding work in Public Issues and Advocacy. Additionally, Dorothy served as a Gubernatorial Appointee to both the SD Public Housing Authority and the SD Commission on Child Support Enforcement; was active in state and local politics, serving as county chairman of her political party for eight years; was chairman of the Lennox Good Samaritan Home Advisory Board for seven years; elected to USD's Shrine to Music Museum, Board of Directors and many more. Dorothy is survived by her children: Tim Stake, Sioux Falls, SD; Cathy (Richard) Dean, Canal Fulton, OH; Mary Avair, Harrisburg, SD; Patrice (Mark) Mingo, Milwaukee, WI; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Tom (Madeline) Swedzinski, Porter, MN; sister, Ruth Jacob, Simi Valley, CA; and her many nieces, nephews and their families, whom she dearly loved. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, William F. (Bill) Stake; daughter, Julle Anne Stake; granddaughter, Catherine Mary Van Bockern; sister, Helen McGuire and brother, Frank Swedzinski. Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March, 24 at St. Magdalen's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation with the family present will begin at 5:00 p.m Thursday, at St. Magdalen's Catholic Church with the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. and a Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. The Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Julle Anne Stake Field Lights Fund c/o Lifescape Foundation or the Catherine Mary Van Bockern Scholarship Fund c/o Augustana University.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Miss you so much mama. Canâ€™t believe youâ€™ve been gone for 5 years. Love you tons. Trici*

Patrice Stake Mingo - March 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My sympathy to the family of Dorothy. She was a dear and special woman and so dedicated. We shared our love for the Catholic Daughters. May she rest in peace and may all of you find comfort in your many wonderful memories of her.*

Charlotte Johnson Hoverstadt - April 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dorothy had the gift of music in her life.
What a great whistler.
She gave her all to everyone.
I can imagine the joy of all who greeted
her in the after life.
May her soul rest in peace.*

Phyllis (Rogge) Bohm - April 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *I have fond memories of Dorothy when I delivered the Grit newspaper to her house every week for 10 years. Sometimes she would pay ahead 3-4 weeks so I would get a big check of about \$1 so that was a big deal when you are 10 years old.*

wayne schiferl - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss

Debbie Oakes - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ A couple memories of Dorothy to share. Took her to the lake to cook hot dogs over a campfire. A new experience for her. Listening to her stories I could of sat there all day. Had her to the lake again last summer for chili and hot dogs. She couldn't make her own cause of her sight. But still so very gracious and very special for me to spend that time with her. Every opportunity I had to be around Dorothy I very much enjoyed. Will miss her. And will hang on to the wonderful memories I have of her. Am so very sorry for your loss. Thank you Dorothy for allowing me to be a small part of you life..

Shirley - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our sincere condolences go out to the family as they mourn the physical loss of Dorothy and prepare to celebrate her new life at the right hand of the Father.

Rev. Tom Henley - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. She was a tireless volunteer who has left this world a better place. She put her beliefs into action and was not easily dissuaded! I knew her through my work with the American Lung Association - Dorothy was an exceptional volunteer for the American Cancer Society and championed our joint efforts in the fight for smoke-free air. I remember her with great fondness and appreciate all that she did to help others. I miss her already!

Kathly Sweere - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Aunt Dorothy was always smiling and organizing when we gathered for family functions; a fun and loving memory for me. I know she will be missed in many ways. May we keep her close to our hearts through shared memories and loving support.

My prayers and condolences to her children and their families for their loss.

Mary Mauck - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Dorothy. Your in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Gary & Kristy Albers - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our sympathy to the family. GOD bless all.

ARLO & Vonnie Larson - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM