



Mary Lola Lakin, 86, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 11, 2015 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Jeffrey Wohlfert will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Baptist Church.

Mary was born at rural Amelia, Nebraska on March 20, 1929 to Claude Charles and Lizzie Mae (Schutt) Liermann, their first child.

She received her early education at Holt County District 233 and graduated from Burwell High School in 1947. After her graduation she taught rural schools in Holt and Garfield Counties, attended Grace Bible College in Omaha for one year then finished her education at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she graduated with music honors in 1951. She was employed by Back to the Bible Broadcast in Lincoln until her marriage to Wayne Lakin on May 14, 1955 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chambers, Nebraska. They were blessed with two children, Melodie ReNay on March 12, 1956 and Dale Dwayne on July 31, 1961.

They farmed and ranched in Holt and Garfield Counties. They purchased his parents farm in 1969 and have made it their home since then. Mary worked along side her husband in all aspects of their business. They spent many happy hours camping and fishing with their children and grandchildren, who were the joy of their lives.

Mary worked several part-time jobs in Burwell after her children were grown, also gave piano lessons to area children. She became a Christian and was baptized at age 14. She played lower case piano and organ for her church, taught Sunday School and Bible School and was active in the Workers Society of the Christian Church where she was a member. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary where she was a past president and held various offices.

Mary loved flowers and gardening and just being outdoors. She sewed for her family until she was stricken with rheumatoid arthritis which curtailed many of her activities.

The love of her life was the Lord, her family: her husband Wayne Lakin of Burwell. A daughter Melodie and Dewey Roberts of Ogallala, Nebraska and Dale Lakin and his fiancée Tonya Worm of Burwell. Her grandchildren Mandi(Roberts) and Jay Schmierer, Casey Roberts of Rapid City, South Dakota, Brent and Molly Lakin of Butte, Nebraska and Travis and Kristi Lakin of Burwell, Nebraska and two great-grand daughters, Hannah Nicole and McKinsey Raine Schmierer. Along with her family she is survived by a sister, Mershon and Lonny Franssen of Amelia, Nebraska and a sister-in-law, Erna Liermann of Amelia, Nebraska.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Ivan Claude in 1937 at age 6 and Gene Liermann and a niece Miya Jerrine Franssen at the age of 27.